

Stop Gender Based Violence in Our Communities



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WHAT IS GENDER?

Gender is the way by which roles, behavior, activities and attributes are considered appropriate for men and women in any given society. It is simply the way by which society defines people as good or bad women/men.

Example: real men don't cry while real women bare and raise children



WHAT IS SEX?

Refers to the biological differences between women and men.

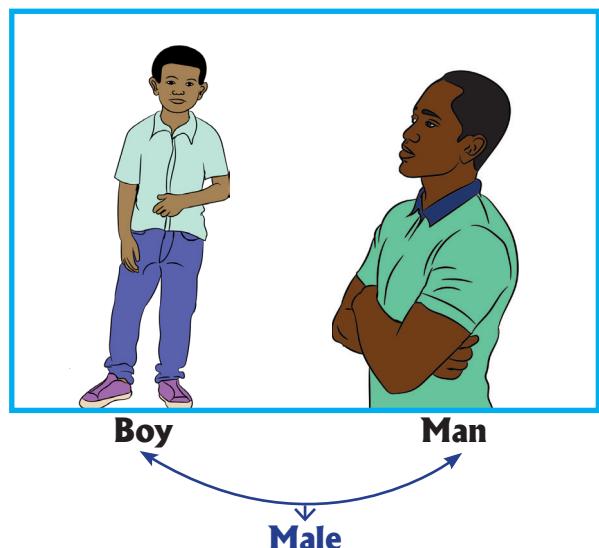
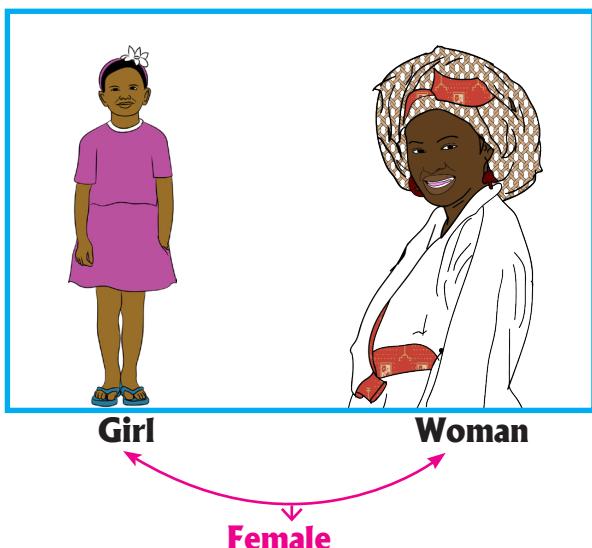
HOW IS SEX DIFFERENT FROM GENDER?

Gender is culturally learned through socialization, and therefore can be changed.

Example: women and men can be doctors, teachers and pilots as opposed to what society sees women as property while **Sex is biologically given by birth and therefore cannot be changed.**

Example: Only men can impregnate, only women can give birth.

Example: A woman's reproductive organ is vagina while a man has a penis.



SEX

- Sex is biologically
- Given by birth

Thus

Can not be changed

Example: Only men can impregnate and only women can be pregnant

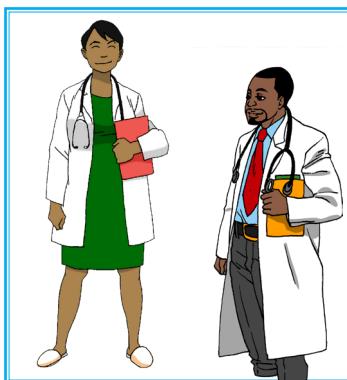
GENDER

- Gender is culturally
- Learned through relating with others

Thus

Can be changed

Example: Men like women can take care of children, be doctors, taxi drivers or hunters etc.



HOW DO PEOPLE LEARN WHAT A WOMAN OR MAN SHOULD DO OR HOW THEY SHOULD BEHAVE?

Gender results from the socialization process of men and women, that is the process by which behavior, roles and attitude are learned from one generation to another.

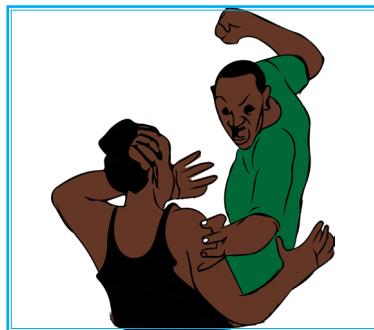
- In the family (Naming- male children are usually called heir to their father's property while female is property to their husbands)
- Dressing- female are dressed to be sexy while males are dressed to be honorable,
- House chores- house chores are said to be women's duty while men should be served
- Gifts- gifts for girls are often dulls which helps nurture them for future role of child bearing while boys often receive gifts of toy cars, planes, etc which molds them to position of authority and power
- In School (single sex schools, choice of subjects, history/tradition, pictures in text books etc) also exposes us to learn gender roles
- In church (leadership is usually for men, in creation the man was created before the woman, submissiveness of wife etc) gives reason for some to portray men to be superior over women
- The media where women are portrayed naked most often
- Cultural/social groups. Women are not equal to men; they can't hold certain posts of responsibility and their opinion can't count over men's opinion

WHAT IS GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)?

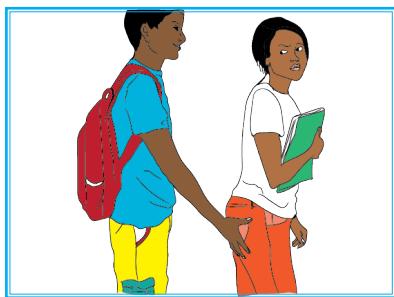
GBV is defined as any act or threat that is directed to a person to inflicts harm on the basis of their gender.

Different kinds of violence that are common in our communities

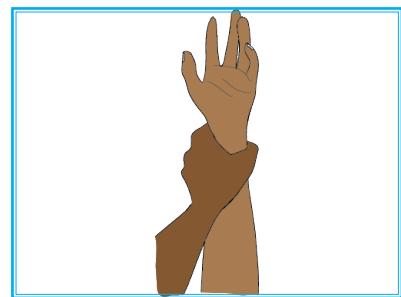
- **Physical Violence** Example: blows, slaps, strangulation, cuts, burning, using weapons and chemicals to cause pain, discomfort or injury



- **Sexual Assault** is any form of sexual contact that does not lead or rely on any penetration such as attempted rape, forced kissing, fondling and unwanted touching of breast, buttocks, female genital mutilation,etc



- **Rape** is any vagina or anal penetration without consent using any part of the body or object



- Someone verbally or written through threats of physical or sexual violence, intimidation, humiliation, forced isolation, insulting, unwanted attention, remarks or gesture, destruction of valuable property, forced and early marriage, etc.

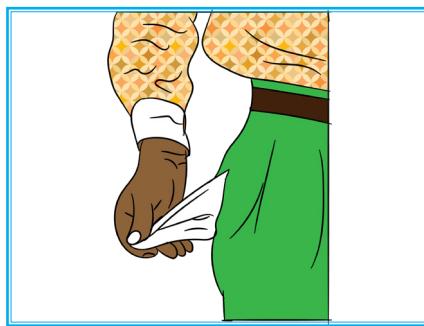
- Denial of resources or Economic violence occur when denial of legitimate access to economic assets, livelihood opportunities, education, health and social services. For example, when a widow is prevented from receiving an inheritance, when the income of someone is confiscated because of gender, a woman is denied contraceptive, prevented from going to school, etc.

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE?

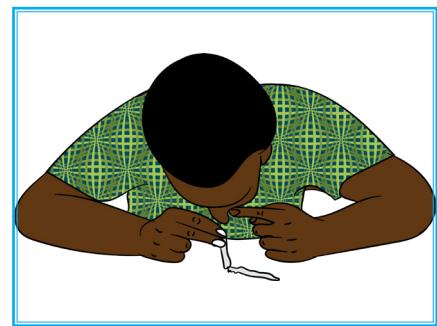
There are several reasons for gender-based violence. They include:



SMOKING



POVERTY



DRUG SNIFFING



DRUG ABUSE

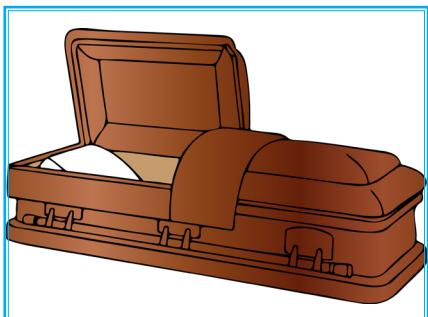


DRUNKENNESS

- Culture which promotes male dominance
- Norms granting men control over female behavior
- Acceptance of violence as a way to resolve conflict
- Notion of masculinity linked to dominance, honor and aggression
- Poverty, low socio-economic status, unemployment of women
- Associating with peers who condone violence
- Marital conflict
- Witnessing marital violence as a child
- Absent or rejecting father
- Being abused as a child

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF GBV?

The effects of violence on women vary widely depending on the particular incident. For the survivors, these are interconnected.



DEATH



BROKEN HEARTS



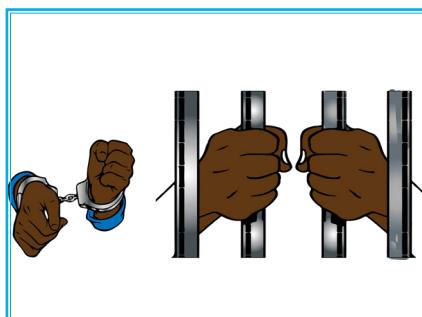
VIOLENT KIDS



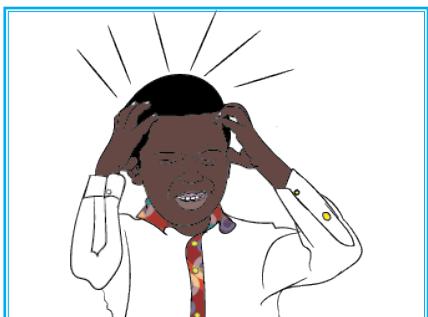
DIVORCE



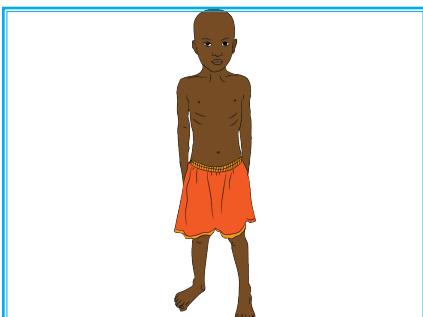
HOSPITALIZATION



JAIL OR PRISON



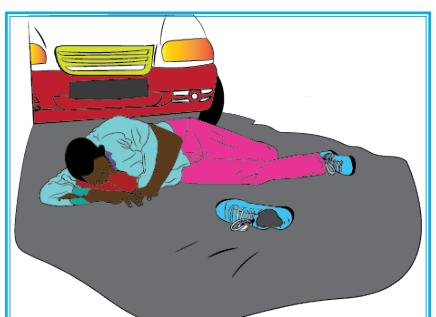
CHILD TRAUMA



**POOR HEALTH
AND
MALNUTRITION**



POOR DOCTRINE



RECKLESSNESS



SINGLE PARENTING



**ISOLATION AND
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HOW CAN GBV BE REDUCED IN OUR COMMUNITIES?



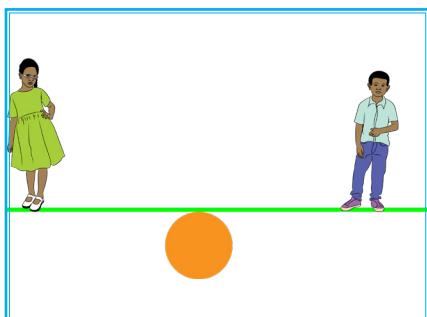
LAW ABIDING



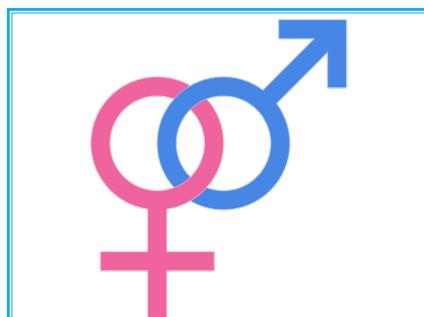
FAMILY TALKS AND DINNER



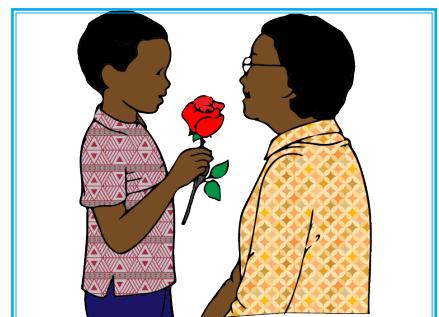
LOVE OF GOD



GENDER EQUALITY



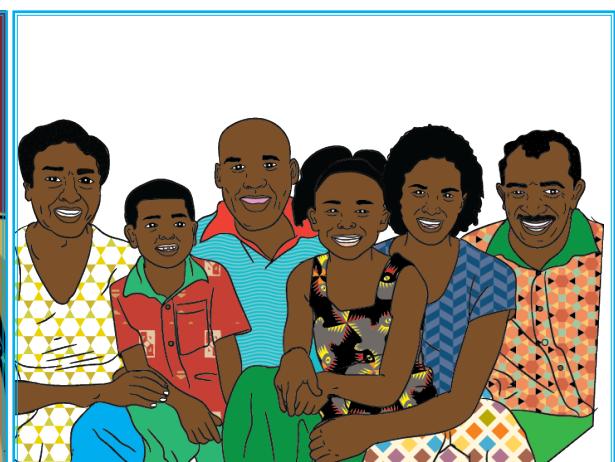
SEX EDUCATION



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PARENTAL LOVE AND ADVICE



FAMILY TOGETHERNESS

CONCLUSION

The root cause of Gender Based Violence is the imbalance of power in relationships between men and women. Women experience Gender Based Violence more than men. Women experience different types of Gender Based Violence (i.e. physical, psychological, sexual, and economic).

Gender Based Violence is a public, not a private issue that needs attention. It does not have to be kept silent. It should be treated as a community thing so as to avoid stigma. Perpetrators have to be punished. Victims should never be blamed. Gender based violence hurts everyone not just women.

Everyone has a right to live free of violence