



SASA! PROJECT

FIGHTING AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



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Katswe in partnership with UN WOMEN has designed interventions of the SASA project to reduce gender based violence through support for communities to effectively scale up prevention efforts in order to tackle social norms that fuel GBV as well as to ensure the provision of care and support services for survivors of GBV

The SASA! Intervention was evaluated using a cluster-randomised control trial in Kampala, Uganda from 2008 to 2012. It sought, through community mobilization activities, to challenge and transform inequitable gender norms. SASA takes a structured and phased approach

Using the Ecological model which has these phases

Start Awareness-Support Action (*plus Advocacy at Local, National and Regional*) SASA! Engages WHOLE communities including Men and Boys.



The SASA project carried out in Mbire located Lower District Guruve. The area is located in a deep valley around 4 hours away from Harare. The rough terrain makes it a hard to reach the area in which there are few schools and barely any clinics. Gender Based Violence is prominent in this area making women the victims of what has been deemed as economic violence, emotional violence and rape.



The Mbire project has helped a lot in involving young girls through engagement activities that improve their writing skills through peer education. These help in boosting their confidence and communication skills. This empowerment aids to the fight against gender based violence.



A cause is always fruitful if all ages are involved and SASA seeks to include every woman in the society to fight against GBV.



Drama! Art! Song! These are fun activities to involve all age groups and all sexes. Katswe Sistahood believes art is a form of expression that transcends over all aspects of society such as gender and age. It gives a platform for people to express their voice while educating others. The Mbire drama club has already set up an educative play on sexual abuse and domestic violence!



Peer educators in Mbire(Angwa)



The SASA! project has managed to reach a secluded part of the Mbire district called Kanyemba where there are Doma people. These people have just started to be introduced to the civilization found in the rest of the district such as access to health points and clinics, shelter and education. They have received great support and awareness on their rights and have been given exposure to be involved in societal issues particularly this project.



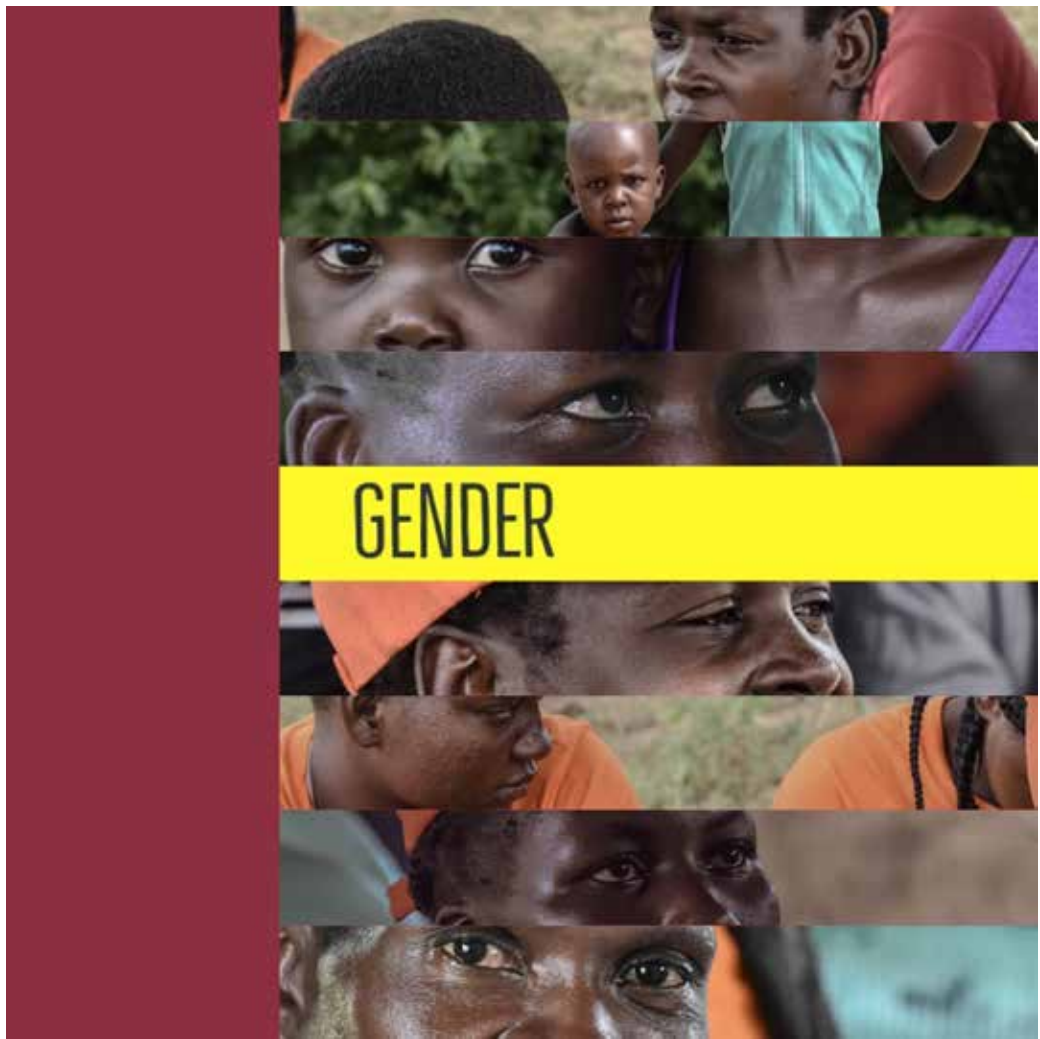
The project was initiated as a movement to stop gender based violence as it was a very prevalent issue because of issues such as early marriages. Most young girls aged around 14years already are married off and have children at such a tender age. The program is meant to be an awareness channel to stop these early marriages and reducing gender based violence.



It is vital to have both women and men join together to fight gender based violence as both are a crucial part in society.



Education is key to a powerful girl child. The SASA program seeks to fill the information gap there is so that young women are alert of their rights.



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A fight against **Gender Based Violence**