

UPDATES GBV FOR THE PERIOD OS AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER

Somali Media Women Association (SOMWA) thanks its partners and collaborators in networking gender based violence prevention.

Gender based violence (GBV) specially sexual violence is increasing day by day due to lack of effective central government, unable to protect and bring perpetrators to court for justice. Thanks to international Organizations and local Organizations not forgetting this type of acts, record and broadcast to the world this dangerous act against vulnerable women and children.

The last month August there are four incidents which happened in Baidoa and outskirts of Baidoa and Somali Media Women Association (SOMWA) Gender Based Violence team went to survey over ten locations in the district and brought result in by Women living around those areas as suffering because overload jobs (duties) due to

1. The head of the family
2. Caring for the children
3. Cultivation of farms
4. Fetching water from very far distance
5. Collecting firewood's
6. Looking after the animals

The locations that Somalia Media Women Association (SOMWA) went for survey are as follows:

1. Lawiile location
2. Goofgaduud location
3. Haween location
4. Awdingle location
5. Dharqi location
6. Iidaale location
7. Haabari location
8. Labaatanjirow location
9. Buulo barako location
10. Lafaaley location

Women being multipurpose doing several jobs, these brought to some women who are pregnant lack of nutrition, some even collapse lack of energy while other do miscarriage while they are performing their duties like grinding maize or sorghum.

Addition to that men mistreat women as slavery maid, just after quarrelling they beat in humanly, some men use an axe to smash or chop the head or other parts of her body instead of sharing the responsibilities of the family.

Consequences

Most of the victims of Gender based violence are at high risk of severe and long lasting health problems, including death from injuries or suicide, health consequences can include unwanted pregnancy, unsafe self induced abortion, infanticide and

sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, Psychological Trauma as well as social stigma and rejection in the society.

Under reporting

Gender Based Violence particularly sexual violence which is under reporting victims/survivors generally does not speak of the incident for many reasons including

- Self blame
- Fear of reprisals
- Mistrust of authorities
- Fear of re-victimization

The acts of GBV evoke shaming and blaming social stigma and often rejection by the survivors families and community, stigma and rejection can be especially severe when survivor speak about or report the incident this what make silence?

In spite surveying GBV acts there are also a lot of problems faced by vulnerable women and children who are living in these locations such as shortage of water, lack of food and nutrition for pregnant women and children.

The month of August incidents

1. A man deliberately chopped the head of his wife by using an axe after quarrelling the matter of the family, the incident happened at Labaatanjirow location just outskirts of Baidoa district
2. A man just defaced his own wife by using a bar of timber and beat her like any thing else after the couples quarrel over the dispute concerning the family issues.
3. A young girl just two years old has been traumatized by a 20 years old man, after SOMWA team gathered information has been told the man was drunk, some of the young men uses Drugs like local beer known as (Calaq) fermented maize and sorghum added to other thing which makes them steem
4. A man deliberately beat his wife who is eight (8) month pregnant, the victim collapsed and had internal complication in the wump.

We, Somali Media Women Association look forward for more collaboration.

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