

Key Statistics



***11.4%** of women were raped in their lifetime

***23%** of women and girls experience sexual harassment in public spaces (schools, workplaces & public transport)

*GBV prevalence is **24 times more** than what is reported

***44%** of men perpetrated violence against women and girls in their lifetime

****Teenage Pregnancy Rate** **10%**

*** HIV Prevalence: (15-29 Years)	Females	20.4%
	Males	15.6%

**** Unemployment Rate: (25-29 Years)	Females	22.4%
	Males	17.9%

**** Poverty Rate:	National	19.3%
	Females	10.7%
	Males	8.6%

*The Gender Based Violence Indicators Study, Botswana (2012)

** Botswana Family Health Survey, 2007

*** BIAS IV (2013)

**** Botswana Core Welfare Indicator Study (2009)

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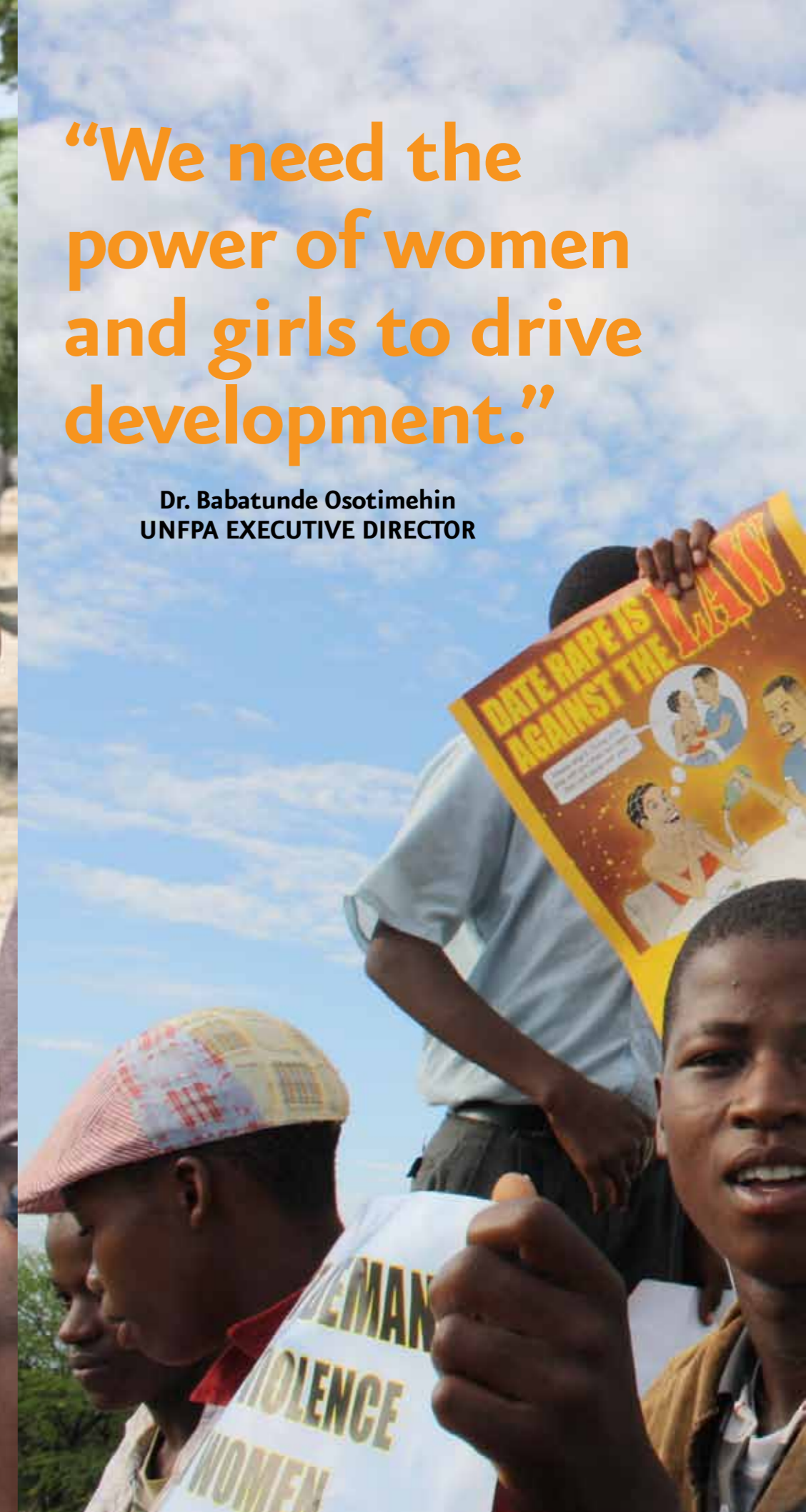
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CHANGING THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

“We need the power of women and girls to drive development.”

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin
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#Gender Equality

Zero tolerance to GBV

What we do

Engaging Men as Partners

Programme Focus

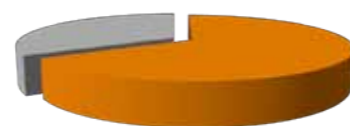
- Providing technical assistance in the design of innovative public education initiatives to prevent Gender Based Violence
- Advocacy and technical assistance for incorporation of GBV in integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV services
- Convening civil society, the private sector and other partners on gender equality and GBV
- Building the capacity of NGOs, the media, key decision makers and opinion-leaders to facilitate national dialogues on GBV and implement prevention initiatives
- Generating evidence including on the reproductive health outcomes, for informed policy and GBV programme development.

GBV is a complex issue rooted on **social, cultural and economic beliefs and practices.**

Contributing factors include;

- Patriarchal Culture
- Normalising the use of violence in relationships
- Unequal power relationships
- Poverty and economic dependence on men, by women

2 in 3
Women have experienced some form of GBV in their lifetime



1 in 9
Women report rape to the police

3 in 5
Women experience violence in intimate relationships

24%
of ever pregnant women experienced abuse during their pregnancy

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Policy Action

- Supporting development of national GBV strategies and plans.
- Convening strategic partners.
- Strengthening health system response for women and girls
- Advocacy with decision-makers on law and policy reforms.

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Knowledge Management

- Research and evidence provision for informed policy, programmes and interventions.
- Supporting monitoring the implementation of the regional and international gender instruments.

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Public Awareness

- Public education through radio (Mosekaphofu Radio show), TV programmes and national campaigns, (UN Secretary General's Orange Day campaign, 16 Days of Activism against GBV).
- Capacity building of implementing partners.

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Delivering as One

- UNFPA is leading the Botswana UN 2014 Joint Programme on GBV focusing on
 - Public education
 - Research and evidence provision
 - Capacity building of implementing partners

- Addressing negative attitudes that promote gender inequality and GBV requires joint effort by women and men.
- UNFPA supports generation of knowledge and tools for working with men and boys in eliminating GBV and accessing SRH services.
- Engaging men and boys as partners is part of implementation of gender transformative programmes that address underlying social norms enabling GBV.



“For sustained change, gender equality must be upheld, the status of women and girls elevated, and violence rendered socially unacceptable.”

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin
UNFPA Executive Director

“Violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable.”

Ban Ki Moon
U.N Secretary General

“Real change and lasting solutions for empowering women and girls can be considerably enhanced by actively involving men and boys.”

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