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**Botswana Family Health Survey, 2007

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****Botswana Core Welfare Indicator Study (2013)

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Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin

UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
#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
- Convoking 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.

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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 over pregnant women experienced abuse during their pregnancy

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Policy Action

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

Knowledge Management

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

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.

Delivering as One

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

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

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UNFPA Executive Director

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

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

Ban Ki Moon
U.N Secretary General