

Introduction

Nokaneng Project is a project that aims at reducing acceptance of and break the silence around Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) among Women and Girls funded by the GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit). Its specific objectives are:

1. To sensitize women on Gender Based Violence (GBV) as well as their rights
2. To stimulate conversations and solidarity among women and girls on issues related to Violence Against Women and Girls

The project intervention is aimed at addressing three (3) priority areas that include

- Creation or utilization of safe spaces for women and girls to be sensitised on VAWG and their rights, share experiences, discuss issues and provide and receive support;
- Promotion of community dialogues on VAWG, including norms, attitudes and practices that instigate and perpetuate VAWG and;
- Support for public action and advocacy by women and girls that help reduce acceptance of and break the silence around VAWG.

LCN commissioned member organizations on competitive basis to implement the Nokaneng Project. The successful Organisation are

- FIDA
- WILSA
- GENDER LINKS

The overall role of LCN is to manage the consortium of civil society organisations that implement the community-based interventions as part of the *Nokaneng* flagship project.

The specific responsibilities of LCN are as follows:

1. Provide consortium members with technical and financial support to implement VAWG prevention measures that contribute to the objectives of *Nokaneng*
2. Lead the coordination of consortium activities, ensuring complementarities and synergies between the community-based interventions as well as between the community-based interventions and the wider *Nokaneng* flagship project
3. Monitor progress against joint implementation plans and targets and report progress to GIZ and the *Nokaneng* Implementation Committee
4. Account for the GIZ financial contribution to LCN and the sub-grantees
5. Participate in the *Nokaneng* Implementation Committee and maintain regular contact with the GIZ technical advisor supporting the *Nokaneng* flagship project

Districts of implementation were identified in terms of prevalence and need. They are:

- Thaba Tseka
- Butha-Buthe
- Leribe