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Agents of change: Rwanda

A model for working with women, men and communities to end gender based violence (GBV)

Women members of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)



are invited to come with their partners to the couples curriculum training

COUPLES CURRICULUM (5 months)



More than 25% of couples then go on to do community activist training

ACTIVIST TRAINING (10 days training)

- How to conduct participatory dialogues
- How to respond to GBV and support victims
- Active listening skills
- Providing empowering responses (not victim blaming)



EMBEDDING SOCIAL CHANGE (18 months)

Supporting programme activities



WOMEN'S SPACES

- Advice
- Referrals
- Support
- Solidarity
- Sharing skills
- Participatory discussions
- Income-generating activities
- *Women-only sessions*
- *Sessions for men and women*



OPINION LEADER TRAINING

- Religious leaders
- Local authorities
- Police
- Health service providers
- *Gender and power dynamics*
- *Types of GBV*
- *Taking actions against GBV*

Trained activists activities



IN THE COMMUNITY

- Facilitate activism activities around power, gender roles and GBV at community forums, using activist tools like posters and quick chats
- Provide support and advice to couples and community members



ADVOCACY AND LINKAGES

- Quarterly meetings with opinion leaders to follow up on their GBV prevention and response commitments

Rwandan communities free themselves from GBV through social change and an enabling environment

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