



GROWTH NEWSLETTER



NATIONAL GUIDELINES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF DESKS TO PREVENT GBV IN PUBLIC SPACES

EfG is spearheading a proven model to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV) for the informal sector in marketplaces. Our “Give Payment Not Abuse” program began in 2015. Between 2015 we have achieved a significant decrease in instances of GBV against women market traders – a drop of 96% to 15% between 2015 and 2017 alone. As part of this work, EfG plays a pivotal role in developing guidelines for establishing and operating desks to report and respond to instances of GBV in public spaces. These desks are located in public spaces like markets and bus terminals and provide a location for women to report cases of GBV safely. This initiative aligned with the Government of Tanzania’s Five-year National Plan of Action to End Violence against Women and Children in Tanzania (2018-2022). In 2023, for the first time, the Government approved these guidelines based on the EfG pilot.

This initiative represents a landmark advancement of women’s rights in Tanzania. Through a consultative process at local government and market level, the EfG developed the blueprint for these guidelines to systematically address GBV in marketplaces. The guidelines were subsequently adopted by 22 market committees across three regions – Mwanza, Shinyanda, and Dar es Salaam.



EfG presented our model to the Government of Tanzania's Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) through a consultative workshop held in Dodoma on 15th September 2020. In addition to MoHCDGEC, three other line ministries were present including Ministry of Home Affairs Gender and Children Desk, Constitutional and legal affairs department, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Trade, and PO-RALG. Following the consultation, two officials from the MoHCDGEC were commissioned to undertake a study tour at EfG's project sites in Shinyanga and Dares Salaam to learn how market committees are working to eliminate GBV by applying the guidelines.

The Government has now agreed to a process for adopting these guidelines nationally. On 6 March 2023 in advance of International Women's Day, an online meeting was held to launch the adoption of these national guidelines.



USING TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN PUBLIC SPACES

This year's International Women's Day focus is "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," which aligns with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67). In line with this theme, EfG is working to scale our work on promoting the safety of female market traders and eliminating GBV with the aid of technology and digital reporting mechanisms.

In recent years EfG has been piloting an innovative approach to combating GBV in public spaces through the establishment of desks. Through this work, we understand the importance of applying technological solutions, such as the use of the KobboCollect System in reporting GBV incidences happening in markets. Following the launch of the National Guidelines of the Establishment and Operation Desks to Prevent Gender-Based Violence in Public Spaces, EfG is now actively seeking partnerships to scale up this work. On 6 March 2023, we made great strides in hosting the launch of these national guidelines in an online dialogue with stakeholders from the government, the private sector, and key development stakeholders.

Continuing and widening our collaboration between the private sector, civil society, and the government is vital to achieving our aim of eliminating GBV. Please get in touch if you would like to explore a partnership: info@efg.or.tz



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