

# Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

## KEY FACTS

Region: Kilifi County, Coast, Kenya  
 Period: July 2016 – December 2017  
 Partner: Coffey International Development  
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## CONTEXT

The coast battles with high rates of sexual and domestic violence as well as retrogressive cultural practices, such as “disco funerals” and child marriage. Poverty, sex tourism and child labour are wide spread. Police gender desks and social service providers are ill-equipped and overburdened.

## PROJECT AIM

Increased safety for women and girls.

## APPROACH

The project fostered collaboration between schools, the police, health and legal service providers and community leaders. It trained community and religious leaders as mentors in

violence prevention. The project empowered men and boys to strategically engage in mitigating violence against women.

## ACHIEVEMENTS 2017

- 1'269 children, teachers, parents, community members and police officers were trained and sensitized about gender-based violence.
- Multi-stakeholder forums with 35 participating institutions were facilitated to foster coordinated response to violence.
- 5 schools established safe space child-friendly reporting and referral mechanisms with the police and social services.
- More cases of violence were reported to the police and handled successfully as a direct result of the trainings.
- A male only platform was established to debate and redefine gender norms.

