

# Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

## KEY FACTS

Region: Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa Counties  
 Period: July 2016 – December 2017  
 Partner: Coffey International Development  
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## CONTEXT

The coast battles with high rates of gender based and sexualized violence including; domestic violence, retrogressive cultural practices, such as “disco funerals” and child marriage. Poverty, sex tourism and child labour are also wide spread. Police gender desks and social service providers are ill-equipped and overburdened, while the criminal justice system is so complex for justice. Illiteracy levels as well as limited coordination among stakeholders derails access to justice.

## PROJECT AIM

Increased safety for women and girls.  
 Enhanced access to justice and social services

## 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. Teachers and school children were involved in advocacy

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1’312 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.
- 8 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, follow ups.
- A male only platform was established to debate and redefine gender norms.
- A media awareness campaign on gender issues was launched and improved advocacy
- GBV networks strengthened for coordination and case support

