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Eliminating Gender Based Violence (GBV) requires proper knowledge, skills and networking with likeminded organizations. With financial support from UNFPA Tanzania, NAFGEM organized four days Capacity Building training to its staff from 18th to 21st May 2021. Recognizing the bank of experiences from sister organizations, NAFGEM Tanzania invited HIMD – Arusha, Hope for Girls and Women – Mara, ATFGM Masanga – Mara, Agape AIDS Control Programme – Shinyanga and ESTL – Singida.



Photo 1: Group photo – Capacity building workshop

The workshop was organized at

Patmos Conference Center in Moshi and facilitated by NAFG

and child marriage interventions from Kiteto, Simanjiro, Hanang, Siha, Arusha, Serengeti, Tarime and Shinyanga had an exceptional knowledge and experience sharing moments. Various sessions took participants into refreshing on terms and definitions on GBV, analyzing the SWOC/T of each organization, discussed the challenges in implementing anti-GBV interventions, the effects of COVID-19 pandemic in the struggle to eliminate GBV, shared strategies in ending GBV and the importance of ensuring effective monitoring and evaluation of the anti-GBV activities.

The workshop was participatory which allowed maximum interactions in a collegial manner. At the end of the four days, all participants expressed satisfactions and vowed to have similar activities regularly. They insisted on formation of a coalition to end GBV in the Northern, Central and Lake Zones in Tanzania. From the observed challenges and existing opportunities within and beyond borders, participants remained optimistic to more effective interventions through working together.

A follow up meeting of the heads of the organizations will be held in Arusha on the 18th June 2021 to erect a cornerstone for the dream to come true.



Photo 2: Session on staff capacity building

Participants familiarized with strategies in place being used to curb up GBV in Shinyanga, Mara, Manyara, Singida and Arusha. The need for baseline assessments to help in tracking progress was voiced out. There was a general feeling that the information obtained through other sources was not enough neither applicable in all sites. It was also observed that advocacy to win the support of politicians in ending GBV is crucial. Despite of the need to have them as role models, they should proactively engage into community education, support programs which promote gender equality, amend contradictory laws and ensure compliance.



Photo 3: Participants ready to go affront to eliminate GBV



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Abbreviations

- HIMD: Health Integrated Multi-sectorial Development
- ATFGM: Anti-FGM Masanga
- ESTL: Empowerment