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## Shining a Light on Hope: Equipping Gender champions as Para-Social Workers to Combat GBV and Bring Healing



*Embracing and empowering women in Leadership:*

**IFAGE** future leaders at a collaboration exchange workshop with Bishop Rose Okenia  
of Butere Diocese, Kenya on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## **The Institute For Faith And Gender Empowerment (IFAGE) Newsletter July Edition**

Dear esteemed partner,

It's time for an extraordinary update from **IFAGE**, where faith intersects with action, compassion and transformation. Brace yourself for a journey of empowerment, collaboration, and heartfelt giving that has left an indelible mark and positive transformation on the lives of people we work with here in Kenya.

As we delve into the heart of this year, we are excited to share some incredible updates on the impactful initiatives we have been blessed to embark upon in this month of July.

### **Para-Social Worker Training: Unleashing Agents of Positive Change**

In our relentless pursuit of gender equality, justice and healing, we recently conducted a groundbreaking Para-Social Worker Training program through a collaboration with the provincial Mother's Union, Kenya in Nakuru at ACK Imani Guest house from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

With passion and determination, we equipped 25 gender champions from six dioceses namely, Maseno west diocese, Kitale diocese, Butere diocese, Machakos diocese, Marsabit diocese and All Saints Cathedral Diocese with the essential tools to manage GBV cases and engage in the vital task of tracking and tracing GBV survivors.

These extraordinary souls are now prepared to be a guiding light for survivors, walking alongside them on their path to restoration. Join us as we celebrate their commitment to making a lasting impact, one life at a time.





*Rev. Dominic having a discussion on the importance of tracking and reporting GBV case as para-social worker on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

### **Feminism and Faith: A Symphony of Voices Resonating Change**

Building bridges and breaking barriers, we proudly collaborated with Msingi Trust an organization that exist to mobilize, inspire, equip and network Christians towards social justice and social transformation on a transformative workshop initiative themed **"Feminism and Faith: 100 Voices for Change."**



Together, we embarked on a powerful journey to uplift women of all faith, advocating for their increased presence in leadership positions, through a workshop that was done at St. Barbanas ACK church in Kisumu, Kenya bringing together 24 women and men from all faith into a common cord of voices of change.

By amplifying their voices and embracing their unique perspectives and struggles, we are rewriting the narrative of gender equality within our community.

Join us as we celebrate these remarkable women who are driving positive change and redefining the intersections of faith and feminism for gender equality in Kisumu, Kenya and hopefully beyond.

### **Supporting the Girl Child's Education: The Girl Child and Her Long Walk to Freedom**

A decent education for all girls and young women is a fundamental human right, a top concern for international development, and a top objective of the Institute for Faith and Gender Empowerment (IFAGE).

The elimination of extreme poverty, which increases the risk of gender-based violence (GBV) among women and young girls, is a key component of IFAGE's mission. As an advocate for gender equality, IFAGE strives to remove barriers that impede girls and adolescent mothers from equally benefiting from the investments that the nation make in education and improving their capacity to realize their potential.

In the spirit of empowering the girl child, we joyfully donated a significant sum to

Nyamira Girls secondary school on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

This act of generosity was made possible by our partner; The Imago Dei Fund,, an act that echoes our common belief in the transformative power of gender equality and our unwavering dedication to ensuring that every girl has equal access to learning opportunities.

Together, let us celebrate the profound impact we are making on the lives of these young girls, fostering their dreams and lighting the way to a brighter future.



**IFAGE** team leader-Rev. Dominic Misolo talking to some sponsored girls at Nyamira Girls on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023



**Impact Snapshot**

*25 Gender Champions, from six Diocese to bring light, hope and healing to GBV survivors as trained Para-social Workers in Kenya*

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*Built a network of 24 women and men from all Faith to foster the 100 Voices of Change initiative to uplift women of all faith, advocating for their increased presence in leadership positions*

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*10 Bright & Vulnerable school girls to continue and complete their Secondary School Education at Nyamira Girls High School*

We hope that as we recount the incredible milestones we achieved together in this month of July you will feel inspired and fulfilled for the efforts, unity and solidarity for a world where women and men are equal and free from Gender Based Violence.

Together, we are rewriting stories, empowering lives, and building a world where faith is a catalyst for positive change.

Stay tuned for exciting updates on upcoming events, inspiring stories, and opportunities to engage in our shared mission.

**Always be the spark that ignites hope and kindness within our community.**

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***With gratitude and love,***

***Rev. Domnic Misolo - CEO & IFAGE Team***



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