



Strengthening Prevention and Response to Gender-based Violence (GBV) KENYA-FINLAND BILATERAL GBV PROGRAMME IN SAMBURU

Focusing on key issues that increase/decrease GBV risk and vulnerability

During the Samburu County Inception Workshop held in April 2022, experts from diverse sectors supported the development of a Calendar of GBV Risks, Vulnerabilities and Prevention Opportunities. This calendar highlights key events that happen month-by-month that are likely to contribute to an increase or decrease in GBV, including holidays, weather patterns (seasons), political events, school terms and vacation, cultural events, and national/international days – see mini view below. It provides a foundation for strengthening coordination, through more proactive, focused, and collective planning.

Samburu Calendar of GBV Risks/Vulnerabilities and Prevention Opportunities

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
HOLIDAYS	New Year	Valentine's Day			Idd-UI-Fitr							Christmas
SEASONS	Dry season			Rains in highlands			Rains in lowlands			Dry season		
EDUCATION				Term 1 Opens April 25	Half Term May 26		Term 1 Closes:Jul 2 Term 2 Opens:Jul 11	Half Term Aug 11-14	Term 2 Closes: 16 Sep Term 3 Opens: 26 Sep		KCPE Exams: 28 Nov	KCSE Exams: 1 Dec
LIVELIHOODS	Market Days						Market Days					
	Tourist Season			Tourist Season			Tourist Season			Tourist Season		
	Boom in livestock mkrts			Boom in livestock markets			Boom in livestock markets			Boom in livestock markets		
	Bee keeping			Bee keeping			Bee keeping			Bee keeping		
	Bead work											
	food crop/Cash Crop Production/Harvest											
CULTURE	Ntorosi/prayers by women for rains during dry season						Ntorosi/prayers for rain					
	Male circumcision			Male circumcision			Male circumcision			Male circumcision		
	Premier League			Premier League			Premier League			Premier League		
NATIONAL + INTERNATIONAL DAYS	1: New Year's Day	6: Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM	1: Zero Discrimination Day	15-18: Easter	2: Labour Day	15: Madaraka Day	10: Idd-UI-Asha	21: Int'l Day of Peace	10: Utamaduni Day	25: 16 Days of Activism	8: Int'l Day of Disability	
			8: Women's Day		3: Idd-UI-Fitr	16: Day of the African Child			11: Int'l Day of Girl Child		10: Human Rights Day	
					8: Mother's Day	19: Fathers' Day			20: Mashujaa Day		12: Jamhuri Day	
					15: International Day of Families	23: International Widows' Day					25: Christmas	
					16: Day of Boy Child						26: Boxing Day	
					28: Menstrual Hygiene Day							

Prioritizing for collective leadership and action

Using the calendar as a tool to prioritize, stakeholders also selected four critical issues where greater collaboration is needed, including:

- **Cultural practices that increase risk and vulnerability to GBV, reporting, and access to services** especially those linked to large gatherings, traditional ceremonies, teachings, and songs that reinforce gender inequality, intimate partner violence (IPV), Beading, Child marriage, Moranism, Teenage pregnancy and female genital mutilation (FGM).
- **Family stress and conflict** linked to payment of school fees and provision of school supplies and/or meeting other family needs.
- **Parental supervision and community watch to improve safety of children/youth** (especially girls) as they go to and from school and participate in community/cultural events & celebrations.
- **Seasonal factors affecting livelihoods** – dry/rainy seasons (and the accompanying boom in livestock market), and extreme weather events such as drought, floods etc. which can disrupt family life and well-being.

Assisting and protecting those who are most vulnerable to GBV

Along with the development of the Calendar and key priorities, stakeholders reviewed the unique risks and drivers of GBV in each Sub-county, and categorized the respective Wards as high, medium, or low in terms of GBV risk and vulnerability. According to this rapid review, there are 11 Wards with high risk/vulnerability to GBV and 4 Wards with medium risk. None of the Wards were classified as low risk – see analysis below.

Sub-county	Ward	RED	YELLOW	GREEN	#Villages: RED	#Villages: YELLOW
Samburu East	1. Waso**	●			●●●●● 5	● 1
	2. Wamba West**	●●			●●●●●●●●●● 11	● 1
	3. Wamba East		●●			●●●●●● 6
	4. Wamba North**	●●●			●●●●●●● 6	
Samburu West	5. Lodokejek**	●●			●●●●●●●● 9	
	6. Suguta Marmar**	●			●●●● 4	●● 2
	7. Maralal		●		●● 2	●●●●● 5
	8. Loosuk		●		●●● 3	●● 2
	9. Poro**	●			●●●●●●●● 8	
Samburu North	10. El Barta	●●			●●●● 4	●● 2
	11. Nachola		●		●●●●●●● 7	● 1
	12. Ndoto**	●●●			●●●●●●●● 8	
	13. Nyiro**	●●			●●●●●●●●●● 11	
	14. Angata Nanyukie**	●●●			●●●●●●● 6	
	15. Baawa	●●			●●●●●●●● 7	

** Programme Coverage: 3 Sub-counties, 9 wards and 91 Villages.

Expected milestones to achieve in the first year of implementation

With a focus on system strengthening, the following initiatives have been prioritized for Year 1:

- Training, coaching and supportive supervision of 320 duty bearers.
- Development of quarterly strategies and performance targets for an integrated and multi-sectoral approach to GBV prevention and response.
- Improved practice and lessons from piloting a new model for coordination.
- Case management data reviews and case conferencing to improve the delivery of survivor-centred services and enhance referrals.
- Community groups (including 300 survivors, women, youth, people with disabilities) supported to establish and provide basic counselling services.
- 6 GBV Recovery Centres (GBVRCs) supported/established.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Management of Sexual Violence are updated.
- Standards and Tools for data sharing developed and operational.
- Training and support for community members to establish (or improve) early warning/ surveillance systems to increase reporting and prevention efforts.
- 875 Elders and Cultural Leaders supported to develop and implement roadmaps for safer communities and increased support for survivors.
- Exchange visits organized to support peer-to-peer learning within and across counties.