



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

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

During the Bungoma County Inception Workshop held in May 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. This Calendar provides a foundation for strengthening coordination, through more proactive, focused, and collective planning for prevention and response.

Bungoma Calendar of GBV Risks/Vulnerabilities & Prevention Opportunities												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
HOLIDAYS	New Year	Valentine's Day		Easter	Idd-UI-Fitr							Christmas
SEASONS	Dry Season			Land Preparation and Planting			2nd Planting					
POLITICAL	Likelihood of floods, landslides, and mudslides						County Sector Plans			Elections		
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	School fees stress			School fees stress			School fees stress		School fees stress			Coffee boom
CULTURE	Coffee boom											Coffee boom
NATIONAL + INTERNATIONAL DAYS	Food Security Stress											
	Great Reduction in food stress											
	Harvest of Maize, Onion, Sugarcane and others											
							Male Circumcision				Male circumcision and FGM	
	Disco matanga											
	1: New Year's Day	6: Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM	1: Zero Discrimination Day 8: Women's Day	15-18: Easter	2: Labour Day 3: Idd-UI-Fitr 8: Mother's Day 15: International Day of Families 16: Day of Boy Child 28: Menstrual Hygiene Day	15: Madaraka Day 16: Day of the African Child 19: Fathers' Day 23: International Widows' Day	10: Idd-UI-Azha		21: Int'l Day of Peace	10: Utamaduni Day 11: Int'l Day of Girl Child 20: Mashujaa Day	25: 16 Days of Activism	3: Int'l Day of Disability 10: Human Rights Day 12: Jamhuri Day 25: Christmas 26: Boxing 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, teachings, and songs that reinforce gender inequality, intimate partner violence (IPV), 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 and cultural events and celebrations.
- **Seasonal factors affecting livelihoods** – dry/rainy seasons (and the accompanying harvests), and extreme weather events such as floods and mudslides 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 22 Wards with high risk/vulnerability to GBV and 23 Wards with medium risk. None of the Wards were classified as low risk.

Analysis of GBV Risk/Vulnerability (May 2022)					
		HIGH: 22 Wards		MEDIUM: 23 Wards	LOW: 0 Wards
Sub-county	Ward	GBV Risk/Vulnerability			
		HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	
Bumula	South Bukusu*	●●●●●			
	Bumula	●●●●			
	Khasoko		●●		
	Kabula		●●		
	Kimaeti*	●●●●			
	West Bukusu		●●●		
Kabuchai	Siboti		●●●		
	Kabuchai/Chwele*	●●●●			
	West Nalondo*	●●●●			
	Bwake/Luuya		●●		
Kimilili	Mukuyuni		●●		
	Kibingei		●●●		
	Kimilili	●●●●			
	Maeni		●●		
Mt Elgon	Kamukuywa*	●●●●●			
	Elgon*	●●●●			
	Kapkateny	●●●●			
	Kaptama*	●●●●			
	Cheptais*	●●●●			
	Chesikaki*	●●●●			
Sirisia	Chepyuk*	●●●●			
	Namwela		●●		
	Malakisi/South Kulisiru	●●●●			
	Lwandanyi		●●		
Sub-county	Ward	GBV Risk/Vulnerability			
		HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	
Tongaren	Naitiri/Kabuyefwe		●●●		
	Ndalu		●●●		
	Tongaren		●●●		
	Soysambu		●●●		
	Milima		●●●		
	Mbakalo		●●●		
Kanduyi	Bukembe West*	●●●●●			
	Bukembe East		●●●		
	Township*	●●●●●			
	Khalaba*	●●●●			
	Musikoma*	●●●●●			
	East Sang'alo		●●●		
Webuye East	West Sang'alo*	●●●●			
	Tuuti/Marakaru	●●●●			
	Maraka		●●●		
Webuye West	Mihuu		●●●		
	Ndivisi*	●●●●			
Webuye West	Matulo		●●		
	Sitikho		●●		
	Bokoli		●●		
	Misikhu	●●●●			

**Areas to be covered by the bilateral programme, following an analysis of coverage by other partners/initiatives.*

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 300 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.
- 4 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.