



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024: BREAKING BARRIERS AND ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN 2024.



*Youths with Disabilities Team celebrating a win with the HFAW board member*



*WWDs during the GBV and Financial Literacy Training*



*Girls during the International Day for the Girl Child*

## **FOREFOWARD**

Dear Friends, supporters, beneficiaries and all stakeholders,

It gives us immense pride and gratitude to present The Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW)'s 2024 Annual Report. The past year has been one of unwavering commitment, dynamic partnerships, and profound transformation in the communities we serve.

From the hills of Nyamira to the plains of Kajiado, HFAW has remained steadfast in its mission to end gender-based violence (GBV) and female genital mutilation (FGM), while empowering women, girls, and communities through holistic, rights-based advocacy and capacity building. We were very deliberate in giving special attention to and strengthening the women and girls living with disabilities (WGWDs) project.

This year, we reached over 5417 pupils and 258 teachers across 18 schools through our school advocacy program. These sessions were not just about information—they were about transformation. We witnessed children openly rejecting harmful traditions, voicing their rights, and committing to protect their peers. We also engaged many parents, recognizing their role as key influencers in shaping cultural norms.

Our male and female engagement initiatives continued to be the heartbeat of our movement. Through strategic trainings and community dialogues, over 100 men and 150 women became part of the growing army against GBV and FGM. We celebrated global days with purpose—reaching girls with sanitary pads, hosting media campaigns that touched millions, and bringing visibility to the challenges and triumphs of women with disabilities (WGWDs).

Perhaps most inspiring has been the impact of our economic empowerment project for WGWDs in Kajiado County. With over 70% of participants now running their own businesses and engaging policymakers with confidence, we are seeing lives redefined and dignity restored. The words, *“HFAW has changed my life”*, echo as a powerful reminder of the hope we carry in our name.

These accomplishments are not ours alone. They are a collective triumph of our donors, partners, volunteers, staff, and community leaders, without whom none of this would be possible. You are the pillars behind every girl protected, every woman empowered, and every voice heard.

As we look to 2025, we are excited to scale our efforts—integrating climate resilience, digital inclusion, and sustainable livelihoods into our programming, especially for rural women and WGWDs who remain disproportionately affected.

With renewed energy and deep appreciation, we thank you for walking this journey with us. We invite you to read through this report, witness the stories of change, and continue standing with us as we build safer, healthier, and more empowered communities—one life at a time.

With much gratitude:

Grace Mose (PhD)



CEO & Secretary

Mary Were (PhD)



Treasurer

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## WHO WE ARE

### 1.1.Vision

A society free of gender inequalities.

### 1.2.Mission

To achieve gender equality through socio-economic empowerment, the eradication of GBV and FGM, the promotion of sexual and reproductive health, and the advancement of human and women's rights for a transformed society.

### 1.3.Values

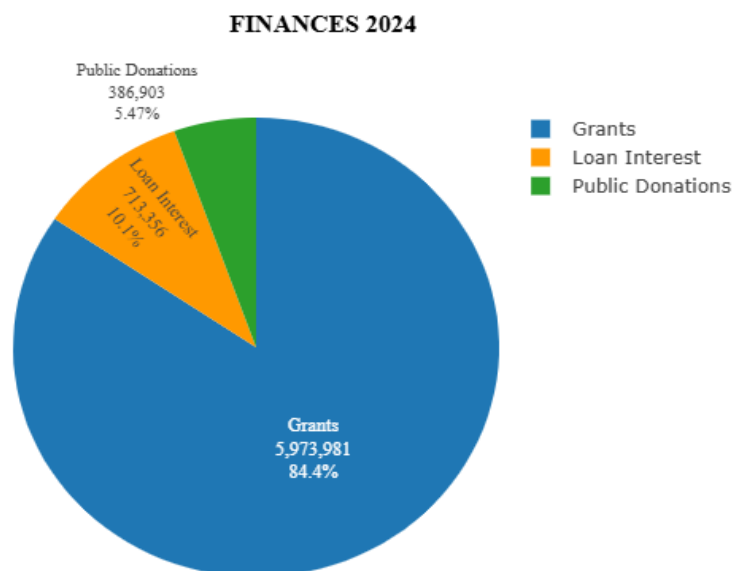
**Honesty** to ensure HFAW staff and volunteers are trusted and credible in the eyes of all stakeholders.

**Openness** to feedback, ideas to ensure we are creative and innovative.

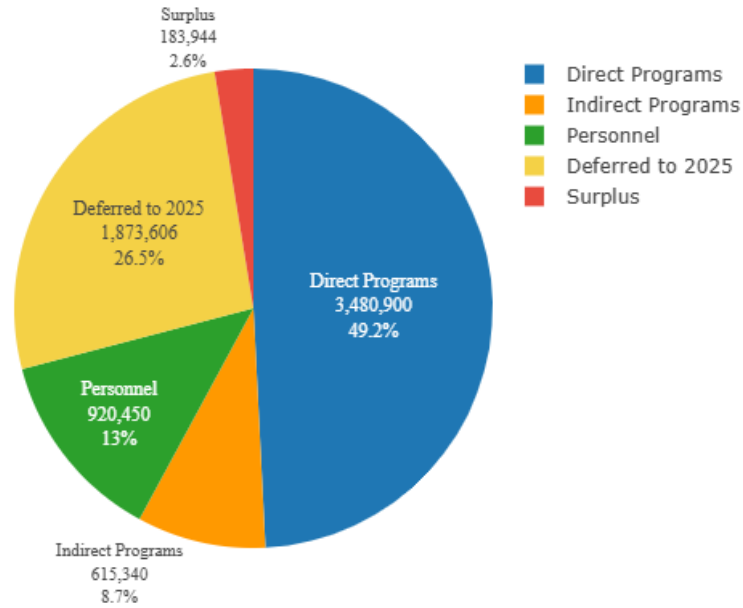
**Passion** to address the myriad of needs related to gender in the communities. HFAW staff will often have to go out of their way.

**Excellence** in everything we do. We strive to have done our very best by the time we finish tasks.

## OUR FINANCES AT A GLANCE



## EXPENDITURE 2024



## OUR IMPACT, 2024 AT A GLANCE

### SCHOOL ADVOCACY INCLUDING ANTI-FGM, ANTI-GBV AND LIFE SKILLS

NO	SCHOOL NAME	PUPILS			TEACHERS			PARENTS
		F	M	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	
1	MANGA MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL	88	162	250	5	8	13	7
2	NYAISA PRIMARY BOARDING	176	174	350	8	9	17	7
3	NYAISA MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL	246	320	566	10	3	13	5
4	MEKENENE PRIMARY	116	123	229	4	12	16	5
5	BLESSED ACADEMY	150	120	270	9	13	22	
6	TINDERETI PRIMARY	200	208	408	2	12	14	
7	NYAMONGE PRIMARY	140	120	260	6	5	11	
8	NYABIONE PRIMARY	199	228	427	6	6	12	5
9	GESURE PRIMARY	181	291	492	5	9	14	
10	KIEMUMA PRIMARY	87	107	194	4	9	13	2
11	GESWESWE PRIMARY	93	100	193	4	8	12	2
12	NYAIRANG'A SECONDARY	43	73	116	7	3	10	8
13	KENG'USO PRIMARY	208	101	309	6	8	14	3

14	NYAIRANG'A PRIMARY	251	247	498	5	11	16	2
15	NYAMEKO D.E.B	80	98	178	6	6	12	2
16	KEA SECONDARY	80	70	150	8	4	12	
17	KEA PRIMARY	300	150	450	9	10	19	
18	KENG'USO SECONDARY	42	45	87	9	7	16	
TOTALS		2680	2737	5417	113	145	258	48

- Distributed sanitary towels and pants to over 500 girls in Nyamira and Kajiado and boxers to 100 boys in Kajiado county.
- Reached 100 men as advocates against FGM.
- 80 Women With Disabilities benefited from the Leadership, Business and Financial Literacy Training as well as their human and women's rights, sexual and reproductive health and PWD rights in Kajiado county.
- Disbursed loans to 3 groups comprising of 50 women in Nyamira county through the Hope Fund Kitty.
- Trained 75 Duty Bearers on GBV and FGM.
- We reached over 7million listeners on local radio and 200000 viewers on local television
- Reached 200 women as ambassadors of anti-GBV and anti-FGM.
- On Facebook we had our posts reaching 20439 with our messaging, with 73822 post engagements from both our audience and sponsors. On twitter we reached over 10000 people who viewed, engaged and commended our work within the country and beyond.

## **OUR PROJECTS IN DETAIL**

### **1.4.GLOBAL GIVING.**

In 2024, with the continued support of GlobalGiving and its generous network of donors, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) implemented several transformative projects aimed at advancing gender equality, promoting menstrual dignity, and eliminating harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). These initiatives were grounded in community engagement, empowerment, and advocacy, targeting some of the most vulnerable populations across Nyamira and Kajiado counties.

Key projects included training health and human rights promoters, life skills education to reduce teenage pregnancies, school-based anti-FGM advocacy, menstrual hygiene support through the Pads and Pants Initiative, and the Empowering Menstrual Dignity project for girls with disabilities. Each of these efforts has significantly contributed to building safer, healthier, and more inclusive communities, while amplifying the voices and rights of women and girls. Through GlobalGiving's platform, HFAW has reached thousands with education, essential resources, and sustainable solutions that are transforming lives.

#### **1.4.1. SCHOOL ADVOCACY: IMPACTING YOUNG LIVES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND EMPOWERMENT**

In 2024, with the generous support of individual donors through the GlobalGiving platform, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) significantly expanded its school advocacy efforts, reaching a total of 18 primary and secondary schools. These efforts focused on anti-FGM messaging, life skills education, and

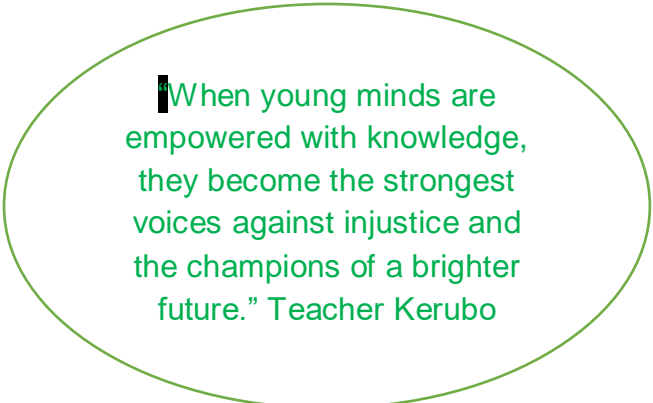


capacity building for health promoters within school communities, equipping both students and educators with the knowledge and confidence to challenge harmful traditional practices.

Throughout the year, HFAW conducted interactive advocacy sessions in various schools, including Manga Model Secondary School, Nyaisa Primary Boarding, Nyaisa Mixed Secondary School, Mekenene Primary, Blessed Academy, Tindereti Primary, Nyamonge Primary, Nyabione Primary, Gesure Primary, Kiemuma Primary, Gesweswe Primary, Nyairang'a Secondary, Keng'uso Primary, Kenguso Secondary, Nyairang'a Primary, Kea Secondary, Kea Primary, and Nyameko D.E.B. In these institutions, HFAW conducted interactive advocacy sessions, emphasizing the root causes and dangers of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), its legal implications, and its long-term physical and psychological consequences. Students were also equipped with essential life skills, helping them build resilience and the ability to resist societal pressures that perpetuate harmful cultural practices, the importance of gender equality, and strategies to build resilience against societal pressures that perpetuate violence and discrimination.

A crucial component of these sessions was the involvement of teachers and local health promoters, who received specialized training to reinforce anti-FGM messaging and provide continued support to students. By strengthening the capacity of these key figures within school communities, HFAW ensured that the impact of the advocacy efforts would extend far beyond the sessions themselves, fostering a culture of awareness, empowerment, and action.

The outreach program had a remarkable impact, reaching a total of 5,417 students. This included 2,680 female students, 2,737 male students, and 258 teachers, comprising 113 men and 145 women. Additionally, 48 parents actively participated in the sessions, further extending the reach of these vital advocacy efforts. The significance of this intervention was especially profound in hard-to-reach areas, where access to information on FGM and life skills education remains limited. Many of these communities have long struggled with deeply ingrained cultural beliefs, making the presence of such advocacy initiatives not just necessary but urgent.



**When young minds are empowered with knowledge, they become the strongest voices against injustice and the champions of a brighter future." Teacher Kerubo**

During the visits, it became evident that some of the students were teenage mothers, a reality that added another layer of vulnerability to the advocacy work. These young mothers often face stigma, economic hardship, and increased risks of gender-based violence. Understanding their unique challenges, HFAW worked closely with teachers and school administrators to create safe spaces for teenage mothers, ensuring they had access to counseling and resources that could help them navigate the complexities of early motherhood while pursuing their studies.

The response from students and teachers alike was overwhelmingly positive. One student from Manga Model Girls shared, *"The session opened my eyes. I used to think FGM was just a tradition, but now I know it's harmful and illegal."* Similarly, another student from Nyairang'a Secondary School expressed newfound confidence, stating, *"I am now confident to speak out against FGM in my community and educate others."* These testimonies reflect the transformative power of education and advocacy, highlighting how awareness can inspire change at both individual and community levels.

Through these school advocacy efforts, HFAW is not only educating young minds but also nurturing future advocates who will stand against harmful practices and champion the rights of women and girls. By empowering students, equipping educators, and fostering dialogue, HFAW continues to plant the seeds of a safer, more informed, and more resilient generation, one that will carry the fight against FGM and gender-based violence into the future.

With the continued support of partners, donors, and community stakeholders, HFAW remains committed to expanding its school advocacy programs. The goal is to reach even more young people, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence they need to advocate for change and protect their rights. By planting these seeds of awareness and empowerment, the organization is working toward a society where all children, regardless of their gender or background, can thrive without fear of violence or oppression.



*Nyabione school advocacy group photo*

#### **1.4.2. LIFE SKILLS TO END TEENAGE PREGNANCIES AND FGM IN NYAMIRA – 2024 REPORT.**

In 2024, with the unwavering support of Global Giving partners, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) made significant strides in combating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), early marriages, and teenage pregnancies across Nyamira County. Recognizing the deeply intertwined challenges faced by girls in this region; including the lack of menstrual hygiene supplies, harmful cultural norms, and limited access to mentorship, HFAW continued to implement transformative life skills programs targeting schools and communities alike.





*Figure 2 HFAW team teaching children about sexuality and where they should not be touched by anyone*

The primary aim of these programs was to empower girls with the knowledge, confidence, and resilience they need to navigate the pressures of adolescence in a patriarchal society. These sessions focused not only on educating the girls but also on equipping teachers, parents, and community leaders with tools to support and sustain behavioral change. Through collective efforts, the program sought to reduce cases of early pregnancy, promote school retention, and create safer, more inclusive learning environments.





*Gladys addressing the learners from Kea Secondary on the need to address teenage pregnancies*

HFAW's life skills mentorship emphasizes the importance of education, self-worth, and future planning. Girls were guided through critical discussions on reproductive health, assertiveness, goal-setting, and emotional intelligence, key life skills that help them resist societal pressures and harmful practices such as FGM.

Importantly, the initiative also engaged boys and men as allies in the fight against early pregnancies. By involving them in targeted dialogues and workshops, HFAW is working to dismantle entrenched gender norms and foster a culture of shared responsibility and respect. These efforts continue to shift perceptions, encouraging boys and men to actively support the protection and advancement of girls' rights.

### **1.4.3. PADS AND PANTS INITIATIVE**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW), with the generous support of GlobalGiving partners, continued its commitment to empowering girls and promoting menstrual dignity through the Pads and Pants Initiative. This initiative reached several vulnerable populations across Nyamira and Kajiado counties with not only essential sanitary supplies but also valuable mentorship and life skills education.

In Nyamira County, HFAW reached 381 girls with sanitary pads and undergarments, ensuring they could manage their menstruation with dignity and attend school without interruption. In Kajiado County, the initiative extended its impact to children living with disabilities, providing sanitary towels and underwear to 150 girls and boxers to 120 boys. These efforts helped to affirm the importance of inclusivity in menstrual health and hygiene interventions, showing that every child, regardless of gender or ability, deserves the resources and support to thrive.

Beyond material support, HFAW prioritized education and advocacy through community forums involving key stakeholders such as teachers, parents, healthcare professionals, and local leaders. These forums provided platforms to discuss early pregnancies, lack of access to menstrual hygiene products, and the importance of fostering a safe and supportive environment for young girls. Community members were encouraged to play an active role in protecting girls from harmful practices and holding perpetrators of sexual abuse accountable.



*Girls and boys with disability in kajiado receiving pads and boxers*

Throughout the year, HFAW also marked key global observances with impactful local events. During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the foundation held a gathering at Nasari Hall where 172 girls received pants and soap. The area chief attended the event, reinforcing community solidarity in the fight against GBV. On Menstrual Hygiene Day, 50 girls at Mekenene Primary School were provided with sanitary towels and given menstrual health education. Likewise, the International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated at Nyabione Primary School, where 159 girls received pants and soap, with the local chief once again present to show support.

Menstrual dignity is not a privilege—it's a right. Every girl deserves access, support, and the confidence to thrive

These events were not only celebratory but deeply meaningful, offering girls the opportunity to speak openly about the challenges they face. Many shared their personal experiences around menstruation, sexual harassment, and the pressure to exchange sex for basic hygiene products. Their stories highlighted the urgent need for continued support and inspired the HFAW team to deepen its commitment to reaching more communities.



The foundation is grateful to its partners and supporters who have made this progress possible. The feedback from girls, parents, and community leaders has been overwhelmingly positive, and it continues to fuel HFAW's vision of a society where all children—especially girls—can grow up informed, confident, and empowered. As the organization looks to the future, it remains dedicated to advocating for the rights of girls, amplifying their voices, and building a more equitable and inclusive society, one child at a time.



*Girls in Nyamira receiving pants*

#### **1.4.4. BUILDING CAPACITY OF HFAW COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH PROMOTERS**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) continued to empower women across its communities through focused training forums designed to build their capacity as human rights and health promoters. These female engagement sessions brought together women from diverse backgrounds to learn, share, and grow into advocates for gender equality and social change.

The training aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), its various forms, root causes, consequences, and most importantly, the strategies to prevent and respond to it. Particular attention was given to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), highlighted as one of the most persistent and harmful forms of GBV in the region. Through discussions and practical learning, the women gained insight into how to support and care for FGM survivors and how to become vocal advocates against such harmful practices.



A central part of the sessions included familiarizing the participants with HFAW's Community Action Plan tool—an effective guide that helps them translate their knowledge into real, transformational change within their homes and communities. This tool empowers the women to not only address GBV but also challenge harmful norms and practices through structured advocacy and community-led interventions.



*Female training on Anti- FGM and Anti- GBV*

The engagement sessions became safe spaces for healing and storytelling. Many women courageously opened up about personal experiences, revealing the deep societal wounds that often go unspoken. Rose, for instance, shared her emotional struggles with her husband and questioned whether her detachment stemmed from FGM or family planning. Wilkister recounted her daughter-in-law's challenges during childbirth, highlighting the critical need for awareness around reproductive health and the long-term consequences of FGM. Others—Happiness, Lillian, Rachel, Gladys, and Lydia—shared equally moving testimonies that echoed the silent burdens carried by many women.

When women unite, they  
become unstoppable forces for  
change—breaking barriers,  
challenging norms, and building  
a future free from violence

These narratives not only facilitated healing but underscored the urgency of empowering women with knowledge. Through shared experience and learning, participants found strength in one another, recognizing the power they held to bring about change.

Encouragingly, the impact of the training extended into the home. Two women shared stories of how their husbands, who had previously attended HFAW's male engagement forums, had transformed into more understanding and supportive partners. These testimonies emphasized the role of open communication in building healthier, more respectful relationships and highlighted the positive ripple effect of engaging both women and men in conversations around gender equality.

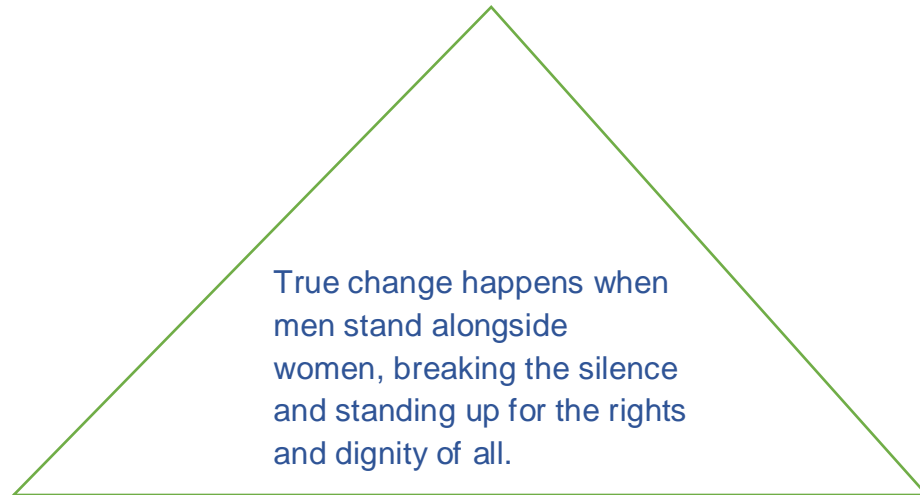
In total, the 2024 women's engagement forums reached 150 women. Each session was marked by lively discussion, emotional depth, and a growing sense of purpose among participants. These engagements reaffirmed the importance of ongoing dialogue, continuous learning, and collective action in dismantling gender-based violence and promoting a society that upholds the rights and dignity of every woman.



*Women as Anti- FGM advocates*

#### **1.4.5. MALE ENGAGEMENT: MEN AS ALLIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GBV AND FGM**

In the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), the role of men cannot be overlooked. Within the patriarchal structure of many communities, men often hold the power to influence decisions- yet the issue of FGM is still widely regarded as a "women's concern." Recognizing this gap, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) has prioritized the meaningful engagement of men and boys in its efforts to combat FGM and gender-based violence (GBV) across Kenya.



In 2024, HFAW deepened its commitment to this cause by implementing targeted male engagement initiatives aimed at empowering men with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to speak out and act against FGM. The initiative focused on men who had either witnessed the devastating effects of FGM or were at risk of perpetuating it due to societal pressure or lack of awareness.





### *Male training on ending FGM*

A total of 100 men were reached through these forums, where they were equipped with accurate information about the harmful physical and psychological consequences of FGM, as well as the legal implications and human rights violations associated with the practice. These sessions provided a safe space for honest reflection, critical discussion, and personal transformation.

The impact was both visible and profound. In Nyamira County, participants demonstrated a strong understanding of the issues at hand and expressed an unwavering commitment to becoming vocal advocates against FGM. Many pledged to use their platforms- whether in churches, chief barazas, school meetings, or other community forums- to raise awareness, educate others, and protect girls from the harmful practice.

One powerful testimony stood out among the many shared during the training. A participant, visibly moved, expressed his gratitude by saying, *"Thank you for the training; I was on the brink of subjecting my daughters to FGM."* His words captured the very heart of the initiative- showing how education can serve as a turning point, redirecting harmful intentions into protective action.



*Male Champions on Anti- FGM*

The male engagement program also emphasized the role of men as protectors and role models, urging them to uphold the rights of children and advocate for gender equality within their households and beyond. By the end of the sessions, participants had not only gained knowledge but had also developed concrete action plans to spread awareness and support anti-FGM efforts in their communities.

This shift in mindset and behavior signifies a crucial step forward. When men become allies in the fight against GBV and FGM, the community begins to change. Through these collective efforts, HFAW is helping to build a future where both girls and boys grow up in safe, informed, and supportive environments, free from harmful cultural practices.

Men as allies are key to dismantling harmful traditions—by standing together, we can create a society where every girl and boy is free from violence and discrimination

**FRENCH EMBASSY IN KENYA**



In 2024, the French Embassy in Kenya partnered with the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) to implement a series of transformative projects aimed at promoting the dignity, inclusion, and empowerment of women and girls with disabilities in Kajiado County. These initiatives were designed to address the intersecting challenges of economic vulnerability, gender-based violence, limited access to services, and social exclusion.

Through financial literacy and economic empowerment training, women with disabilities gained practical skills in budgeting, saving, entrepreneurship, and digital marketing—fostering economic independence and resilience. Complementing this, HFAW provided gender-based violence and psychosocial support training, creating safe spaces for healing, dialogue, and awareness while strengthening women's capacity to identify, respond to, and advocate against GBV.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention and inclusive development, HFAW also introduced a sports and mentorship program for adolescent boys and girls with disabilities, promoting physical health, confidence, and life skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. Additionally, the foundation conducted capacity-building sessions for healthcare workers, law enforcement officers, and other service providers, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to offer disability-sensitive and survivor-centered services.

Together, these projects reflect a shared commitment to advancing gender equality, fostering inclusive communities, and ensuring that no one is left behind. HFAW is deeply grateful to the French Embassy for its unwavering support in making these impactful interventions possible.

### **1.5. Financial Literacy, Gender-Based Violence and Psychosocial Support Training for Women with Disabilities In Ongata Rongai, Kajiado County**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW), with the generous support of the French Embassy in Kenya and Somalia, launched a transformative empowerment program aimed at equipping Women with Disabilities (WWDs) in Ongata Rongai, Kajiado County, with the tools to reclaim their independence and dignity. This program addressed the intersecting challenges of economic vulnerability and gender-based violence (GBV)—issues that disproportionately affect women living with disabilities in Kenya.

The initiative combined two core components: financial literacy training and gender-based violence and psychosocial support education. Together, these sessions created a holistic platform for personal and collective empowerment, nurturing both economic resilience and emotional strength.

#### **1.5.1. Financial Literacy Training: Strengthening Economic Agency**

The financial literacy sessions were facilitated by Faith, a passionate and experienced Customer Relationship Officer from Equity Bank. Faith led participants through an engaging, practical, and highly interactive training process tailored to meet the unique needs of women with disabilities. The sessions were carefully designed to empower the women with fundamental financial skills and entrepreneurial insights.

The training covered essential topics such as budgeting, saving, income diversification, record keeping, and financial goal setting. Using relatable and accessible examples like poultry farming, participants explored multiple ways to maximize earnings from a single business idea. They were guided to map out realistic income-generating plans, which helped them view entrepreneurship as a viable path to independence rather than a distant dream.





*Faith explaining how to draw a budget*

A significant highlight of the training was the introduction to digital marketing. Faith demonstrated how platforms like TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp Business can be powerful tools for advertising and selling products. For many participants, this was their first exposure to such platforms in a business context. The idea that their businesses could reach customers beyond their immediate communities was both inspiring and motivating.

Record keeping, often overlooked, was emphasized as a cornerstone of financial discipline and sustainability. Participants learned how to track daily sales, manage expenses, and prepare for off-peak seasons. This knowledge not only enhanced their business management skills but also gave them a sense of control over their financial decisions.

Empowering women with knowledge is the first step toward breaking the cycle of violence because awareness sparks change, and change leads to freedom.

The training sessions were not merely technical—they were transformational. The atmosphere was filled with stories, laughter, and lightbulb moments as women began to believe in their capacity to manage money and grow their ventures. Faith's mentorship helped replace self-doubt with confidence. She closed the sessions with a profound reminder:

*“Financial literacy is not just about numbers—it’s about unlocking confidence and independence. You have what it takes.”*

Many participants echoed this sentiment. One woman named Mary shared:

*“Before this training, I feared handling money. Now I can plan for my income and even save a little each week. I feel in control of my future.”*

### **1.5.2. Gender-Based Violence and Psychosocial Support: Healing Through Knowledge and Unity**

The second part of the program focused on addressing the pervasive issue of gender-based violence, particularly among women with disabilities—a group often overlooked in traditional GBV interventions. The session was facilitated by Jacinta, a respected gender expert and advocate who herself lives with a disability. Her presence was a source of inspiration and relatability for the participants.

Jacinta guided the women through an honest and empowering dialogue on the five core forms of GBV:

1. Physical violence
2. Emotional and verbal abuse
3. Psychological violence
4. Sexual violence
5. Socio-economic violence

She explained how these forms of violence are often interlinked and exacerbated by societal discrimination, economic dependency, and harmful cultural norms—including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The training provided participants with clear definitions, legal frameworks, and real-life scenarios that helped them recognize abuse and understand that no woman deserves to suffer in silence.

A particularly poignant section of the training addressed how disability intersects with gender to amplify vulnerability. Jacinta emphasized that women with disabilities often face higher risks of abuse and are more likely to be ignored, dismissed, or even blamed when they seek help. She encouraged participants to challenge the societal narrative that portrays them as weak, dependent, or incapable.

Jacinta also focused on prevention and response strategies, including community sensitization, the creation of survivor support groups, and building trust with service providers. The women were equipped with practical tips on how to advocate for themselves and others, how to seek help, and how to support a fellow survivor.

Equally important was the integration of mental health and psychosocial support into the session. Jacinta led the group in exercises focused on self-care, stress management, and emotional healing. She encouraged the women to build supportive peer networks, engage in nurturing activities such as spending time in nature or journaling, and prioritize rest and well-being.

The space created during this session was deeply healing. Participants shared personal experiences, many for the first time, and found solace in knowing they were not alone. The unity and solidarity that emerged from these conversations laid the foundation for peer-led change within their homes and communities.

One participant emotionally shared:

*“I used to think I had to endure the pain because of my condition. Now I know my rights, and I have sisters who will walk with me.”*

## **Conclusion: Advancing Dignity, Inclusion, and Economic Empowerment**

The financial literacy and GBV awareness training program has been a transformative step toward ensuring that women, particularly those living with disabilities, are equipped with the tools to navigate financial independence and social challenges. HFAW remains steadfast in its mission to foster resilience, dignity, and empowerment among women, ensuring that no one is left behind.

With continued support from partners and funders, these programs will be expanded to reach even more women in need. The success of these initiatives highlights the power of education, economic empowerment, and community support in driving sustainable change.

HFAW extends its heartfelt gratitude to the French Embassy in Kenya, and the dedicated facilitators, Faith and Jacinta, for their invaluable contributions. Most importantly, we recognize the courage and determination of all the women who participated in these trainings. Their commitment to learning, growth, and advocacy continues to inspire and drive our work.

As we move forward, Hope Foundation for African Women remains committed to championing gender equality, financial empowerment, and a world where every woman, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to thrive.

### **1.5.3. Continuing Impact: Table Banking in Ongata Rongai**

Following the success of its pilot table banking initiative launched in April 2023, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) has continued to strengthen the financial resilience of Women with Disabilities (WWDs) in Ongata Rongai through a sustained table banking model. Initially introduced as a pathway to reduce economic dependency—particularly in cases of abusive relationships—the table banking project has evolved into a thriving network of women actively reclaiming their financial autonomy and reshaping their futures.

The first cohort, consisting of 20 WWDs, many of whom had already participated in HFAW's financial literacy and gender-based violence (GBV) awareness programs, embraced the table banking model with commitment and enthusiasm. What began as modest weekly contributions has now grown into a well-organized, peer-led savings and credit group that meets regularly to contribute, loan, and invest in their futures.

Table banking, by design, is a highly inclusive and adaptive financial system. Unlike conventional banking institutions, which often present insurmountable barriers for persons with disabilities—including lack of collateral, discriminatory practices, and physical inaccessibility—this model is based on trust, transparency, and mutual support. Every woman in the group is involved in the decision-making process, from setting interest rates to determining loan terms and tracking repayments. This participatory structure fosters accountability and strengthens social cohesion.

In Ongata Rongai, the group has adopted a system that offers short-term loans of up to twice a member's savings, repayable within three months at a 10% interest rate. For long-term investments, members can access up to three times their savings, with flexible repayment periods extending up to 14 months. These loans have enabled women to launch or expand income-generating ventures such as food kiosks, second-hand clothing stalls, poultry farming, and craft-making businesses.

One of the founding members, Mellen, shared her experience:



*“Before this initiative, I relied heavily on others. But now, I run a small business where I fry nuts and I can make decisions for myself. I feel proud every time I repay a loan—it means I’m growing.”*

Another member, Mali, highlighted the emotional impact:

*“This group is more than just money. It’s family. When I struggled with rent, the group helped me with a loan. They also gave me a loan to start up my salon business. We lift each other.”*

Beyond the financial benefits, the Ongata Rongai group has become a hub for psychosocial support. Members share challenges, celebrate achievements, and discuss ways to improve their businesses and family lives. This sense of community has had a profound impact on their mental well-being and confidence. Women who once felt isolated now describe themselves as empowered contributors to their households and communities.

*Financial independence is not just about money; it's about having the power to shape your own future.*

The success of this group is also due to the continued mentorship and monitoring by HFAW staff, who provide periodic refresher training in record keeping, leadership, business innovation, and conflict resolution. The Foundation also links the group to relevant stakeholders, such as local government offices, health facilities, and financial institutions, to facilitate broader access to services and support.

In addition, HFAW uses the table banking platform to reinforce its core messages around gender rights, reproductive health, and the prevention of gender-based violence. Regular dialogue sessions are held after meetings to ensure that the women remain aware of their rights, available reporting mechanisms, and support services in case of violence or exploitation.

As the group continues to grow, so too does its impact. Several members have already expressed interest in mentoring other women in nearby communities and starting additional groups. Plans are underway to register the group as a formal cooperative, opening avenues for larger grants and financial partnerships.

In many ways, the Ongata Rongai Table Banking Group represents the essence of HFAW’s vision: a space where women—regardless of disability—can come together to build power, dignity, and sustainable livelihoods from the ground up.

HFAW remains committed to replicating and scaling this model, ensuring that more women across Kajiado and beyond have access to inclusive, community-driven financial systems that not only change their economic status but also transform their lives.

## **1.6. EMPOWERING ADOLESCENTS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH SPORTS**

On 18th July 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women hosted the “Empower Through Sports” event at Nakeel Stadium, Nkaimurunya, Ongata Rongai. This one-day event brought

together adolescents with disabilities from special needs schools in Nakeel, Nkaimurunya, and Ongata Rongai, providing them with a unique opportunity to participate in sports activities designed to promote inclusion, empowerment, and importantly, to create awareness about gender-based violence (GBV) issues affecting persons with disabilities.

The selection of beneficiaries was carried out with great care to ensure diverse representation. Adolescents living with various disabilities—including hearing impairments, mobility challenges, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and autism—were invited to take part. This diversity enriched the event, challenging societal stereotypes by demonstrating that disabilities do not limit one’s ability to engage in physical activities or to thrive in community settings.



*Hearing impaired team celebrating a win with the HFAW board member*

The local community played a vital role in the success of the event. Families of the participants, volunteers, special needs schools, and government officials all came together to support the initiative. The schools contributed essential resources such as sports equipment, restrooms, and wheelchairs to accommodate those with mobility needs. Volunteers assisted with logistics and ensured that the event ran smoothly. Moreover, the event served as a critical platform for educating the community about the specific vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities to GBV through informational booths and interactive sessions. These activities helped foster greater understanding and encouraged the development of supportive attitudes toward preventing GBV within this marginalized group.

An important part of the event was the distribution of hygiene products to the adolescent participants, where sanitary pads and underwear were provided to girls, and boxers were given to boys. This distribution aimed to promote dignity, comfort, and well-being among the adolescents, recognizing their specific needs and supporting their empowerment.



*Girls and Boys with disability during Sports*

Support from the local authorities of Kajiado North sub-county was also critical. Officials facilitated access to the stadium, provided security, and ensured the venue was accessible to all participants. Representatives, including ACC Solomon and Inspector Beatrice, actively engaged in the event by delivering speeches that underscored the importance of fighting GBV and promoting the rights of people with disabilities. Their involvement, alongside the partnership with the Hope Foundation for African Women, strengthened community engagement and highlighted government commitment to addressing GBV among persons with disabilities.

Overall, the “Empower Through Sports” event was a successful demonstration of collaborative effort between adolescents with disabilities, the local community, and government authorities. It not only created a safe and inclusive space for participants to showcase their talents but also laid a foundation for continued advocacy and support to address GBV and promote equality for persons with disabilities. This initiative serves as a model for future programs aimed at building a more inclusive and just society.

### **1.7.AGENCY ADVOCACY: ADDRESSING GBV AND DISABILITY**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) intensified its advocacy efforts to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the unique vulnerabilities faced by Women Living with Disabilities (WWDs) in Kajiado County. Recognizing the systemic barriers that prevent WWDs from accessing justice and essential services, HFAW engaged key institutions, particularly healthcare providers and law enforcement agencies, to push for more inclusive and disability-sensitive approaches in handling GBV cases.

At Ongata Rongai Sub-County Hospital, HFAW led advocacy sessions to highlight the challenges WWDs face when seeking healthcare, particularly in cases of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Many WWDs experience discrimination, lack of accessibility, and inadequate support when reporting violence or seeking medical attention. The sessions focused on training healthcare personnel on disability-sensitive service delivery, advocating for accessible healthcare infrastructure, and ensuring that survivors of GBV receive timely and



appropriate medical care, including sexual and reproductive health services. The hospital administration acknowledged these gaps and committed to adopting more inclusive policies to improve healthcare access for WWDs.



### *GBV advocacy at Ongata Rongai Sub County Hospital*

HFAW also engaged with the Ongata Rongai Police Station, recognizing that many WWDs face intimidation, stigma, and logistical challenges when attempting to report cases of GBV. The advocacy efforts focused on training police officers to handle GBV cases with a disability-inclusive approach, strengthening referral pathways for survivors, and advocating for accessible reporting mechanisms, such as sign language interpreters and disability-friendly infrastructure within police stations. As a result of these engagements, law enforcement officials pledged to work with HFAW and other stakeholders to ensure that WWDs who experience violence can access justice without fear of discrimination or neglect.

Through these advocacy efforts, HFAW has made significant progress in strengthening institutional responses to GBV against WWDs. However, challenges remain, including delayed implementation of disability-friendly policies, inadequate resources, and persistent societal stigma that discourages survivors from seeking help. To address these challenges, HFAW calls for continued engagement with policymakers to fast-track reforms, increased investment in disability-inclusive GBV response services, and intensified public awareness campaigns to challenge harmful stereotypes and ensure that WWDs receive the protection and support they deserve.





*The training of the law enforcement officers at Ongata Rongai Police Station*

Moving forward, HFAW remains committed to creating a society where women and girls with disabilities can live free from violence, discrimination, and systemic barriers. By fostering strong partnerships with healthcare providers, law enforcement, and policymakers, we continue to advocate for an inclusive, survivor-centered approach to GBV response—one that ensures dignity, justice, and safety for all.

## **1.8.DOCUMENTING THE REALITIES: DISABILITY AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

In December 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) recorded a powerful documentary focusing on the intersection of disability and gender-based violence (GBV). This initiative aimed to amplify the voices of Women with Disabilities (WWDs), shedding light on the unique challenges they face, particularly in accessing justice and protection from GBV.

The documentary brought together a diverse team, including HFAW staff, a paralegal, the Office Commanding Officer – Gender, a Social Services Officer, an Assistant County Commissioner, and Women with Disabilities who shared their lived experiences. Their collective insights provided a comprehensive perspective on the barriers that WWDs encounter, from societal stigma to systemic neglect, and the urgent need for inclusive GBV response mechanisms.

Through candid discussions, the documentary highlighted key issues such as the heightened vulnerability of WWDs to physical, sexual, and emotional violence, as well as the difficulties they face in reporting cases and seeking support. The presence of key stakeholders, including law enforcement and social service representatives, underscored the importance of a multi-sectoral approach in addressing these challenges.

This documentary serves as a crucial advocacy tool, aiming to influence policy, drive community awareness, and push for stronger protections for WWDs. HFAW remains committed to using media as a means of education and activism, ensuring that the voices of marginalized women are heard and their rights upheld.



*The ACC, OC Gender, moderator and the Parralegal during the recording of the documentary*

## **CAPACITY BUILDING: MARKING THE CALENDAR DAYS**

At Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW), capacity building is central to our mission of empowering communities and advancing gender equality. Through training, advocacy, and strategic partnerships, we equip individuals and organizations with the skills and knowledge needed to drive social change. In 2024, we actively participated in forums that strengthened feminist movements, including the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, hosted by the French Embassy at Alliance Française, Nairobi, on November 25, 2024. Under the theme "Empowering Connections of Feminist CSOs," this event provided a platform to foster collaboration, advocate for inclusive policies, and amplify the voices of women and marginalized groups. Through such initiatives, HFAW continues to build resilience, promote economic empowerment, and drive sustainable development in our communities.

### **1.9.16 Days of Activism 2024**





### *16 days of activism at Alliance Francaise Nairobi*

Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) was privileged to be part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, an annual global campaign advocating for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. The 2024 event was hosted by the French Embassy on November 25, 2024, at Alliance Française, Nairobi, under the theme "Empowering Connections of Feminist CSOs."

This platform provided a unique opportunity for HFAW to connect with like-minded civil society organizations, activists, and policymakers, fostering collaborations aimed at strengthening feminist movements and advocating for gender justice. The discussions emphasized the importance of collective action, solidarity, and strategic partnerships in advancing women's rights and addressing systemic barriers to gender equality.

As an organization deeply committed to gender advocacy and social transformation, HFAW shared insights from our grassroots work, highlighting our initiatives in gender-based violence prevention, economic empowerment, and menstrual health management. Our participation in this forum further reinforced our commitment to amplifying the voices of marginalized women, particularly those living with disabilities, and advocating for policies that promote inclusivity and protection against gender-based violence.

We extend our gratitude to the French Embassy for creating this space and to all stakeholders who continue to champion the rights and well-being of women and girls. The event reaffirmed the power of partnerships in driving lasting change and strengthening the feminist movement in Kenya and beyond.



*HFAW and the WWDs during the 16 days of activism*

### **1.10. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025**

In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2025, Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) organized a transformative event at Nyabiosi, bringing together 30 women selected as ambassadors of change. Under the global theme "Accelerate Action," and the UN theme "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.," the event focused on investing in women, fostering gender equality, and driving urgent action for progress. Women were encouraged to recognize their essential role in community development and how their empowerment benefits society as a whole.

The event emphasized that empowerment goes beyond economic independence to include decision-making, leadership, and access to opportunities. Women were educated on their rights and the importance of challenging restrictive cultural norms. Key discussions on property ownership, healthcare rights, and financial literacy highlighted the need to address gender disparities and equip women with the necessary tools to advocate for their rights.

Participants engaged in insightful dialogues on sexual and reproductive health, emphasizing the need for preventive healthcare, open communication with partners, and the importance of understanding reproductive

rights. Additionally, discussions on mental health and self-care underscored the significance of holistic well-being.

Further discussions highlighted concerns about gender-based violence and the struggles women face when asserting themselves in households, particularly in financial matters. Many women expressed fears of backlash from their husbands and cultural restrictions on decision-making, such as selling livestock or participating in financial planning. Women were encouraged to seek respectful approaches in advocating for their rights and to involve local leadership when facing resistance.

A significant topic raised was the silent suffering of men experiencing domestic abuse. HFAW noted that many men, due to societal expectations, remain silent about domestic violence, leading to mental health struggles and, in some cases, suicide. Additionally, the local chief requested HFAW's intervention in one of his sublocations, which has high rates of alcohol and substance abuse, particularly among women.

Women were urged to live free from violence and discrimination and to abandon harmful cultural practices that negatively impact their lives. Gender equality was emphasized as a means of ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, economic empowerment, and public participation.

Women shared personal concerns and received guidance on various topics, including family planning, navigating gender-based violence, and fostering healthy relationships. Many women expressed a newfound awareness of their rights, particularly in property ownership and household decision-making.

HFAW's vision for a society free from gender inequalities resonated strongly, inspiring participants to implement the knowledge gained and drive positive change within their communities. Despite progress, discussions highlighted that there is still a long way to go to achieve full gender equality, as women continue to suffer under power imbalances and cultural restrictions.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment from the women to champion empowerment and gender equality. They pledged to become advocates for change, ensuring that the impact of the event extends beyond the day's discussions into sustainable community transformation.





*Women celebration the International women's day 2025*

## **WOMEN LEADERS OF THE WORLD.**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW), with the generous support of the Women Leaders of the World Project, implemented a targeted empowerment initiative in Ngong, Kajiado County, focusing on women with disabilities. This initiative was designed to address the deeply interconnected challenges of economic dependence and gender-based violence (GBV), which continue to disproportionately affect women living with disabilities.

The program brought together 40 women for an intensive two-day training that combined financial literacy education **with** GBV awareness and psychosocial support. The training sessions were practical and participatory, equipping the women with essential skills in budgeting, savings, income diversification, and record-keeping. At the same time, they created a safe space for participants to learn about the different forms of GBV, understand their rights, and explore ways to build resilience and seek support.

Following the training, HFAW supported the formation of two table banking groups, each consisting of 20 members. These groups now serve as community-driven savings and loan platforms, where women contribute regularly, access credit, and invest in small businesses. The

table banking model not only promotes financial independence but also fosters solidarity, mutual accountability, and peer mentorship.

Through this project, HFAW has witnessed a significant shift in the confidence, awareness, and economic outlook of participating women. Many are already applying the knowledge gained to grow their businesses, strengthen their financial management, and become advocates for change within their communities. The Foundation remains deeply grateful to the Women Leaders of the World Project for their vital support in advancing inclusion, leadership, and long-term empowerment for women with disabilities.

### **1.11. Financial Literacy, Gender-Based Violence Awareness, and Table Banking for Women with Disabilities in Ngong, Kajiado County**

In 2024, the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW), with generous funding from the Women Leaders of the World Project, launched a transformative empowerment initiative targeting 40 Women with Disabilities (WWDs) in Ngong, Kajiado County. The two-day program was designed to strengthen the participants' economic resilience, increase their understanding of gender-based violence (GBV), and support the formation of sustainable, community-driven savings groups through the table banking model.

This initiative arose from the recognition that WWDs face compounded challenges—limited access to financial services, high rates of GBV, and social exclusion. The training program aimed to provide these women not only with financial tools and knowledge but also with emotional and social support to break cycles of poverty and violence, and rebuild a sense of confidence, solidarity, and hope.

#### **1.11.1. Financial Literacy Training: Building Economic Confidence and Practical Skills**

The financial literacy sessions were designed to be accessible, interactive, and tailored to the real-life circumstances of women with disabilities. Facilitated by HFAW's trained empowerment officers, the training focused on key concepts such as budgeting, saving, income diversification, record keeping, and financial goal setting.

Participants were guided on how to assess their current financial habits and set realistic goals. Practical budgeting exercises helped them categorize needs versus wants and create spending plans that prioritized savings and investment. Many women admitted they had never tracked their income or planned their expenses before, and the process helped demystify financial management for them.



*The facilitator explaining to the WWDs the need for saving*

One participant, *Tabitha*, shared:

*“This training helped me see that no income is too small to plan. Even with little, I can save and build something over time.”*

Income diversification was another important theme. Women were encouraged to identify multiple ways to generate income from a single business model. For instance, poultry keeping could yield profit not only from selling eggs but also from manure, chicks, and even training others. These discussions sparked creativity, and several participants shared innovative ideas they had been afraid to pursue.

The importance of record keeping was emphasized as a tool for accountability and growth. Women learned how to use simple notebooks or digital platforms to track daily income and expenses, monitor business performance, and make informed financial decisions.

The training also introduced participants to digital marketing, including how to promote products and services through platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram. Many expressed excitement at the idea of reaching new markets beyond their immediate communities.

At the end of the session, the shift in participants' attitudes was striking. What began with hesitation and uncertainty evolved into vibrant discussions, peer mentoring, and newfound ambition. The facilitators encouraged every woman to commit to one financial goal and supported them in creating an action plan to pursue it.





*Group photo during financial literacy training in ngong*

### **1.11.2. GBV and Psychosocial Support Training: Empowerment Through Awareness and Healing**

The second part of the training focused on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) awareness and psychosocial support. Led by a gender rights advocate and a woman with a disability herself, the session created a safe, empathetic environment where participants could learn, share, and reflect.

The training began with an exploration of the five major forms of GBV—physical violence, emotional/verbal abuse, psychological harm, sexual violence, and socio-economic control. These were explained through relatable examples and real-life stories, many of which deeply resonated with the group. Participants were invited to reflect on how GBV manifests in their own lives and communities.

A strong emphasis was placed on the unique vulnerabilities faced by women with disabilities. The facilitator highlighted how economic dependence, stigma, and poor access to justice leave many WWDs isolated and unprotected. Participants were encouraged to see themselves not as victims, but as rights-holders—entitled to safety, dignity, and self-determination.

The training also addressed coping strategies and mental wellness. Participants learned about self-care practices, stress management techniques, and the importance of social support. They were reminded that healing from

trauma is a journey and that support networks—like the one they were now forming—can be crucial to that process.

One woman, *Caroline*, reflected:

*“This was the first time I talked about what happened to me. I always thought I was alone. But today, I see strength in all of us. We are not victims—we are survivors.”*

Group discussions grew emotional, but also uplifting. By the end of the session, there was a tangible shift in energy—women began encouraging one another, promising to stand together, and expressing a renewed commitment to protect and advocate for others in similar situations.

### **1.11.3. Formation of Table Banking Groups: Sustaining Growth Through Collective Power**

Following the training, HFAW supported the participants in forming two new table banking groups, each comprising 20 women. These groups were officially launched during the second day of the program and immediately began their savings activities.

Table banking is a community-led savings and credit model that empowers members to pool their resources, lend to one another, and invest in income-generating activities. Unlike formal financial institutions, table banking operates on trust, mutual accountability, and shared leadership, making it especially effective for marginalized women who face barriers in accessing banks and microfinance services.

Each group created its own constitution, defined its leadership structure, and set clear rules for loan issuance, interest rates, and repayment timelines. Members began making weekly contributions and expressed their enthusiasm for the new financial opportunities available to them.

*Caroline*, a newly elected group treasurer, shared:

*“I’ve never handled group money before. But I feel trusted and ready. This is a chance for me to lead and learn.”*

Another participant, *Mary*, remarked:

*“Before this group, I didn’t know how to save. Now I’m part of something. We are building something powerful, together.”*



*The newly formed group during table banking*

The groups also committed to meeting monthly for continued learning sessions and peer mentorship. HFAW will continue to offer technical guidance and periodic follow-ups to ensure the groups remain strong, accountable, and impactful.

### **Conclusion: A Foundation for Lasting Change**

The financial literacy and GBV awareness training, combined with the establishment of two table banking groups, has already begun to shift the lives of the 40 women who participated in this Women Leaders of the World-funded initiative. What began as a two-day intervention has planted seeds for long-term transformation, rooted in self-reliance, solidarity, and informed leadership.

Through this program, participants gained not only knowledge but also hope, courage, and community. They emerged better equipped to manage their finances, speak out against abuse, and support one another in their personal and entrepreneurial journeys.

HFAW remains committed to walking alongside these women as they continue building their futures. The organization extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Women Leaders of the World Project for their unwavering belief in the potential of women with disabilities and for investing in a future where they are included, empowered, and heard.



## MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Women with Disabilities (WWDs) were featured on Radio Taifa, a leading mainstream media station, to champion inclusivity, equal opportunities, and economic empowerment for persons with disabilities. The discussion highlighted the importance of government support through the Disability Fund, both at the national and Kajiado County levels, to facilitate access to assistive devices and resources that enhance independence. Emphasizing self-reliance over dependency, the program showcased the resilience of WWDs who are transforming their lives by seizing opportunities and challenging societal perceptions of disability. The broadcast reached over 7 million listeners, amplifying the voices of WWDs and reinforcing the call for policies and initiatives that promote full participation in social and economic development.

Additionally, Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) staff were featured on Egesa FM, a popular mainstream radio station, to advocate for the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and promote the rights of women and girls. The discussion focused on the harmful effects of FGM, the importance of community-led interventions, and the need for stronger enforcement of anti-FGM laws. HFAW emphasized the role of education, advocacy, and economic empowerment in ending this harmful practice and ensuring that girls can grow up in a safe and supportive environment. The program reached a wide audience, sparking critical conversations and reinforcing the urgency of collective action to eradicate FGM in affected communities.



*HFAW Staff and WWDs for the Radio Advocacy at Radio Taifa*

Our social media campaigns continue to expand our reach, spreading messages of social, economic, and human rights protection for women and girls in Kajiado and Nyamira counties. Through targeted advocacy, we have amplified awareness on Anti-FGM efforts, school-based programs, and economic empowerment initiatives for women and girls living with disabilities. The increased engagement has enabled us to extend our impact beyond local communities. On Facebook, our posts reached 20,439 people, generating 73,822 engagements from both our audience and sponsors. On Twitter/X, we connected with over 10,000 people, who viewed, engaged, and supported our work both nationally and internationally. These digital platforms continue to be instrumental in mobilizing action, fostering dialogue, and driving meaningful change.



*Figure 3 Gladys, HFAW Staff at EGESA FM discussing issues of FGM and Early pregnancies*

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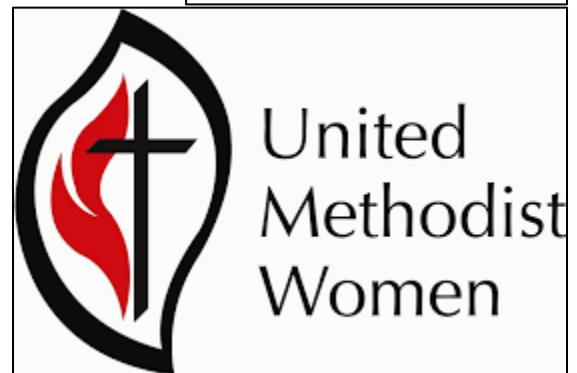


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*Group photo during financial literacy training.*