



This Week!

SPOTLIGHTING BOTSWANA

CAPACITY BUILDING CURRICULUM

HER Voice Fund in partnership with PATA were tasked to pilot a series of capacity-building sessions that meet the needs of community organizations, using appropriate inclusive and collaborative methodologies. This training included a variety of CBOs from across the country implementing on the issues of AGYW in their diversity.

During the pilot workshop the newly appointed UNAIDS director Mr Alankar Malviya emphasized that While Botswana has made great progress in reducing the number of new HIV infections—down



around 36% in total since 2010—young people remain highly vulnerable to the virus. Adolescent girls and young women are particularly at risk of HIV infection as well as other sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy and is excited to partner with like minded youth especially AGYW in Botswana to change the narrative.

SUPPORTING GRANTEES

Botswana has led to the engagement and leadership of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) and community-based organisations that serve the needs of AGYW within the HIV response. The Country lead facilitator Ms Olerato Keegope and I continue to contribute to the successful engagement and participation of the funded grantees in meaningfully engaging in the Global Fund model. BW Jobs for Graduates conducted a training for its AGYW to discuss advocacy as the community level ensuring that young people for the respectful communities have access to condoms and contraceptives in clinics. The AGYW were trained to read and understand SRHR manual book in order mobilizing young people to go access services in clinics.



SRHR CAMPAIGN WITH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HON TUMISANG HEALY

The member of parliament of the Gaborone Central constituency Honorable Tumising Healy involved me and one of the grantees BW Jobs For Graduate to carry out an SRHR 6months campaign to provide training to social media influencers, men and boys and leaders of the Gaborone central community. The launch for this campaign was graced by 4 other members of parliament and other city council members. In the 6 months of the campaign I will be guiding through facilitation of trainings and planning of the

campaign in regards to SRHR. This campaign will be funded by the LUCARA Diamonds towards the Gaborone central constituency which is one of the hard hit community in the capital city with teenage pregnancy and school dropouts and poverty. In my remarks during the launch I talked to the lack of policies of school reintegration of teen mothers and how this later affects these AGYW ability to finish school and contribute to the economy while supporting their families.



LUCARA Diamond team, BW Jobs team, Millicent Sethaile, UNFPA Rep and Members of Parliament



Millicent Sethaile with the MP Hon Tumising Healy and Social media influencer Marang Selolwane at the campaign launch.