


| <b>Hope for the Horn Project</b> |   |
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| <b>Project Description</b>       | <p>Candle of Hope Foundation (COHF) has been actively addressing GBV and SGBV by conducting comprehensive awareness campaigns within affected communities, aiming to educate and empower individuals on recognizing and responding to violence. COHF has organized capacity-building workshops that train local leaders, educators, and caregivers to provide support and resources to victims. Additionally, COHF provides psychosocial support through referral pathways to survivors, offering counseling and resources to help them rebuild their lives. These combined efforts have strengthened community resilience and increased awareness of the rights and protections available to victims, fostering a safer environment for women and vulnerable individuals. Among the activities we engaged in were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness campaigns targeting 4000 exposed communities to help them understand how to identify suspected victims of GBV</li> <li>• Enlighten 4000 communities the importance of whistleblowing among others how and where to whistle blow.</li> <li>• Preparation and distribution of information materials targeting 4000 exposed communities necessary to help them identify dangerous individuals, avoid unsafe situations, escape perpetrators, and protect themselves from GBV and sexual exploitation</li> <li>• Advocating for prosecution of offenders, and supporting GBV victims and survivors.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Location</b>                  | Mandera County, Kenya   |
| <b>Duration</b>                  | 2 years   |
| <b>Achievement</b>               | <p>As part of our evaluation, we distributed questionnaires to various local authorities for assessment and analysis. The outcomes were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More cases are being reported to the police on suspected act of GBV and sexual exploitation. That indicates the willingness of communities to fight the vice</li> <li>• More perpetrators are facing prosecutions</li> <li>• Communities are now aware of the dangers of GBV.</li> <li>• Cases of early marriages have drastically reduced in the regions we conducted our campaigns</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Pictorial</b>                 |   |