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# LEARNING AND SHARING SUMMIT 2025

*Collectively Ending Gender Based Violence + Femicide (GBVF)*

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# Summary

Masimanyane Women's Rights International (MWRI) is a social justice and equality organisation working to end violence against women, to secure the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of women and girls and to reduce the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS on the lives of women and girls.

Masimanyane's work is located within the human rights framework and is aligned with the three principles of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which are substantive equality, non-discrimination and state accountability.



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# Initiatives and strategies

## How will your initiative contribute to building stronger and more inclusive movements?

EmpowerHer, is designed to foster inclusivity and strengthen movements by empowering young women and marginalised groups through leadership development, education, and advocacy. By providing psycho-social services, safe shelters, and legal support to GBV survivors, we ensure that the most vulnerable voices are heard and supported.

Additionally, our focus on SRHR and GBV education in schools and communities aims to dismantle harmful norms and promote gender equality. We are committed to creating spaces where diverse voices, including those of LBTQI+ womxn, are included and valued, ensuring that our movement is truly intersectional and representative.

- The number of victims of sexual or physical violence receiving health services at Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCC's )in the period 2021-2024 was 5714
- The number of survivors of GBV who received services at our victim support centres placed at the two courts and the three police stations in Buffalo City metro in the period 2021-2024 was 5389.
- The Ibholo Ekhatywayo Ngamantombazana programme focuses on GBV prevention using girls soccer as a vehicle in communities. There are currently 144 players from 8 communities participating.
- We have conducted SRHR training with 2373 learners and established 30 SRHR clubs in 20 schools with a total of 1417 learners in the SRHR clubs in the past four years.
- We actively participate in marches, community awareness and trainings which include diverse voices.



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# Initiatives and strategies

## What strategies will you use to strengthen collaboration and solidarity?

We will strengthen collaboration and solidarity by engaging in multi-stakeholder dialogues, forming partnerships with local NGOs, academic institutions, and government bodies, and facilitating peer learning and sharing. Our GBVF Accountability Dialogues and state-level discussions will bring together various actors to critique and improve responses to GBV. By co-creating policy briefs with universities and sharing evidence-based recommendations, we aim to build a unified front against gender-based violence. Furthermore, our leadership boot camps and intergenerational dialogues will foster solidarity among different generations and communities, creating a cohesive movement for change.

**We have hosted 58 parent-child dialogues, reaching 3424 participants ( 2374 women+1050 men), 36 intergenerational women's dialogues, reaching 2796 participants (2027 young women, 769 older women) and held 107 leadership bootcamps, reaching 5350 youth in the period 2021-2024.**



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# Governance & Resource Allocation

## How will you ensure active participation and decision-making from all members?

We will ensure active participation and decision-making by adopting a participatory governance model that includes regular consultations with community members, survivors, and partner organisations. Decision-making processes will be transparent and inclusive, with opportunities for feedback and input from all stakeholders. We will also establish advisory committees that include representatives from marginalised groups to ensure their voices are central in shaping our initiatives.

**We co-ordinate the Women's Ikhwelo Network (WIN) which comprises of 116 women's organizations in the Eastern Cape. Each of these organizations has its own board and management. The WIN members participate in their local municipal committees. WIN meets quarterly to discuss the progress against set targets and indicators.**





# Governance & Resource Allocation

**How will you distribute resources across partners to promote equity and sustainability within the movement?**

Resources will be distributed equitably by prioritising the needs of the most marginalised groups and ensuring that funding is allocated to initiatives that promote long-term sustainability. We will conduct regular needs assessments and resource mapping to identify gaps and allocate resources accordingly.

Additionally, we will provide capacity-building support to smaller organisations and grassroots movements to ensure they have the tools and resources needed to sustain their efforts.

**WIN leadership have been trained on governance, planning, budgeting and reporting**



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# Inclusive Leadership & Coordination

## How will you leverage expertise and diverse connections to strengthen advocacy efforts?

We will leverage expertise and diverse connections by forming strategic alliances with experts in gender studies, law, and public health, as well as with grassroots activists, community structures and survivors. These partnerships will enrich our advocacy efforts with diverse perspectives and expertise.

We will also engage in regional and international networks to share knowledge and amplify our advocacy on a broader scale.

**Our collaborations in the International Network to End Violence Against Women and Girls (INEVANG) which we co-ordinate and our standing relationships with Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), has led to us training 100 women in 13 African countries on structural violence both on-line and through face to face engagements. Regular online discussions take place and Whats app group interactions are on a weekly basis.**



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# Inclusive Leadership & Coordination

## What strategies will you implement to coordinate campaigning?

To coordinate campaigning, we will establish a centralised coordination mechanism that includes regular strategy meetings, shared communication platforms, and joint action plans. We will use data-driven approaches to identify key issues and target audiences, ensuring that our campaigns are impactful and aligned with the needs of the communities we serve.

Collaborative campaigns will be designed to maximise reach and effectiveness, with clear roles and responsibilities for all partners.

**We have conducted campaigns in the past using regular strategy meetings with partners, utilizing social media platforms and conducting meetings utilizing on-line platforms to conduct several successful campaigns and marches**

**This approach was also used successfully during Covid-19 using online webinars and Whats app groups.**





# Connecting & Community-Building

**What approaches will you use to build and sustain relationships within the advocacy community?**

We will build and sustain relationships through regular networking events, community forums, and collaborative projects that bring together advocates, survivors, and allies. By creating safe spaces for dialogue and exchange, we will foster trust and mutual support within the advocacy community. We will also use digital platforms to maintain ongoing communication and engagement, ensuring that relationships are sustained beyond physical meetings.



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# Connecting & Community-Building

**How will you facilitate mentoring, convening, and peer exchanges among professional advocates and emerging leaders?**

We will facilitate mentoring and peer exchanges by pairing emerging leaders with experienced advocates through our leadership boot camps and mentorship programs. These initiatives will provide opportunities for knowledge transfer, skills development, and networking.

Additionally, we will organise regular convenings, such as workshops and webinars, where advocates can share experiences, challenges, and best practices, fostering a culture of mutual learning and support. We will organize intergenerational dialogues within communities for exchange of information and learning.

These mentoring and peer exchanges are held quarterly.



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# Linking & Learning

## **How will you foster a culture of continuous learning and best practice sharing?**

We will foster a culture of continuous learning by integrating learning and reflection into all aspects of our work. This includes regular debriefing sessions, after-action reviews, and learning circles where team members and partners can reflect on what works and what doesn't.

We will also establish a knowledge management system to document and share best practices, ensuring that lessons learned are accessible to all stakeholders.

We have prepared several videos which can be used by our collaborative partners which are shared to our website.



# Linking & Learning

## What mechanisms will you use to document and share lessons learned?

We will use a combination of digital platforms, reports, and community meetings to document and share lessons learned. Our knowledge management system will include case studies, success stories, and toolkits that can be easily accessed by partners and the wider advocacy community.

We will also host annual learning forums where stakeholders can present their findings and discuss ways to improve future initiatives. By making learning a continuous and collaborative process, we aim to enhance the effectiveness and impact of our movement.



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# NEXT STEPS

- Identifying the target communities, utilizing the Masimanyane GBVF baseline survey and the HSRC GBVF research report
- Engage with the relevant stakeholders within the target community, including the ward councilor to obtain buy-in for programme roll-out
- Finalize the project results framework, including reporting timeframes
- Implementation of the project plan activities for the project period
- Conduct the project impact evaluation

