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PROJECT FACTSHEET

Empowering Indigenous Communities and community-based organizations in Hukuntsi and Mabutsane districts to promote gender equality and fight gender-based violence

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Period of implementation: 2023-2025

Location: Hukuntsi and Mabutsane, Botswana

Implementing organisation(s): Humana People to People Botswana (HPP)

Project objectives and description: This initiative is aimed at strengthening local civil society organisations (CSOs) so they can act as independent drivers of governance and development, with a focus on combating gender-based violence (GBV) in Hukuntsi and Mabutsane districts. The project has three key goals: first, to build the capacity of community groups, service providers, traditional leaders, and local authorities through training on human rights, gender equality, and GBV prevention, equipping them with skills to challenge harmful social norms; second, to raise public awareness through school debates, community campaigns, and locally tailored educational materials in vernacular languages to mobilise action against GBV; and third, to strengthen legal and policy frameworks by engaging policymakers, law enforcement, and support services to improve rapid response systems for survivors and ensure better access to justice and counselling.

Achievements / expected results:

- Stronger, more collaborative networks – Enhanced capacity, cooperation, and coordination among CSOs, NGOs, service providers, and traditional leaders to tackle GBV and promote gender equality in Hukuntsi and Mabutsane.
- Empowered communities – Women, youth, vulnerable groups, and indigenous people gain a stronger voice in gender equality and youth inclusion discussions. Men and boys become active champions for gender equality and GBV reduction.
- Policy & legal reforms – Improved GBV response systems, stronger legal frameworks, and better support structures for survivors, influencing change locally and nationally

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

<http://www.hpp-botswana.org/>

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/botswana_en