The shelter home can accommodate up to 40 clients, women and children at any given time i.e. 24 hours a day, 7-days-a-week.

c) Social Support Programme
The Social Support Programme entails psychosocial and livelihoods support; social work and community outreach; and awareness creation and building community capacity. Psychosocial support includes trauma counseling, marital counseling and parent-child reconciliation, family counseling and pre-teen counseling and providing guidance to at-risk adolescents, especially girls who are survivor of, or who are vulnerable to GBV. The programme also undertakes awareness creation on children’s, women’s and human rights, as a GBV prevention strategy. It also aims at sensitizing the public in general on GBV response.

d) Economic Empowerment Programme:
Economic empowerment as a strategy that enables vulnerable women (women affected or at risk of GBV) to stop or to avoid poverty-driven violence. Initial attempts at economic empowerment involved skills training in such areas tailoring, embroidery, culinary skills, beadwork and others. However, this was not very effective; clients had their capacities built, but had no access to startup capital. It is in this regard that WRAP in partnership with financial institutions such as Equity and Jamii Bora, and micro-finance institutions mobilize women survivors of GBV into groups of co-guarantors for the purpose of solidarity lending. The program entails capacity building and skills training to enable the beneficiaries to participate more effectively and thus benefit more from individual and group Income Generating Activities (IGA’s).

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ABOUT WRAP

Women’s rights awareness programme (WRAP) is a national, non-governmental, non-profit, human rights organization that exists to identify and educate the community on the causes and effects of gender violence and child abuse, and to offer services that address the needs of abused and violated women and children such as provision of alternative accommodation and related supportive services like legal aid/advice, medical care, trauma counselling, marital counselling, medication, reconciliation, resettlement and re-integration.

WRAP was registered under the Societies Act as a non-governmental, non-profit making and non-political organization and became operational in 1994; starting off by catering for the needs of abused and violated women and children. In 2002, WRAP extended service provision to unaccompanied minors whose rights have been violated; WRAP was registered under the Charitable Children Regulation as a Charitable Children’s Institution recognized by the government of Kenya.

VISION

A Society free of GBV that promotes and protects the rights of women and children.

MISSION

To enhance the promotion and protection of women’s and children’s rights through advocacy and awareness creation, and to initiate mitigative measures for abused women and children such as safe and secure alternative accommodation and other related supportive services either directly or through referrals.

OBJECTIVES

1. To broaden and diversify WRAP’s service delivery to a national level through public and private partnerships informed by best practices.
2. To enhance WRAP’s competencies through an organizational development framework incorporating all stakeholders.
3. To enhance community participation in lobbying and advocacy at the national level on policies and legal matters pertaining to the rights of women and children.
4. To develop and implement an innovative resources mobilization strategy to ensure WRAP’s self-reliance.

PROGRAMME AREAS

a) Legal Aid Programme

Legal aid is a concept that refers to the assistance provided to socially and economically disadvantaged persons in society to enable them understand and protect their rights. The programme litigates on behalf of GBV survivors who wish to terminate abusive marriage and wish to prosecute perpetrators. The litigation also covers cases of child custody and child maintenance. The Legal Aid Programme has linkages and networks with other Legal Aid Providers whereby clients in need of legal intervention in areas that are outside of WRAP’s mandate are referred to such partners.

b) Shelter Programme

Provision of shelter for GBV survivors was WRAP’s initial intervention in August 1994 and as a result, it is WRAP’s core business as far as referral partners are concerned. The Shelter Programme comprises Shelter Home and Clients’ Welfare Departments. The Shelter Home Department oversees client accommodation, and coordinates therapeutic activities for the clients in the shelter. The department also addresses educational and recreational needs of the children in the shelter. The Programme also enables clients to access counselling, legal aid/advice, and other GBV-related supportive services directly or by referral.

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