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Who We Are

About Us

The Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre to end violence against women (Tshwaranang) is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) that was established in 1996 to promote and defend the rights of women to be free from violence and to have access to quality effective services. Tshwaranang is recognized as one of the organisations that were instrumental in the development of the South African Domestic Violence, 1998 and Sexual Offences Act, 2007 and has led impact litigation to achieve justice outcomes for women whose cases would not otherwise have prevailed in the justice system.

Tshwaranangs' work to date is primarily focused on improving government accountability on the implementation of policy and legislation, the delivery of services and increasing awareness about and access to justice for women and girls affected by gender based violence.

Tshwaranang is recognized for the volume and quality of research that it has produced over time and the contribution it has made towards building the knowledge base relating to gender based violence in South Africa. The organisation is recognised for the work it does with organisations and individuals in training and capacity building.

VISION

A South Africa where women are able live their lives free from the fear or experience of violence

MISSION

To ensure that women who experience violence receive justice and are able to access services appropriate to their needs

POSITION STATEMENT

It is the absolute right of every woman to live their lives free from the fear or experience of violence. For as long as violence continues to afflict the lives of women in South Africa Tshwaranang will commit to the pursuit of justice as a definite right and an absolute requirement for all women.

The Women of South Africa cannot afford to wait

Our Board

Tshwaranang is supported by a formal Constitution overseen by a democratically appointed Board of Directors who bring extensive experience and knowledge from the corporate, government and social sectors to the governance and oversight of Tshwaranang operations.

The Environmental context within which Tshwaranang operates

South African society is characterised by high levels of violence against women and children, a problem which is increasingly unacknowledged, normalised and underreported. The social and economic cost of violence against women is high at both individual and national levels. A 2014 study by KPMG revealed that the national cost of gender based violence is 42.4 billion rand a year or between 0.9 and 1.3% of GDP annually. Sexual and gender based violence crimes are consistently under reported because of the sensitive and stigmatised nature of the crime and the systemic failures of the justice to provide outcomes for survivors. A study by the MRC and Gender links argued that only 1 in 25 women reported rape to the police and 0.3% reported domestic violence. While it has been argued that understanding prevalence of sexual violence based on police statistics in South Africa is problematic because of the high rates of under reporting, this source has been the only current, readily available source. If police reports underestimate the actual prevalence it is a cause for concern that the 2015/2016 crime report reported 51,895 cases at a national level – the true extent of violence against women therefore remains unknown but grave.

Where offences are reported there is limited evidence of justice outcomes for survivors of violence and a culture of impunity for offenders despite the existence of a strong legal framework for addressing these crimes. Lack of political will and the general ambivalence of the state has meant that most of those laws are marginally understood, poorly implemented and inadequately resourced. Traditional, cultural and hierarchical attitudes and practices (such as forced marriage) continue to underpin the perpetration of violence, impunity of the perpetrators and the failure to assertively address gender based violence. A collaborative study conducted by Tshwaranang, CSVR and the MRC in 2003 in Gauteng showed that only half of rape suspects are arrested and only 14% of cases went to trial and of these 3% of adult cases and 7% of children's cases resulted in a successful prosecution.



The Work We Do



Legal Clinic

Tshwaranang recently established a much needed legal clinic in its Johannesburg office. The legal clinic provides legal representation, advice, support and community outreach initiatives to women and girls in the peri-urban and informal settlements of the Gauteng province in South Africa.

The Tshwaranang legal clinic seeks to ensure that women and girls are provided a service that will see them receive quality legal advice on their matters and more importantly that cases are resolved speedily with the appropriate recourse in the justice system.

The budget for the Legal Clinic:

TSHWARANANG LEGAL ADVOCACY CENTRE Legal Clinic Summary Budget by Activity 24 Months Period - September 2017 - August 2019			
Line Description	Budget	Contribution by Existing Funders	Shortfall
	USD \$	USD \$	USD \$
Provide legal advice and support	88,234.25	31,437.56	56,796.69
Legal representation	145,060.25	51,684.47	93,375.78
Establish legal forum	91,731.56	32,683.64	59,047.92
Conduct community outreach	95,374.25	33,981.52	61,392.73
Total Amount	420,400.31	149,787.18	270,613.13



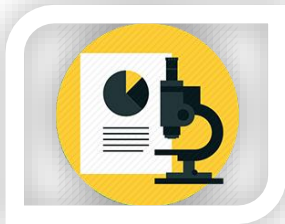
Training & Capacity Building

The Tshwaranang Capacity Building Program is the vehicle through which Tshwaranang reaches out to organisations, communities and individuals with our advocacy message.

Capacity building targets government and government services, grassroots community based organisations (such as schools, local authorities, health centres) and the staff of local and international NGOs. Training is targeted and provided nationally in all 9 South African provinces.

The training and capacity team also offer consultancy opportunities in a bid to diversify the organisations income streams. They offer training in the following or can customise a package to suit your needs:

- Sexual harassment in the workplace
- Gender based violence and related legislation
- Child abuse and related legal remedies
- Basic counselling skills



Research

Tshwaranang's Research Program is highly reputed for generating high quality research that adds to the existing knowledge base and is relevant and of practical use to efforts to address gender based violence. The research utilises a strong evidence base which informs the development of programmes particularly our training and capacity building activities, advocacy approaches and further guides Tshwaranang's efforts to identify and promote preventative and responsive approaches to addressing gender based violence in South Africa. Examples of research conducted include:

- Understanding barriers to the use of medico-legal evidence in the prosecution of sexual violence in four provinces in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Eastern Cape ,Mpumalanga and Gauteng
- Alcohol related violence against women in Kuruman ,Northern Cape



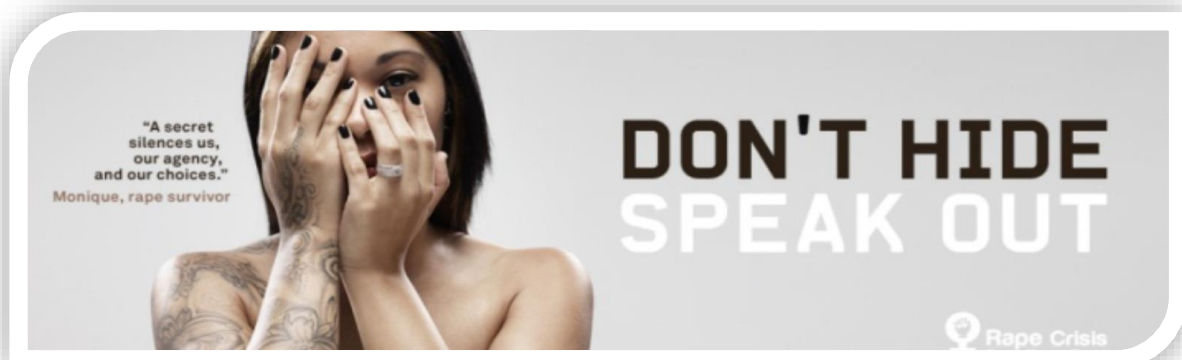
Consultancy

The research unit also undertakes consultancy opportunities in a bid to diversity the organisations incomes streams. The unit also has the following research offerings:

- Policy development and review
- Conducting Gender Audits and mainstreaming gender
- Qualitative and quantitative research in the workplace

Examples of past consultancy work done

- **UNICEF**
Consultancy to Conduct Training on Gender Based Violence for the Department of Basic Education
TLAC conducted training for Master Trainers in 86 districts and in all province



Dialogues

“we need to talk”

- Tshwaranang, with the support of the MTN Foundation, has conducting a series of breakfast conversations around GBV. The purpose of which is to discuss current issues of importance, contention and national relevance in relation to the broader topic of women empowerment, including violence in South Africa. To date Tshwaranang has hosted a number of breakfast conversation which focused on assessing the implications and opportunities arising from the State of the Nation Address (SoNA). This project allows us to continuously reflect on the current socio-political landscape which helps





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