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Editorial

GAAR WATCH is monthly bulletin prepared by the GAAR Girls Association Advocacy for Rights which is non profit Somali organization standing for gender development through the protection ad promotion of the young girls in Somalia. The organization based in Somali was established 2002 by group of Somali young girls with vision to create powerful young girls cable of the gender balance and equality for all. The member of the organization are mostly young girls well educated who are committed for their vision to development the Somali young girls. In support of the international gender development we realized to start it from the base at young girls in the community. And the best tool to reach these are education for girls, employment and capacity building for the young girls. In Somali were GAAR is working it one of the most dangerous countries in the world for the gender development. Lack powerful government and low/order together with long lasted tradition practice against the gender. GAAR is welcoming the cooperation and the support of all who may contribute to the realization of our vision and reaching our goal.

Education for all and equal opportunities flowed by the eradication of all mal practices against the young girls in Somalia

We say good by the 2009 and welcome the 2010



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GAAR WATCH is your bulletin that we focus on the advocacy and protection of the young girls rights and life I n Somalia. The organization is non profit let and own by youth groups mostly young girls. We encourage all youth groups both female and male to contribute for the journal any thing that nay be useful for whole of the society and particularly the gender issue.

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GENDER DEVELOPMENT IN SOMALIA AND THE ROLE FOR THE YOUNG GIRL, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENDER ISSUE IN THE SOMALI COMMUNITY

GENDER DEVELOPMENT IN SOMALI

Somali small country in the horn of the Africa with population of ten million. The country has been lack of powerful functioning government since 1991 the overthrown of the military regime Siad Bare. The country under went civil wars and lawlessness that has been going for two decades.

Somali community is religion and culturally oriented people who are mostly nomadic firmly practicing ancient ideas and cultures they inherited from their ancestors that are both bad and good. They use traditional rule and practices in their social, group, community and families concerns. Gender development in Somalia work very little for the combination of more. Long lasted traditional and customs which are common in Somali today. There is really great problems ahead in fort of the gender working groups in Somalia that need to be abolished. Poor attitudes and false stereotype exist wide in the community. Most people in the country have no good idea about the gender equality this is some thing which is really delaying the campaigns of the gender working groups in Somalia

There are some organization local and international NGOs doing this work in Somalia for the establishment of the gender balance and equality in Somalia. These organizations do focus mainly awareness of gender rights in Somalia. The number of people benefited these are awareness are very small number who some of them have no power in the society to transmit the gender issue to the whole society step by step.

The number of project implemented for the gender development in Somalia are limited programs tailored mainly to be benefited by old women in the community. Most of the work shops and training done in Somali is covering the right of the women in the society at from adult to old people.

GENDER ISSUE IN THE YOUNG GENERATION

Gender in the young reality hundred percentage young girl in Somalia have any form of gender issue idea or opinion. Reality seventy prestige of the young people in Africa is said to be females. Ninety percentage of the young females are illiterate with our school in courtiers like Somalia so this shows that building gender development in Somali is really too late.

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Childhood education for the young girls in primary education is really very important. Because education is the sole tool that one can see or understand what is going in the averment he/she lives. An illiterate person is a person in dark big room that he/she is unable to see where about the door or window. But education is tool like torch that you may light in the dar room, so you may meet with moment of problem or worry to see where about the door or window

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUNG GIRLS

Capacity building for young girls is an important thing that gender issue may be high and active in the society. Injecting the young girls with what is gender is really very useful that will sound loudly . or big light that can be seen what is in the area in fare place. Implementing this project gender issue in the childhood seem a thing with out much consideration in the world today. Obviously, the world is busy only the capacity building for adult people mainly the women. And the support of the organizations for women which organization led and own by adult or old women.

ORGANIZATION OF THE YOUNG GIRLS

Establishment and encouraging young girls found organization ofr them selves is a good step for the gender issue struggle. The little number of the young girls in countries like Africa will contribute more the t gender goal. Countries like Somali it really very hard for young girls to establish such this organization because of the will be active ambassador reaching deep penetrate in to the soul of the young girls. And this will produce widespread perspective for the gender issue in the society.

GENDER WORKING GROUP

The gender working group in Somali is really tool that has worked well. But mainstreaming this to the young girls will double the efforts and achievements

BREAST FEEDING IN SOMALIA



Breast feeding is an important thing for the babies. It is feeding the new born babies with human milk from the breast of the mothers. Breast milk came from the body of the mothers before the birth time. It is really some thing naturally created in the female persons body in the last moth of the pregnancy. The breast of the mother swell and lactate releasing soft liquid full of minerals and proteins necessary for the growth of the new born infant babies. All mother with new infants should trained the advantage of the breastfeeding for her self and baby. Babies fed with breast milk enjoy natural health and growth. The babies fed with breast milk gain better body build, strong boonies and endless happiness. The adavagted of the breast feeding for mother are more: lactating mothers should release the milk form their breast other wise it will swell that may caused pain for the mother and in the future it may cause to mother to get diseases from the milk remaining their breast. Father should spend much more on the feeding of the lactating mother with all necessary nutiriton for the mother that can increase the lactating milk from the breast. It really bad idea feed your baby with formula and animals milk your baby. We know formal and animal milk cost with high expense. But remember you don't need to bay much money with breast feeding which is milk in the body of the mother generated by what she eat. Stop

STOP FGM in Somalia



Stop FGM is camping the GAAR organization has been working actively the last years. There has been number seminars and training we conducted the last five years in Somalia mainly the southern regions. This camp was realy very good that was benefited by hundreds person both females and males of parents and young persons. In this project we targeted the villagers and students of three school. The out come of the project was really successful that we raised awareness and orientation one hundreds twenty persons. Twenty of them were young persons recently graduated from the secondary school in Mogadishu. These group of twenty youth mostly young girls were injected more information about the FGM. GAAR prepared them to be five mobile team roaming tin the villages, schools and markets to spread the prevention of the FGM in our society. And in the new year we are planning to double our work of this filed. The eradication of the FGM in Somalia.

GENDER VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION

Gender violence in Somali Somalia is small country in the horn of the Africa. A country destroyed by civil wars that has been going on nearly twenty years since the overthrow of the military regime Mr. Bare 1991. the country has been in wars that spread to whole region of Somalia. Anarchy and violence was common and part of the daily life for the people in most regions of Somalia. Group of warlords with heavy army and hundreds militias gone new war for a leadership of the country.

Violence against Women

The violence against women increased in the country because of lack of rule protecting the civilians particularly the women and children who are the most vulnerable groups in the society. The last fifteen years of civil unrest in Somali there were excessive fighting between the armed factions in Somalia. And every village or district there was militia killing, abducting and torturing against the civilians. Rape was the top crime committed in this time to the innocent young girls. There was uncontrolled armed youth roaming in the streets villages who used harm the girls. Every day number of girls suffer rape and other problems from the hands the armed militias. This brutal actions lasted more than fifteen years and still seems going in Somalia. Although there is weak government the young girls are target and suffer variety violence in the hands of the armed groups.

Rape

In the last years of civil and unrest in Somalia rape was wide and higher rate in parts of Somali region where there was no rule of law. When ever two groups fight a new group come new areas the first thing they do was looting and rape for the girls in the night. Any time the militias groups in the wars consume drugs and Kat they search young girls in the nights for sexual enjoyment. In the night the armed young men launch attack to home of the villages or areas near their camps or checkpoints in order to get young girls to molest and rape for sexual enjoyment. Parent and villagers are unable to prevent the young girls from the rape. In the day the armed groups hunt young girls.

Force labor

Hundreds young girls under the fifteen suffer force labor in some region in Somalia particularly Mogadishu the capital city of the Banadir region, Bossaso port town of Puntland autonomy, Galkayo and other places in Somalia. There are hundreds young girls suffering in homes as force labor. Mogadishu is the top of the three mentioned cities where you may see young children in the streets. The young girls of more than 40 IDP's refugee camps go searching their daily lives in the homes of the city. Where some of them meet sexual violence and exploitation. These young girls in the IDP's need get cash and food so the best way they resort is roam in the villages and big streets of Mogadishu