Becoming who God made you to be!

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BIBLICAL REFLECTION

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1 vs 27

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Introduction

- Tearfund is a Christian international relief and development agency working globally to end poverty and injustice, and to restore dignity and hope in some of the world's poorest communities.
- We operate in more than fifty countries around the world. As well as being present in disaster situations and recovery through our response teams,
- We have a vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local Churches.

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

- Reduced rates of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, gender inequality, increased access and utilization of right based quality reproductive, maternal, new born, child and adolescent health services to reduce morbidity and mortality across North East, North central and part of North West of Nigeria.

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STATISTICS

- **Globally, an estimated 736 million women—almost one in three—have been subjected to intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both at least once in their life (30 per cent of women aged 15 and older). (WHO 2021)**
- This figure does not include sexual harassment. The rates of depression, anxiety disorders, unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV are higher in women who have experienced violence compared to women who have not, as well as many other health problems that can last even after the violence has ended.

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STATISTICS

- **Most violence against women is perpetrated by current or former husbands or intimate partners.** More than 640 million women aged 15 and older have been subjected to intimate partner violence (26 per cent of women aged 15 and older)
- **Of those who have been in a relationship, almost one in four adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 (24 per cent) have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner or husband.** Sixteen per cent of young women aged 15 to 24 experienced this violence in the past 12 months. (WHO 2021)

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TEARFUND'S APPROACH TO ENDING SGBV

Ending Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) using Tearfund's Transforming Masculinities model. This model will see community leaders and members speaking out on SGBV issues, community members challenging harmful social norms embedded in religious beliefs, speaking out and ensuring justice.

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TEARFUND'S APPROACH TO ENDING SGBV

Ensure that survivors' voices are heard and their needs heard to shape the appropriate response.

1. Enabling the process of healing for each woman to move from victim to survivor through peer support groups.
2. Supporting survivor groups to form a collective movement that enables survivors to influence policy areas as well as mobilise around other issues of concern to their community, while ensuring that their emotional and psychosocial needs are also met.

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THE GIRL CHILD PROJECT

This is a 12 months pilot project where Transforming Masculinities (™) intervention was strengthened through an adaptation of the Long Walk to Freedom of the Girl Child video into a story book for children which was a tool used by parents, school teachers, Sunday school teachers and grandparents to change the futures of their children.

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The project is piloted by The ECWA AIDS Ministry Community Integrated Health Development Advancement (TEAM CIHDA) from October 2021 to November 2022 in four communities of Plateau state(Ampang West, Kissaloi, Miango and Kabong communities), working with 40 families in total (10 from each congregation/community).

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“My parents used to tell me that my brother is more important than we girls and he is treated specially, my Dad dont have time for me, this changed when my parents attended the community dialogue sessions, my *father have stopped beating my mother, he apologized for his wrong to my mother,my dad now stays at home and I see them discussing with my mum,* my dad now help me with homework, he listens to me, he has time for me and for the first time, he told me I am valuable!”

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Maryam Miango community.

THE GIRL CHILD PROJECT

QUOTE;

"My participation in the Transforming Masculinities training has also helped me as a parent to place value on the girl child because culturally we have not been putting much attention to the girl child but to the boy child. It has also in terms of training made us to educate the girl child also. It has helped me to share roles in the family equally to the extend I now wash plates in my family and I don't see it as a problem,in terms of inheritance my daughters and sons will all get a portion of the assets.I have become vocal as a person as before now I was the quiet type and now I speak out on issues on gender equality,I have also noticed that this project has enabled my children to voice out their fears and feelings unlike before, we communicate better now!"

Pastor- Kissaloi community.

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QUOTES

- ***"Before this training, I use to hide SGBV cases in the church I pastor, so that it will not bring us shame, not minding how the victims felt, I became involved in this programme and my junior pastor raped a girl, he wanted it to be covered, I refused, no more covering, he was handed over to police and I personally took the girl for medical care and counselling, I will not cover up again!"*** Pastor Emmanuel Kenkeni ECWA Church Abattoir

- ***"I used to see issues concerning women and girls as unimportant, in fact why would I bother with such insignificant issues? This training has opened my eyes as a church leader, it is now very important for me to be involved and take action, God help me!"*** Pastor Ayuba

QUOTES

- ***"I never knew that rape exists among married people, I thought it is my right to have sex with my wife anytime I like, not minding how she feels, after all I am the head, the man of the house and my decisions is final until I went through the community dialogue sessions, I now know better, it should be mutual, this is also violence!"*** Sabo Range: (28yrs old) from Miango Church

- "***Through these trainings on transforming masculinities, I am happy I can better inform my congregation about the harmful effects of SGBV, power and status in the community starting with me" "I want trainings of this kind about transforming masculinities to continue to be held in Fobur in the future" I am in the process of righting all the wrongs I did and committed to ensuring the gender champions do the work well"***. Rev. Musa Adam

SENSITIVE ISSUES WITH CHURCHES

- Working with Faith and Community leaders on SGBV through the sensitive issues.
- This model will see Faith, community leaders and members speaking out on SGBV issues, challenging harmful social norms embedded in religious beliefs, speaking out and ensuring justice.

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- **“As a religious leader, my belief is that women should be seen not heard and cannot contribute much, all that changed after this training.”**

“We are starting the change of social norms today and it will continue, all the women should relax, we the men will share the food and serve them starting from this workshop and beyond…”

(Pastor Clement John Saghalar, Pankyes Sati , Gwantu Amos)

Pastors during the sensitive issues workshop in Bwompe community.

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There is no Jew **nor** Greek, **there is no** slave **nor** free, **there is no male** and **female**. For you all are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

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