



# GBVSS

## SUCCESS STORIES





**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THESE STORIES, NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO SAFEGUARD THE IDENTITY OF THOSE WHO OWN THE STORIES.**

# GBV Survivor Wins Legal Battle

**M**wape is a 35-year-old GBV survivor who is married with three children. Having been married for a number of years, Mwape suggested that her and her husband go for HIV testing and counseling. When they arrived at the hospital, the husband refused to be tested, but after counseling, he eventually went through with the test. The results came out positive and the couple was advised to start taking medication to which Mwape agreed but unfortunately her husband refused to do so, and this was the beginning of her abuse.

When the couple returned home, the husband beat her up accusing her of having prior knowledge of her positive status. The case was reported to the police and was later taken to court. Mwape testified that her husband had assaulted her and was mistreating her by not allowing her access to food in the home. She also narrated that on several occasions her husband would write notes to her telling her to leave their matrimonial home and go back to her parents' home. She told the court that she

couldn't go anywhere as she was still legally married to him and that she contracted the virus whilst in his home. She requested the court to reconcile them. The perpetrator denied all the accusations.

From the evidence on record, the court ruled that the husband abused the survivor and therefore Mwape was granted the relief sought. The court ordered that the survivor not be sent away from the matrimonial home, and that she was physically assaulted, emotionally and economically abused. The court ordered that the perpetrator should continue providing food for the family and allow the survivor access to the food bought for the home. Mwape was further advised to use the food at home wisely as the economy was hard and that people should learn to live within their means. The perpetrator was told that if he failed to obey the order, a stiffer punishment would be imposed on him.

This order was valid for 12 months effective 3rd February 2017. 🧑🏾⚖️

# Widow Recovers Property

**A**fter the death of her husband in September 2004, Patricia was given two of the four houses as her share of the husband's estate. One house was for Patricia and the other for her son. In June 2006, Patricia had to travel to Chinsali to nurse her sick sister and when she returned after three months, she found that her brother-in-law had erected a small two-bedroom house attached to her son's house. When she asked the brother-in-law to stop building, he started insulting her and continued to build until

the house was completed. After he completed building the house, the brother-in-law decided to sell the property and proceeded to advertise it without her knowledge.

When Patricia discovered that her son's house was being illegally sold, she reported the matter to the Kafue One Stop Centre where she was assisted with drafting legal documents to stop the sale. In August 2017 the Court ruled in her favor. 🌈

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## Young Mother Receives Child Support After Mediation

**A**fter giving birth, Eunice, a young mother received no support from the father of her child. After a year, she went to the Kafue One Stop Center to report a case of child neglect in August 2017.

Upon reporting the case, a call out was issued by the paralegal/Victim Support Unit for the father of the child. Mediation was done at the

One Stop Center and monthly child maintenance of K350 was agreed upon and the first installment was paid on the same day of mediation. The father of the child has continued pay for child maintenance and every payment made is recorded and filed by the One Stop Center.

He was also made aware of the legal implications of not supporting his child. 🌈

# A Man Claiming To Be Pastor In Attempted Rape Scandal

**A** man claiming to be a Pastor from a certain Pentecostal church in Kafue had previously conducted a series of conferences and crusades in Chipata, Eastern Province, in order to recruit more members for his church. During one of the crusades, the “Pastor” came across Ruth. It is claimed that she was touched by the spirit and fell to the ground. The “Pastor” told the crowd that she was demon possessed and needed a lot of prayers in order to be freed from the demonic forces. He then requested for permission from her parents to take her to Kafue with him for more prayers and deliverance.

The parents gave their consent, and so he traveled with her. While in Kafue, the “Pastor” prayed for her on two occasions. The first time was at a named school and the second occasion occurred in the hills behind Kafue General Hospital in the company of family and church members. However, on the 13th of August 2014 around 19:00 hours, the “Pastor” took the girl to an unknown destination for some prayers alone instead of going to

the church or with the church and family members. He drove to a bar in Kafue town where he bought alcohol and offered it to her. Fortunately, the Ruth never drank the alcohol offered to her but poured it on the ground and pretended to have drunk it. During the drinking spree, the “Pastor” started seducing her by touching her private parts. He later booked a room at a local guesthouse so that they could spend a night there. He then invited her into the room and she naively agreed to this thinking it was only resting which would take place. While in the room, the “Pastor” removed his clothes and grabbed her in an attempt to have sex with her but she resisted and shouted for help.

When he realized that Ruth alerted people by her screaming, the “Pastor” pretended to be casting out demons. She managed to overpower him and ran out of the room and sought for help from the guest house staff and other guests. This scenario happened around 04:00 hours in the morning. The matter was reported to the police

who arrested the “Pastor” and has since appeared in Kafue Magistrate Court. The girl was taken to a Safe Home while the court proceedings were going on. She required psychological and financial support for her to go back home. The case is still in Court. Ruth was enrolled

into night school and has been receiving life skills training while she awaits the out come of the court case. The One Stop Center managed to arrange for her mother to travel to Kafue for Chipata to offer more support for Ruth. 🌱

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## Boy Recovers From Depression After Father’s Death

**A**aron, 8 years and was born HIV positive. After the death of his mother, his father continued to raise him and his older sister Mary as a single parent but sadly his father also died. After the death of his father, his late mother’s sister was unable to care both Aaron and his elder sister financially so the family decided to separate them.

After the separation from his sister and the death of his father, Aaron went into depression. He stopped talking; playing and going to school and eventually become ill as he was no longer taking his ARVs and was taken to the One Stop Center (OSC) for psychosocial counseling. Working hand in hand with the clinic staff and church leaders in the community, After being put on a high protein diet, Aaron’s health

improved and a month later he fully recovered and started talking and playing. He is back in school and is no longer depressed.

The One Stop Center encouraged the aunt to taking Aaron for regular check ups and to insure that he eats health. 🌱



Aaron at the One Stop Center

# Girl Rescued From Forced Early Marriage

**P**recious was a pupil at Nankanga School. Her parents decided to marry her off at age 14.

The school reported the case to the Kafue District Education Board Secretary, which was then referred to the OSC Coordinator.

Upon receiving this information, the GBVSS OSC team immediately travelled to the location to retrieve Precious from the marriage.

The team took her to Kafue General Hospital for further investigations and testing. She was then taken to Mazabuka where her aunt resides. Precious is back in school and is doing well.

The Victim Support Unit officer summoned the parents for counseling. 🧑🏾‍🦱



*Precious 14, coming out of her matrimonial thatched house*



*The GBVSS OSC team retrieving Precious from her matrimonial*





# Mentally Challenged Girl Raped And Her Baby Girl Receives Medical And Immunization Support

**E**sther is a mentally challenged girl from birth. She is about 18 years old though the mother could not tell when she was born. She lives in Chipapa Nabwale Village about 45 kilometres from Kafue District Hospital. She is the 3rd born daughter. She comes from a very vulnerable family that cannot afford the necessity of life later on afford to send their children to school.

This case was captured during mobile outreach in February 2015 when her elder sister reported the case after attending the sensitization session on the different forms of gender-based violence and the importance of reporting cases. Esther was raped and impregnated by a married man of the same village.

She delivered at home because she lives very far from the clinic. After delivering, she had not been to any health facility to seek medical care for herself and her baby, a fact attributed to long walking distance by her parents. OSC Coordinator made arrangements during the mobile outreach for her and her

baby to be taken to the clinic for examination and immunization for the baby.

The man who raped her is still on the run but the police are still searching for him. Esther speaks very few words because of her mental condition but her sweet smile and laugh are contagious!

In Nabwale, girls sleep in separate huts without solid doors. The entrances are only covered with chitenge (cloth) so men just walk in and out of these girls' huts and take advantage of them. 🧑🏾🧑🏾



*Esther with her daughter*

# “Run Away” Boy Re-United With His Family

**C**hipo was born in Monze. He is the last born in the family of four. His mother died when he was 3 years old and the young brother of his grandfather started looking after him. Chipu lived with this family until 2007 when his uncle requested that he move in with him.

Chipu was 7 years old and had relocated to Lunsemfwa village. From Lunsemfwa he moved to Makoka in Chibombo District, 90 kilometers from Chibombo OSC. On 22nd April 2015, Chipu decided to run away from home. Chipu went to Liteta Police Station around 17:00 hours on 23rd April 2015 and was referred to Chibombo One Stop Centre.

When asked why he had run away from home, Chipu said he was on his way to Lunsemfwa though he left the place 8 years ago when he was a small boy and could not remember the physical address but as willing to go back and search for his grandfather who had kept him after his mother died. He further explained that there was another

boy in the home whom when would commit the same offence as him, would not receive the same discipline. He would be beaten more than the other boy. When Chipu reached the center, he was very tired and could hardly sit and was very dirty. He narrated how he walked for 90 kilometers to the Police Station.

He had at one point used a boat to cross a river and had no money to pay for the service rendered. He left his home around 4 in the morning and arrived the following day around 17:00 hours. While arrangements were being made to take him to a safer home, Chipu took a bath, was given food and slept. He had never been to school and had no idea of his uncle's phone number. On 24th May 2015, the Department of Social Welfare took him to a safe house in Central province, as investigations were being carried out and the staff at the center bought him clothes to wear. On 22nd May 2015, the Social Welfare Officer, the One Stop Center Coordinator and VSU took Chipu to his village to investigate.

Upon arrival, they discovered that the uncle had already informed other family members that Chipo was missing and that two uncles from Lunsemfwa had traveled to help search for him and had been searching for a month. They had also reported the matter to the police. Every morning they would go out and search for Chipo and because of their desperation they had visited a local witch doctor who charged them K300 and told them that a satanist had taken the boy, which left the family very sad as they waited day and night for Chipo's body to be discovered.

That afternoon when they saw the vehicle coming to their village, they were puzzled to see Chipo stepping out of the vehicle. They cried and hugged him and the OSC team and thanked them for taking care of their child. When OSC team reached the village, they did not find the uncle because he was still searching for Chipo, so they phoned him and he came back. We then told them how they had moved and where they had found the boy, before they could say anything else they were very happy that the boy was okay. The OSC team also counseled the family and it was decided that they leave Chipo home so that they could be

reunite the family and that later on Chipo would go with his grandfather to Lunsemfwa, as was not an old man and would be able to look after Chipo very well. 🌱



*Chipo standing in front of the Chibombo GBVSS One Stop Center*



*Chipo reunited with his family*

# Girl Retrieved From Forced Marriage

**C**hristine, a 16-year-old girl of Kalola Ward of Chimana Village in Chibombo District was scheduled to be married off without her consent. Her biological mother (widowed) colluded with her late father's relatives to receive a bride price, commonly known as Lobola, of K1200. The grandmother was engaged to teach Christine how to sexually please a man in bed, as is the norm in that community. The family on the other hand had made all the preparations for the traditional wedding ceremony such as preparing food, traditional brew and invited all guests to the wedding ceremony, which was scheduled to take place on 23rd October 2017.

Through mobile outreach services, the Head Teacher of Chimana Community School heard about the imminent plans to forcefully marry off one of his pupils. It was then that he without hesitation reported the matter to the District Education Board Secretary office. The DEBS office immediately informed the OSC and Chibombo Victim Support Unit to intervene in the matter. The One Stop Center team and

the head teacher visited the village where the wedding was scheduled to take place and immediately stopped the illegal ceremony from proceeding. Christine was taken to an alternative school to write her grade seven examinations. Christine received comprehensive post GBV care services at the center and has since been taken to a safe house for protection. A police docket was opened and the case is in court.

The case is a good indication of how systems have been strengthened to positively respond to cases of GBV using a coordinated approach. Christine was living in a shelter while waiting for her grade seven results and court proceedings.

She passed to go into grade 8 and on 12th February 2018 One Stop Center Coordinator pick her from the safe home and took her to a boarding school in Chibombo and is currently receiving educational support from ZAMFAM Project under DAPP. The mother and uncle who married her off have been receiving counseling from the One Stop Center staff. 🌈

# Neglected Child Finds A Safe Home

**O**n 14th February 2014, a watchman at Choma Hospital found, a 7-year-old boy on the hospital grounds without adult supervision. Because of age his age, the boy was unable to explain the whereabouts of his parents or where he came from. The watchman informed the One Stop Center staff, who in turn reported to the case to the Police Victim Support Unit (VSU) who began a search for his parents in Choma, Monze and Kalomo Districts using the GBVSS project vehicle but was unable to trace the boy's parents.



After the initial search for his parents yielded no results, the boy was taken to the One Stop Centre where he was counseled and later taken to Child Nest Orphanage. He became violent and uncooperative. After a month at the orphanage, he was asked how he felt about where he was staying at that time.

He said that he is very happy because he has friends he plays with and is able to learn a new things. The matron at Child Nest

Orphanage also confirmed that the boy's behavior has normalized. The most important change in his life is that he now has people who care for him despite him living at an orphanage. This was made possible with the help of the GBV One Stop Centre staff.

The boy has adjusted well to his new life and has been enrolled at a local school. The Police through the Victim Support Unit are still searching for his parents. 🇸🇩





**MAKE IT  
STOP**

**If you need information and or want to  
report a GBV case, call toll free line:  
933 (adult), 116 (child) or go to the  
nearest Police Station**