



THE BAMAKO FORUM OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM GROUP WORK




Bamako, Mali



**Spotlight
Initiative**
To eliminate violence
against women and girls

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Recommendations to each Head of State and Government and to the ECOWAS Commission

- *Adopting a legislation on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive rights,*
- *Ensuring effective implementation of laws relating to GBV and to sexual and reproductive health rights.*
- *Ensuring effective care for GBV survivors*
- *Ensuring the development of a common action plan against GBV, PN and SRHR for the States of ECOWAS region*
- *Organizing advocacy for substantial funding for the implementation of national policies and action plans, together with a follow-up system*
- *Providing sanctions against countries that do not apply the laws or that have not yet adopted a law against violence against women and girls.*
- *Ensuring meaningful representation of youth, women and people with disabilities at all levels.*



- *Sanctions should be envisaged for countries that fail to fully domesticate and enforce laws on gender-based violence.*
- *Strengthening the legal framework for fighting against GBV, PN and SRHR through the adoption of legislative and regulatory texts in countries that do not have them and by their firm application*
- *Making GBV, PN and SRHR issues a national priority for each State and ECOWAS*
- *Establishing a monitoring and follow-up committee for the enforcement of laws on GBV, PN and SRHR*
- *Strengthening mechanisms for women's political participation in member States*



Recommendation to YOUTH, WOMEN, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS

- *Working towards obtaining recent or existing statistics on GBV, PN, and SRHR.*
- *Mobilizing funds for the effective implementation of all activities related to GBV, PN and SRHR in the countries*
- *Federating actions on the ground for more results*
- *Alliances to own the content of different legal texts to better advance their rights in terms of GBV, PN, and SRHR*
- *Establishing ECOWAS network of ROAJELF to strengthen the collaboration in the fight against GBV, PN, and SRHR*
- *Capacity building of young people through awareness-raising activities on the laws so that they are able to hold their leaders accountable.*
- *Capacity building economically to ensure they are empowered and not afraid to report any GBV.*
- *Strengthening the knowledge of religious leaders on existing laws on GBV in order to challenge some traditional and social norms.*
- *Taking the initiative to report GBV issues without fear nor favour.*

Recommendation to YOUTH, WOMEN, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS

- *Strengthening solidarity and collaboration between women's organizations in order to increase the impact and effectiveness of fighting against GBV.*
- *CSOs must have the capacity to develop proposals and mobilize resources.*
- *Awareness raising within the community through sermons, educational film screenings, conferences, educational talks, radio and television talk shows;*
- *Redefining masculinity and femininity by fighting against masculine and feminine norms that are contrary to human rights and gender approach by involving men with compassion and respect;*



Recommendations to technical and financial partners

- *Increasing funding*
- *Providing more technical support to CSOs and States*
- *Taking into account local realities during their interventions in the countries*



- *Flexible funding for local women's rights organizations*
- *Ensuring participatory grant-making processes*
- *Being part of a support vision for CSOs of young people and women working on these topics*
- *Relaxing the funding criteria for CSOs*
- *Funding ROAJELF action plans*
- *Creating a biannual consultation framework between the PTfs and the actors involved in GBV, PN, and SRHR issues*

Recommendations from the consultant's personal analysis

- *The forum was an opportunity to define the challenges but also to come up with operational recommendations at different levels, namely:*
- **AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL:**
- *Establishing national, sub-regional, and continental networks of young women, community leaders by providing them with appropriate means.*
- *Creating a steering mechanism based in one of the countries under FEMNET supervision*
- **AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL:**
- *Designing a sub-regional strategic plan (ECOWAS) that each country will implement and accompanied by a mechanism for coordination, monitoring and evaluation (every six months) and for accountability that all networks can implement.*
- *Also making immediate advocacy with ECOWAS' Heads of State through President Oumarou EMBALLO*
- *Making public the recommendations of the Bamako forum through the most appropriate communication channels as soon as this report is validated.*
- *Organizing meetings/videoconferences at least once a month with a known agenda 15 days in advance.*
- *To these recommendations, resulting from a consultant's analysis, are added the recommendations from the participants following the group work summarized in the aforementioned*



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