Ending Violence Against Women & Girls

Violence is preventable. We know how.

Power imbalance is the root cause of violence against girls and women. Therefore, Beyond Borders’ explores power - who has it, how it is used, how males and females experience it differently, and how power dynamics can change - through our programming SASA!* and Power to Girls.

Beyond Borders uses community mobilization to help communities create space for women and men, girls and boys, to balance their power. This work changes social norms and impacts the community’s knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors to end violence against women and girls (including those living with disabilities) and prevent HIV.

After communities participate in Beyond Borders’ programming they:

- understand of the types and consequences of violence against women and girls.
- understand linkages between violence and HIV among male and female community members.
- know appropriate responses to women and girls who experience violence.
- hold men and boys accountable for their actions.
- promote balanced power.
- improve their collective capacity to prevent and respond to incidents of violence.
- work to increase girls’ power.
- support boys’ capacity to support equal power relationships and become activists.
- have schools that integrate lessons about gender imbalance into everyday learning.

The work of Beyond Borders to end violence against women and girls in Haiti is supported by the annual spring Girl Power Haiti fundraising campaign.

Beyond Borders’ Impact

- Altogether, Beyond Borders programming has reached more than 92,000 people in over 20 communities.
- In 2018, 582 activists engaged over 16,000 community members in dialogue with the use of poster discussions, dramas, training of religious leaders, women’s groups and others.
- In the last year, 320 girls participated in 16 Girls Clubs, learning about their rights and power.
- In 2018, 124 school faculty members were trained in balancing power in their classrooms.
- Since 2018, a drama campaign featuring 18 performances impacted 1,728 participants.
- In 2019, nine new materials on violence against women and girls living with disabilities were created and piloted.
- In January 2019, 114 rural community activists and rural 320 leaders met to improve activities to prevent violence.
- 216 people engaged in a dialogue through rural household visits.

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