

2017

REPORT - POLYCOM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
CHRISTMAS EVENT



**KENYA WOMEN JUDGES ASSOCIATION**

KWJA

THROUGH INVITATION FROM UNFPA

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

## **BACKGROUND**

The Kenya Women Judges Association (KWJA) through its Chairperson, Hon. Lady Justice Hannah Okwengu, JA, nominated their Nairobi Region Representative Hon. Hellen Onkwani to attend a Polycom Development Project Christmas event held at Kibera AIC church on 20th December 2017 at the Kibera slum. A total of 350 girls attended the event.

KWJA was invited to the event by UNFPA. The projects main theme “WE GIRLS SPEAK OUT” is divided into two subthemes; (i) “IT IS WOMEN FOR GIRL” and (ii) WOMEN4WOMEN”.

## **AIMS OF THE PROJECT**

The Polycom Development project is aimed at mentoring young girls and providing safe spaces through sports and mapping of sexual harassment, hygiene and sanitation, entrepreneurship, peace building, lobbying & advocacy as well as collaboration and partnership.

It was an eventful day as the Association’s representative addressed the girls on legal issues surrounding sexual violence. Many girls expressed their aspiration to become Judges in the future. A lot of questions were asked regarding the handling of rape and defilement cases and one girl wrote a memoranda of issues she is concerned about. A snapshot of the girl’s memoranda, is shown below,

Ideally, KWJA and its partners can review and discuss it with regard to how best these young and vulnerable women can be helped to achieve their potential.

Much appreciation to UNFPA for the kind gesture of inviting us to the event and to collaborate with them on the WOMEN4WOMEN (W4W) platform

## PICTORIALS



**Hon. Hellen Onkwani**  
KWJA Nairobi Region Representative giving  
her note on legal matters



KWJA Nairobi Region Representative bonding  
with the girls

① Hi I am Tiffany Jay. I have a speech about what worries me much. First I could say that the rapist when they are given punishment that they are not supposed to do eg slashing sweeping.

② When we go to court the judge asks for evidence. God forbid. What if I was raped and ~~the~~ was they asked for evidence. God for And I might be locked up when in the process.

③ The case takes long if now I am turning twelve and by the time I reach 18 it will not be over and I will not want it to interfere.  
Judges please do something to help the girl child

Tiffany's memoranda to the Judges



Part of the girls who attended the activity singing



A snapshot of the girls in attendance