

Voices OF HOPE

Uganda

Hellen Lunkuse W. Tanyinga founded Rape Hurts Foundation (RHF) as a community-based organization in Jinja District, Uganda in 2008 in response to some startling statistics and her own personal experience.

Ugandan women make up 51% of the population but do not enjoy the same opportunities as men. One quarter of women ages 15 to 49 have experienced physical intimate partner violence with less than 15% of cases being reported.

PWRDF is supporting RHF as it empowers women to manage their socio-economic development. Through its programs, women are learning about their rights, health care, community participation and advocacy. Addressing women's rights and sexual and gender-based violence is at the core of the work. The focus is on women and youth in Eastern Uganda where education and awareness about gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, human trafficking and modern day slavery, human rights abuses and social-economic exploitation are priorities. Men will also be engaged in a series of awareness activities, events and sessions.




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