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Preface

As we reflect on the year 2025, GAMCOTRAP is pleased to present this Annual Report as a testament to our unwavering commitment to advancing the rights, health, and dignity of women and children across The Gambia. This year has brought both challenges and triumphs, and through it all, our work remained grounded in community engagement, cultural dialogue, and a deep respect for human rights and human rights based approaches.

Throughout 2025, we expanded our efforts to eliminate harmful traditional practices, through strategic litigation and testing the effectiveness of the anti-FGM law with a particular focus on Female Genital mutilation (FGM), early and forced marriage, and gender-based violence. These practices continue to threaten the well-being of too many girls and women, but thanks to our persistent advocacy and collaboration with stakeholders, from grassroots activists to policymakers, progress is visible, meaningful, and increasingly irreversible.

This report outlines our key activities, achievements, and the impact of our programs, while also highlighting the stories of resilience from those who have been empowered by our work. It also provides a reflection on the obstacles we continue to face, and how we are adapting our strategies to respond to an evolving social and political landscape.

We are deeply grateful to our partners, donors, community leaders, and allies whose trust and support have enabled us to carry our mission forward. Most of all, we are inspired by the courage of the women and girls who continue to raise their voices and lead the way toward a more just and equitable Gambia.

With renewed energy and solidarity, we look ahead to 2026 determined to build on this momentum working together to consolidate our collective efforts to ensure that every woman and child can live free from violence and discrimination.

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Executive Director, GAMCOTRAP

APRECIATION

As we present this Annual Report for 2025, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the progress and impact of GAMCOTRAP's work throughout the year. Our achievements are a direct result of the dedication, collaboration, and unwavering support from a wide range of partners and stakeholder including UNFPA, UNICEF, AWDF, GOA, Front Line Women Fund (DONOR DIRECT), and The Word Bank Group.

To the courageous women and girls who have shared their stories and stood firm in the face of adversity, your resilience inspires us every day and fuels our commitment to creating lasting change. We are deeply thankful to our community leaders, traditional authorities, and local champions whose engagement and advocacy have been vital in transforming cultural norms and practices. Our sincere appreciation also goes to our donors and development partners for their continued trust and generosity, which provide the essential resources needed to sustain and expand our programs.

Finally, to our committed staff and volunteers at GAMCOTRAP and beyond, your passion, professionalism, and tireless efforts have been the backbone of our success. Together, we continue to move closer to a future where every woman and girl child in The Gambia can live free from harmful practices and enjoy their full rights and potential.

Thank you for standing with us on this journey.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2025, GAMCOTRAP continued to lead transformative efforts in advancing the rights and well-being of women and girls across The Gambia. Through sustained advocacy, community engagement, and policy influence, the organization made significant strides in eliminating harmful traditional practices, particularly Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child marriage, while promoting gender justice, women's leadership, and access to reproductive health information and services.

Our impact this year was made possible through the invaluable support of our partners and donors like African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), Girls Opportunity Alliance, Front Line Women's Fund and the World Bank Group whose shared commitment to gender equality enabled us to deepen our reach and scale our efforts. With their collaboration, GAMCOTRAP strengthened grassroots movements, empowered women human rights defenders, and expanded educational outreach in both urban and rural communities.

We remained engaged in national and international policy spaces doing advocacy, contributing to critical conversations on women's rights, and continued to work in close partnership with government institutions, civil society actors, and global development organizations. The progress achieved in 2025 reflects the power of collective action and unwavering dedication to building a just and inclusive society.

As we look ahead, GAMCOTRAP reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of all women and girls in The Gambia, and to fostering a future free from violence, discrimination, and inequality.

LIST OF ACRONYMAS

CRR	Central River Region
DOK	Dropping of Knife
ED	Executive Director
FGM/C	Female Genital Mutilation/ Cutting
GAMCOTRAP	Gambia Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
GBV	Gender Based Violence
LRR	Lower River Region
NBR	North Bank Region
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
UN	United Nations
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
URR	Upper River Region
TANGO	The Association of Non-Governmental Association
AWDF	African Women Development Fund
GOA	Girls Opportunity Alliance

Vision

"Through creating awareness about harmful practices in the Gambia, we aim for the elimination of all forms of harmful practices, such as Female Genital Mutilation, Early/Forced Marriage, and all forms of gender-based violence preserving beneficial ones"

Mission

"A Protective environment is envisioned where women and girls enjoy their social, cultural, economic and political rights without gender discrimination"

Values

EQUALITY

RECOGNITION AND RESPECT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF DIVERSITY

DIGNITY AND INTEGRITY

HONESTY

TRANSPARENCY

COMMITMENT

DEDICATION

HARD WORK

SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARISM

PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE

SOLIDARITY

METHODOLOGIES

Over the years, GAMCOTRAP has employed various methodologies tailored to the context and specific project activities, target groups, situational analyses, and areas of intervention. The following methods were utilized:

I. Project-Based Approaches:

- **Consultation:** GAMCOTRAP recognized the importance of consulting all relevant stakeholders to align with the National Development Plan (NDP). This involved engaging with governmental bodies such as the Office of the President, Ministry of Gender Children and Social Welfare, Ministry Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Justice, and the National Population Commission Secretariat, among others.
- **Signing of MOUs with Strategic Partners:** Given the challenges faced by the organization socially, economically, and politically, forming alliances with partners who could contribute positively to its progress was deemed necessary.
- **Right-Based Approach:** Recognizing the disproportionate impact of various factors on women in Gambian society, GAMCOTRAP applied a gender lens to its interventions. This involved empowering women to participate in decision-making processes, advocating for their rights, accessing resources and services, raising awareness about their rights, challenging discriminatory norms and practices, and advocating for policy changes to promote gender equality and protect women and girls from violence and discrimination.
- **Evidence Based Approach:** Utilizing data collected during projects, including suggestions and recommendations from participants, as well as assessing circumstances in various communities. Contacting regional coordinators and Community-Based Facilitators (CBFs) to stay informed about any developments that could affect project implementation.
- **Clustered Approach:** Given the wide range of communities in the seven regions of the country, GAMCOTRAP employed a clustered approach to reach the grassroots in remote communities. Leaders and influential individuals from each community were selected to disseminate information to the broader population.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPANTS REACHED

In 2025 the organization reached 5,928 people that is 3,900 women and girls and 2,28 men and boys in five regions across the Gambia namely: North Bank Region, Lower River Region, Central River Region, and Kanifing Municipality. Cluster Communities trainings and consultation were held in Jarra Soma, Kiang Kwinella, Badibu Njaba Kunda, Badibu Illiassa, Dibba Kunda, GAMCOTRAP headquarters Bakau.

SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK AVERTING THE REPEAL OF THE ANTI-FGM LAW

In 2025, GAMCOTRAP marked a significant milestone through the celebration of transformative gains in the Lower River Region, made possible with the generous support of the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) and the Frontline Women's Fund. This celebration highlighted the sustained impact of community engagement, advocacy, and empowerment programs that have advanced women's rights and the abandonment of harmful traditional practices.

The event brought together community leaders, women's groups, youth representatives, and partners to reflect on the journey toward gender equality and to celebrate the growing movement of change agents within the region and beyond. It underscored the importance of collaboration and continued investment in grassroots initiatives that uphold the dignity and wellbeing of women and girls. This landmark served not only as a moment of pride for the communities involved but also as a reaffirmation of GAMCOTRAP's ongoing commitment to promoting human rights, social justice, and women's empowerment across The Gambia.

During this event various leaders in the communities across the region affirmed their commitment to uphold the law and noted that they have been empowered with the right information and would continue ensure that the "girl-Child" is protected from harmful practice

PROJECT AND DONORS:

A broad coalition of community-based actors, civil society organizations, state authorities, and international allies came together to build a strong and unified front. Despite ongoing threats to the law prohibiting FGM, communities and partners remained resolute in their commitment to safeguard it. Through coordinated advocacy efforts, public engagement through the media, legal action, and continuous awareness raising, 2025 emerged as a pivotal year in which Gambians rejected FGM and affirmed the importance of enforcing the law. This collective resistance demonstrated that sustained community action can protect hard-won gains and drive lasting social change.

- **UNFPA JOINT COUNTRY PROGRAM:** Acceleration of the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation in the North Bank Region of the Gambia.
- **African Women's Development Fund (AWDF):** Celebration of the Gains Made in Upholding the Anti-FGM law.
- **WORLD BANK:** Engagement with Law Enforcers on the law against FGM
- **Girls Opportunity Alliance (GOA):** Amplifying the Voices of Adolescent Girls to End Harmful Traditional Practices in the Gambia.
- **The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO):** Working with survivors, Ex-Circumcisers and community leaders on the FGM case.
- **FRONT LINE WOMEN'S FUND (DONOR DIRECT):** Celebration of the Gains made in upholding the Anti FGM law and reaching out the various target groups.

INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

In 2025, the organization engaged in a variety of internal activities throughout the year to ensure effective functioning, program implementation, and organizational growth. Some of which include:

- **Capacity Building:** Staff and Interns under the organization went through series of training sessions, workshops, and skill-building exercises during the year. Some of these were done in the office by the Executive Director who through open door-policy trained staff on major aspects of developing and maintaining the organization. Internally, Staff were trained on proposal writing, Report writing, communication skills among others. The staff were introduced to development activism and strategies to make impact. Through collaboration and partnership, some staff were trained through other organization on skill that equipped them to carry out their responsibilities effectively in their domains.
- **Financial Management:** the finance department conducted several internal activities on budget planning, financial reporting, and audits to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with donor requirements.
- **Board Members and Meetings:** The Board Members are still active and contribute their quarters to the development of the organization through one way or the other. They hold regular board meetings to discuss organizational matters, make decisions, and receive updates from the Executive Director and team. These meetings contribute to effective governance and oversight.
- **Staffing and staff Meeting:** Staff meetings are held on a weekly meeting to catchup with each other and timely for uprising issues, information sharing or emergency matters concerning the organization.
- **Memo:** Several Memos were released, some for the holidays or announcement. It is was sometimes done in the official WhatsApp as well as the notice board.
- **Human Resource Management:** Although there has been a major setback on the Organization, thus with the expertise of the few staff and expertise of the Executive Director who is very efficient and with a vast knowledge of human rights issues, the organization was able to stand back on its feet. Currently there are 10 fully employed staff, 2 interns, 3 regional Coordinators, 250 CBFs and over 300 volunteers in the office and all over the regions.
- **Communication:** the organization has been able to enhance its communication system to be able to easily disseminate information to all the staff at a go, communications are done through the GAMCOTRAP Staff WhatsApp group, email, text messages, phone calls, Memo and during meetings. For each of the target groups we trained a whatsapp group was created to enable them continue the conversation oh SRHRs issues.

- Fundraising: Internal efforts in fundraising involve researching potential donors, preparing grant proposals, and managing relationships with existing donors. GAMCOTRAP also engage in grant management activities, ensuring compliance with grant terms and conditions.
- Technology and Information Management: the ICT department was enhanced through strengthening of the network signal by adding extra routers. The hosting of the Website was renewed.
- Networking and Collaboration: GAMCOTRAP signed an MOU with some educational institutions to supply them with learning materials donated from Book Aid.
- Collaborative Meetings: During the course of the year, GAMCOTRAP was represented in several meetings as a way of forming an alliance and join other organizations fight for the rights of the vulnerable groups. Some of these meetings were to form an alliance while others we served as taskforce members.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

UNFPA JOINT COUNTRY PROGRAM

Scaling up and Acceleration of the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation in the North Bank Region of the Gambia.

GAMCOTRAP conducted a series of awareness and advocacy activities across the North Bank Region (NBR) of The Gambia funded by UNFPA joint country program specifically in Lower, Upper, Central Baddibu and Sabach Sanjal to combat Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Violence against Women and Girls (VAW), and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).



The engagements targeted women of reproductive age, women leaders, councilors, and border communities, aiming to strengthen understanding of the health, legal, and religious dimensions of these harmful practices.

The first activity in Njaba Kunda focused on educating women of reproductive age about the dangers of FGM, emphasizing that it is a cultural not religious practice with serious health consequences. Participants learned about national laws such as the Women's Amendment Act 2015 and Children's Amendment Act 2015, which prohibit FGM and child marriage.



The second activity in Kinteh Kunda brought together women leaders and councilors to reinforce their role in community advocacy. GAMCOTRAP highlighted the physical, psychological, and social harm caused by FGM and urged participants to use their positions to spread accurate information and inform their various women groups they lead about the existence and enforcement of enforce existing laws protecting women's rights.

The third activity in Illiasa engaged cross-border communities to address FGM and child marriage cases that occur across regional boundaries. Religious leaders clarified that Islam does not support FGM, while facilitators emphasized the penalties associated with such acts under Gambian law.

The fourth activity engagement involved an open and inclusive dialogue between ex-circumcisers, the Executive Director of GAMCOTRAP and women leaders. The discussion focused on participants' understanding of the health, social, and physical impacts of FGM, as well as their views on the proposed repeal of the FGM law. All contributions were respected, promoting participation and collective reflection as a means of social change.

During the dialogue, the Executive Director emphasized that FGM is a cultural practice rather than a religious requirement and highlighted that it is prohibited under Gambian and international law. She stressed the importance of protecting women and girls' rights and empowering girls through education. Ex-circumcisers were given a platform to share their perspectives on the current debate surrounding the FGM law.



Following the discussions, ex-circumcisers unanimously committed to respecting and protecting the existing law and opposed its repeal. They acknowledged that FGM causes serious physical, reproductive, and psychological harm and represents a violation of the rights and dignity of women and girls. Participants concluded that ending FGM requires community engagement, legal protection, and prioritizing the health and well-being of women and girls over harmful cultural practices.

Overall, the initiatives increased awareness, corrected religious misconceptions, and strengthened collaboration among community, religious, and women leaders. Participants committed to advocating for the enforcement of anti-FGM and child protection laws and to promoting the abandonment of harmful traditional practices for the safety and dignity of women and girls in their various cluster communities in the North Bank Region.

ENGAGEMENT WITH WOMEN LEADERS ON THE CONTENT OF THE LAW AND THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICS.

This campaign coincided with the 16 Days of activism to End Gender Based Violence with the Theme: Unite to end Digital Violence. The activity funded by AWDF Komboa Fund focused on rural areas to sensitize them on the power of the media to end violence against women and girls in Lower River Region and Central River Region. The objective was for women to form a unified voice to uphold the Anti-FGM law and protect women and girls and to empower women to take leadership positions in decision-making processes.



The campaign was built around two mutually reinforcing pillars: Improving understanding of the Anti-FGM law and fostering women's effective political involvement. By equipping influential women with a thorough understanding of the legal framework outlawing FGM and other rights, the initiative improved community level enforcement and advocacy against harmful practices. During this session, the audience was exposed to various ways amplifying their voices to end violence against women and girls. Similarly, the emphasis on political engagement intended to raise women's voices in local and national political activity, understanding that meaningful progress in women's health and legal protection essentially related to their participation in decision-making processes.

The activity created space where women leaders raised their concerns, give recommendations and renewed their commitment to protect the rights of women and girls and call for effective women's political participation in decision making and leadership.

Lessons Learnt:

- Women showed full support to uphold the Anti-FGM Law
- Women should be empowered to stand for political positions ensuring equal representation in the parliament, thereby representing the voices of women and against issues affecting them, despite their political differences.
- It is evident that FGM is not a religious obligation
- They felt included in this international advocacy celebrating the 16 Days of Activism.

Outcome:

- Significant number of women leaders reaffirmed their commitment to protect the rights of women and girls.
- More than 100 copies of the Women and Children's Amendment Act 2025 were distributed among participant.
- Renewed Spirit to promote women's participation in politics, leadership and decisions making processes.



WORLD BANK

Engagement with Law Enforcers on the Law against FGM.

Part of its efforts in ending violence against women and girls, GAMCOTRAP with funding from The World Bank in June 2025 engaged with five different security forces from the GPF, Gambia Immigration, Gambia Prison Services, DLEAG, Gambia Fire and Rescue Services to train them intensively on Female Genital Mutilation, its health consequences and the legal frameworks surrounding it nationally and internationally.



This came in response to the current FGM saga in The Gambia. People in Uniform in their mandate as law enforcement authority, they generally possess legal powers in enforcing laws, preventing and investigating crimes, and apprehending offenders to ensure public safety and a prosecution of FGM perpetrators.

The coordination and overarching work of security forces to guarantee the protection of women and girls pushes for the timely initiative to collaborate efforts of the different security forces to reflect and strengthen their specific mandate and roles in respecting and enforcing the law against FGM in The Gambia and other laws protecting the rights of women and girls. Participants were empowered with the “Rights Discourse” and empowered to distinguish between cultural subjectivities and their duty as law enforcers.

AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND (AWDF) AND THE FRONT LINE WOMENS FUND

Celebrating the Gains Made in Upholding The Anti-FGM Law.

In the June 2025 GAMCOTRAP with support from the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) Komboa Project and Front Line Women's Fund celebrated the gains made in upholding the Anti FGM law by National Assembly Members.



The celebration brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including community leaders, women leaders and groups, youth representatives, partners, and government officials and National Assembly Members. The gathering served as a platform to reflect on the achievements of ongoing initiatives promoting gender equality, community mobilization, and the abandonment of harmful traditional practices. Partners and government representatives commended GAMCOTRAP's sustained advocacy and collaboration with grassroots structures, emphasizing the importance of continued partnership in sustaining these gains.

The celebration marked a significant milestone not just for The Gambia but as part of broader feminist and human rights goals, aligning with AWDF's strategic priorities on bodily autonomy and the Gambia National Development Plan's focus on social protection and inclusive development. It also resonated with the objectives of the CSW69 (2025), which commemorated 30 years of implementing the Beijing Platform for Action. By spotlighting community-driven advocacy and legal protection, the event mark The Gambia's contribution to global efforts to end FGM and promote the SRHR of women and girls.

GIRLS OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE (GOA)

Amplifying the Voices of Adolescent Girls to End Harmful Traditional Practices in the Gambia.

GAMCOTRAP successfully implemented open dialogue and awareness raising activities with the goal of consolidating the gains made and advancing the effective implementation of the Anti-FGM law by engaging adolescent girls and mothers clubs. The activities conducted in Lower River Region and North Bank Region improved awareness among mothers and adolescent girls on the SRHRs of women and girls and other social issues affecting them. GAMCOTRAP over its 40 years of advocacy has built strong networks across regions focusing on grassroots education and cooperation of stakeholders to uphold women and girls right. The project activities reinforced ties among community members and paved the way for improved support for protecting girls and ending Harmful Traditional Practices.



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OUTCOMES:

- Increased support from District Chiefs for women and girl-child protection and upholding the Anti-FGM Law.
- There was a reaffirmation of collective responsibility of all the security officers in a unified voice to protecting the rights of women and the effective implementation of the laws
- Increased support and commitment from women leaders and councilors.
- Heightened awareness among women of reproductive age and adolescent girls on SRHRs of women and girls.
- Increased support from stakeholder to protect the rights of women and girls in the Gambia.
- Increased support for women's political participation in politics and decision-making processes.



LESSONS LEARNT

- Engaging community, religious, and traditional leaders helps reduce resistance significantly and fosters trust within communities. Their respected influence is instrumental in challenging and changing harmful social norms and attitudes.
- Empowering women of reproductive age, women leaders, and councilors has a multiplier effect as they influence family and community norms working within their jurisdiction. Their awareness and advocacy help reduce the incidence of FGM and other harmful traditional practices.
- Empowering village heads further supports this process, as their authority promotes acceptance of positive change within communities.
- Distribution of user-friendly and simplified legal materials enhances understanding, local ownership, and participant engagement with advocacy efforts and laws against FGM.
- Storytelling, testimonies, and sharing of real-life experiences foster greater emotional connection, open dialogue, and deeper learning among participants.
- Participants expressed that they gained new insights from peers' lived experiences, contributing to their own understanding, awareness, and advocacy roles.
- Enhanced knowledge was observed among adolescents about laws prohibiting FGM and other forms of gender-based violence.
- Collaboration between community leaders, youth groups, and local authorities was strengthened, creating effective networks for eliminating harmful traditional practices.
- Security forces reaffirmed their collective responsibility to protect the rights of women and children and voiced unified support for full enforcement of the Anti-FGM Law.
- Grassroots leaders publicly pledged to protect girls from FGM and early marriage, showing overwhelming local support for change.
- Parliamentarians renewed their commitment to uphold and enforce the 2015 Women's ACT
- Community voices were amplified through creative expressions such as music, poetry, and testimonies, further promoting solidarity and awareness.
- The use of the local languages with participants was a game changer which brought out the best from the target groups.

- Women should be empowered to stand for political positions ensuring equal representation in the parliament, thereby representing the voices of women and against issues affecting them, despite their political differences.

CHALLENGES

- Resistance due to deep-rooted cultural practices and misinformation was noted among participants at the beginning, there were resistance and lack of collaboration but using culturally relevant strategies going into the program, the participants opened up and participated fully in the discussions.
- Misinterpretation of religious texts fueled FGM justification.
- Limited literacy levels, this required more visual and oral methods of communication

Especially with local communities we mostly engaged with.

- Enforcement and implementation of the Anti FGM law remains weak in remote Communities, which is causing many people to practice it despite being illegal in the Gambia.
- People in the community often lack accurate information, so they tend to cling to Fragments and interpret them in their own way, as seen when participants shared incorrect details about the National Assembly FGM case
- GAMCOTRAP uses old vehicles for implementation; this often breaks down at critical spots hindering timely interventions and reporting.

Despite these challenges, GAMCOTRAP remained grounded and committed to protecting the rights of women and girls in the Gambia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Through GAMCOTRAPs engagement with different communities and target groups, a series of recommendations have been made towards a more successful implementation of our programs and this recommendations serve as a guide for GAMCOTRAP mission and vision of ending violence against women and girls and empowerment. It also, forms the basis of our program activities for the next cycle of interventions.

- **Advocacy Continuity:** Continue community sensitization and raising awareness and advocacy because the practice is still happening underground and some people are not exposed to its effects.
- **Increase Capacity building and collaboration:** Raise awareness and capacity building of the different target groups, collaborations with state agencies and encourage them to be part of the surveillance for reporting cases of FGM. Their involvement is vital in ensuring the enforcement of protective laws for women and children.
- **Collaboration** among CSOs to learn from each other and share experiences to form a formidable force against the resistant cohorts.
- **Financial Commitment:** Urge partners to commit funds for GAMCOTRAP's advocacy work and other initiatives to sustain impactful programs.

CONCLUSION

The year 2025 marked another significant step forward in GAMCOTRAP's ongoing mission to promote the rights and wellbeing of women and girls in The Gambia. Through strategic partnerships, grassroots mobilization, and sustained advocacy using culturally relevant strategies, communities have demonstrated growing commitment to ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and other harmful traditional practices. By engaging religious and traditional leaders, empowering women and youth, and strengthening collaboration with local authorities and law enforcement, as well as youth groups GAMCOTRAP has deepened trust, enhanced legal awareness, and inspired collective action for change. We express our sincere gratitude to all our partners and Donors who supported our work especially during the trying moments of attempts to reverse the gains the women's rights movement has gained over the years.

Testimonies, human interest stories and community dialogues have proven powerful in transforming attitudes, while creative expressions such as traditional songs by "Kanyalengos" and human interest stories continue to amplify voices for equality and justice. We have navigated the challenges we faced in an attempt to repeal the Anti-FGM law by some religious conservatives and some Law makers who do not have respect for Women and have won the initial battle of upholding the Law. We thank the concerned law makers who stood to uphold women's rights and history will remember them. However, the State has to uphold its obligation to women and girls who form over 50 per cent of the population. The laws and policies are there and must be implemented effectively for women and girls to live a dignified life in a safe and enabling environment. Silence is not the answer.

Despite persistent challenges such as secrecy surrounding FGM, the continued prevalence of child marriage, and fear of stigma there is clear momentum toward lasting social transformation because of the advocacy work we do. The growing solidarity among communities, CSOs, policymakers, activists and security actors reaffirms the national resolve to uphold the Anti-FGM Law and the Women's Amendment Act of 2015. GAMCOTRAP remains committed to sustaining this progress through education, advocacy, and empowerment of various entities.

ANNEXES

PHOTO GALLERY AND MEDIA

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