



Child marriages & child sexual abuse documentary

Matobo Youth for Development Initiative (MYDI) in partnership with Community Podium will produce a high-quality documentary with the aim to spotlight issues affecting the girl child in Matobo, Matabeleland South.



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This work will be as a tool for evidence-based advocacy to counter such practices which the district and the country is grappling with at the moment.

The documentary will be based on interviews of the guardians of the victims and community leaders. There are two cases reported in the district that the team wants to

pursue, and such there is an arrangement with people who have first-hand information and willing to share their experiences.

The documentary will profile victims from Wards 7, 8 and 19 in Matobo District. It will also interview a member from the Victim Friendly Unit (VFU). The VFU members will be from Kezi Police Station. Traditional leaders in the form of Chief Bidi and Chief Malaba. In ensuing conversations in the district, there is an escalating number of child marriages and patents are willing to speak and have solutions to these problems.

Interviewees

Family Members of the Victims: They will make us understand the causes of child sexual abuses and give us their testimonies.

Ward 7 Councillor: She has been vocal against child abuse and there has been several cases recorded in her ward which makes her an ideal stakeholder to give an insight of what is happening on the ground

Ward 8 Councillor: There are two cases of child sexual abuse recorded in her ward and both of this cases were reported to the police, but nothing has happened yet. The victims are still at primary school.

Chief Bidi: The two wards are under his jurisdiction hence it's critical that we get to understand the situation from traditional point of view and understand what mitigation strategies are done by his office in curbing child abuse.

Chief Malaba: He's one of the oldest chiefs in Matabeleland and we believe his contributions will be vital in our quest to curb the sexual child abuse.