

WOMEN AND LAW IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NEWSLETTER

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WLSA commemorates International Women's Day



International Women's Day Celebrations at Harare Gardens



International Women's Day Celebrations at the EU Ambassador's Residence

WLSA joins the rest of the world in commemorating International Women's Day, running under the theme "Gender equality for sustainable tomorrow". Women's day is set aside by the UN to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements. During the celebrations, WLSA had a chance to provide free legal aid and showcase its various publications at Harare Gardens, where the main celebrations took place.

Another event was held at the EU Ambassador's residence. With the Launch of the Team Europe Initiative on Gender to increase the visibility of the EU's support for gender equality and women's empowerment in Zimbabwe, showcasing projects that are being implemented under the TEI and results achieved.

Breakfast meeting with the Chiefs Council



Interactive dialogue with the Chiefs

WLSA held a breakfast meeting with the chiefs council. The purpose of the meeting was of seeking a relationship with the chiefs for more dialogues on their role as traditional leaders in ending harmful cultural practices and GBV. WLSA had an opportunity to present the Traditional leader's act and proposed amendments to strengthen gender equality.

The traditional leaders applauded WLSA's efforts and said, "We are sure that there will be robust and massive debates along the lines of tradition and culture when the bill gets to Parliament."

The First-Ever Africa CSW66 Held in Nairobi

WLSA attended the first-ever African Commission on the Status of women in Kenya, running under the theme "Achieving Gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, Environment and Disaster risk reduction policies and programmes". CSW66 also happens at a time when the impact of covid 19 has ravaged the world and clearly agrees that the current financial, social and environmental order must shift.

Africa CSW66 was being hosted by FEMNET, an alternative CSW engagement structure that is inclusive and accessible to women and girls in all diversity in Nairobi. CSW is the largest and among the most attended gender equality and women's rights event held every year at the UN Headquarters



Justice served to a 11-year-old boy



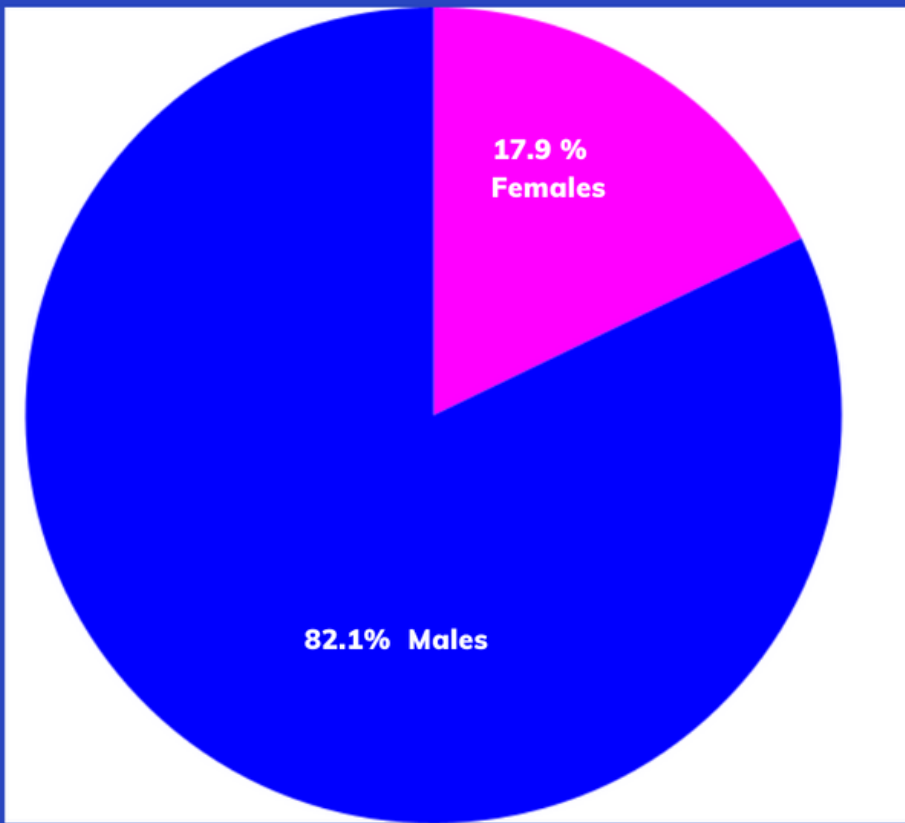
Left shoulder which was burnt

Tanaka Maopa from Village 9 Chivhu was burnt by his Father when he came home drunk. He was beaten severely, and his left cheek and shoulder were put on fire by his Father. After the incident, Tanaka spent two weeks locked inside the house without food. Tanaka learnt about WLSA from a WLSA community paralegal who reported the case to the police.

WLSA promptly referred Tanaka to the Social Welfare Department, where he was given food and shelter whilst investigations were underway. Tanaka's Father was arrested, and the case went to court. WLSA provided legal representation and conducted court monitoring until the case was finalised. The Father was sentenced to 1 year six months, and six months were suspended. Justice was served, and Tanaka is now safely in his uncle's custody and continuing with school like any other child.

Gender Analysis of Candidates Elected as Members of the National Assembly

THERE WERE 28 VACANT PARLIAMENTARY SEATS IN THE 26 MARCH 2022 BY-ELECTIONS. A TOTAL NUMBER OF 118 CANDIDATES CONTESTED IN THE SAID ELECTIONS , CONSISTING OF 102 MALES AND 16 FEMALES.



Females

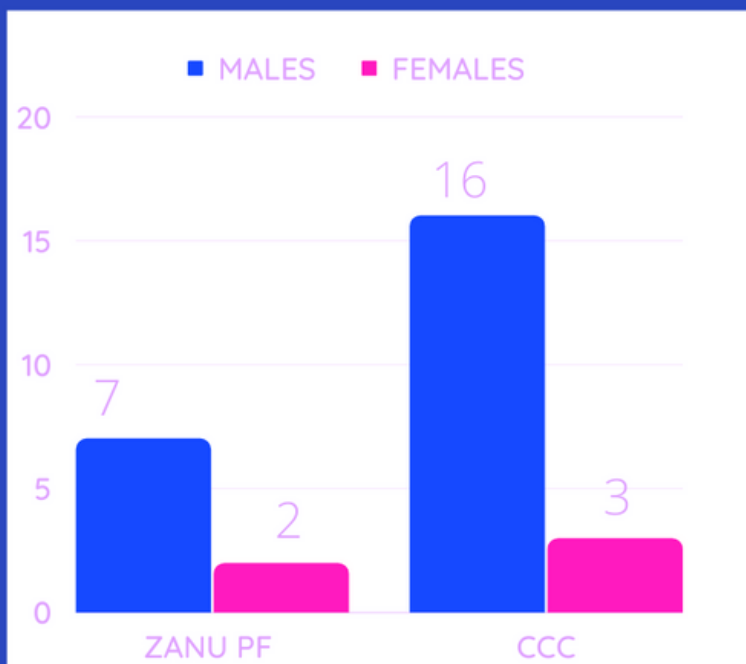
Out of 16 female Candidates who contested in the 26th of March 2022 By-elections, only 5 female candidates were elected as Members of the National Assembly



Males

Out of 102 male Candidates who contested in the 26th of March 2022 By-elections 23 male candidates were elected as Members of the National Assembly

GENDER ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL PARTIES ON ELECTED MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING THE MARCH 2022 BY-ELECTIONS



Females

Out of 5 female candidates who were elected as Members of National Assembly in the March 2022 By-Elections, 3 female candidates are from Citizens Coalition of Change and 2 from Zanu PF



Males

Out of 23 male candidates who were elected as Members of National Assembly in the March 2022 By-Elections, 16 males are from Citizens Coalition of Change and 6 from Zanu PF

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