

TAMAR CAMPAIGN

The voice of the church has not been heard in the fight against gender-based violence. This year, The Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA) is running a campaign dubbed **The Tamar Campaign**. It aims at adding the voice of the church by challenging and equipping the church to break the silence on gender-based violence.

The church is a legitimate institution that is key in addressing social issues affecting the society. In addition, due to its proximity to the family, which is the core of any society, it is strategically placed to address the issues affecting the family: one being violence against women and children.

For the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, Tamar Campaign in conjunction with Mamlaka Hill Chapel and Nairobi Women's Hospital will be doing several events. The aim for these events is to educate the church on gender-based violence; and to add the voice of the church in the fight against gender-based violence and especially during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The following is a list of the events FECCLAHA plans to carry out.

PROGRAMME

EVENT	DATE	Description of the event
1. Tamar Moment and introduction of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence to Mamlaka Hill Chapel	20 November <i>(Services start at 8:00 am and 10:30 am)</i>	This is mainly to introduce Tamar and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence to the Mamlaka Hill Chapel congregation.
2. Mamlaka Hill Chapel Counselors briefing	23 November	The counselors and pastors of Mamlaka Hill Chapel will undergo a short briefing on trauma counseling. This will equip them for counseling of survivors who may need healing after the service.
3. The Main Service with the police, Nairobi Women's Hospital representative, and some survivors	27 November. <i>(Services start at 8:00 am and 10:30 am)</i>	This is the main event with survivors, the police, and Nairobi Women's Hospital making presentations. There will be a sermon to wrap up this event. People will be given a chance to interact with representatives of various organizations dealing with Gender-Based Violence.
4. A pastoral visit to the Gender Violence Resource Center at Nairobi Women's Hospital	30 November	This is planned for pastors of churches in Nairobi and it environs. It is meant to be an exposure visit.
5. The Preventive Approach: Talking to the parents and the young people	4 December <i>(Services start at 8:00 am and 10:30 am)</i>	This is to sum up the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.
6. The Ruth Story: Integrity among the men	11 December	This is meant to challenge the men to maintain their integrity like Boaz in the book of Ruth in the Bible.
7. St. Paul's Theological College	10 December	To wind up activities, a service will be held at St. Paul's Theological College Limuru, where various organizations will be invited to speak on Gender-Based Violence: the Current situations. The target audience is Church leaders in churches near the college.
8. Media Events		Tamar has organized various sessions with the Christian Media: Family, Hope, and Waumini, where selected authorities will speak on the position of the church concerning Gender-Based Violence.