

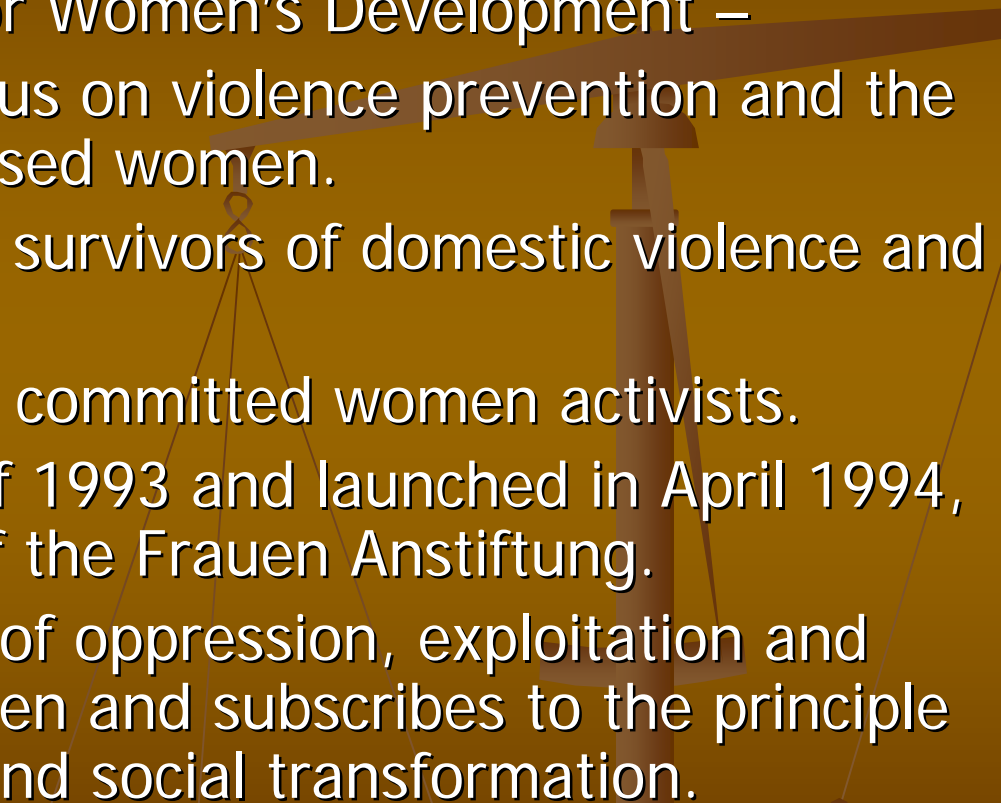


NISAA INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

VICTIMS CHARTER TRAINING

25 JUNE 2007

NISAA

- The Nisaa Institute for Women's Development – non-profit NGO - focus on violence prevention and the empowerment of abused women.
 - Offers services to the survivors of domestic violence and their children.
 - Started by a group of committed women activists.
 - Initiated at the end of 1993 and launched in April 1994, with the assistance of the Frauen Anstiftung.
 - Opposed to all forms of oppression, exploitation and violence against women and subscribes to the principle of non-sectarianism and social transformation.
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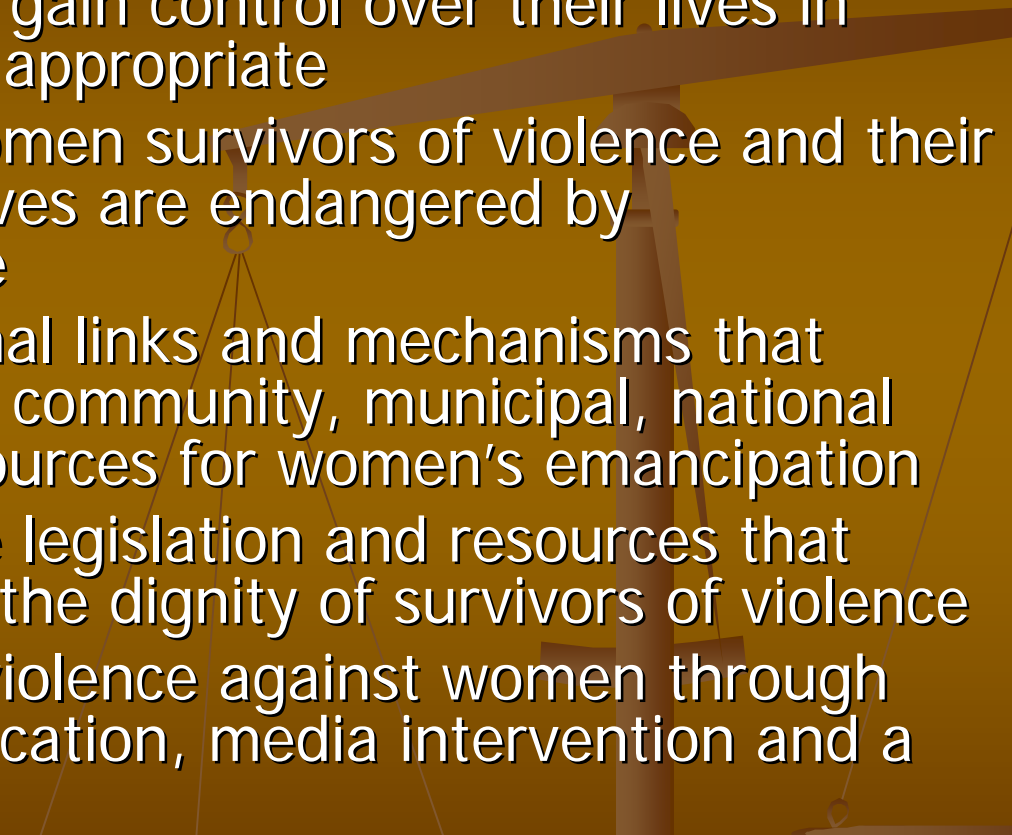
- Head office - Lenasia established in 1994.
- A satellite office established in Soweto in 1996.
- Another in Orange Farm in February 1998
demand and need for services



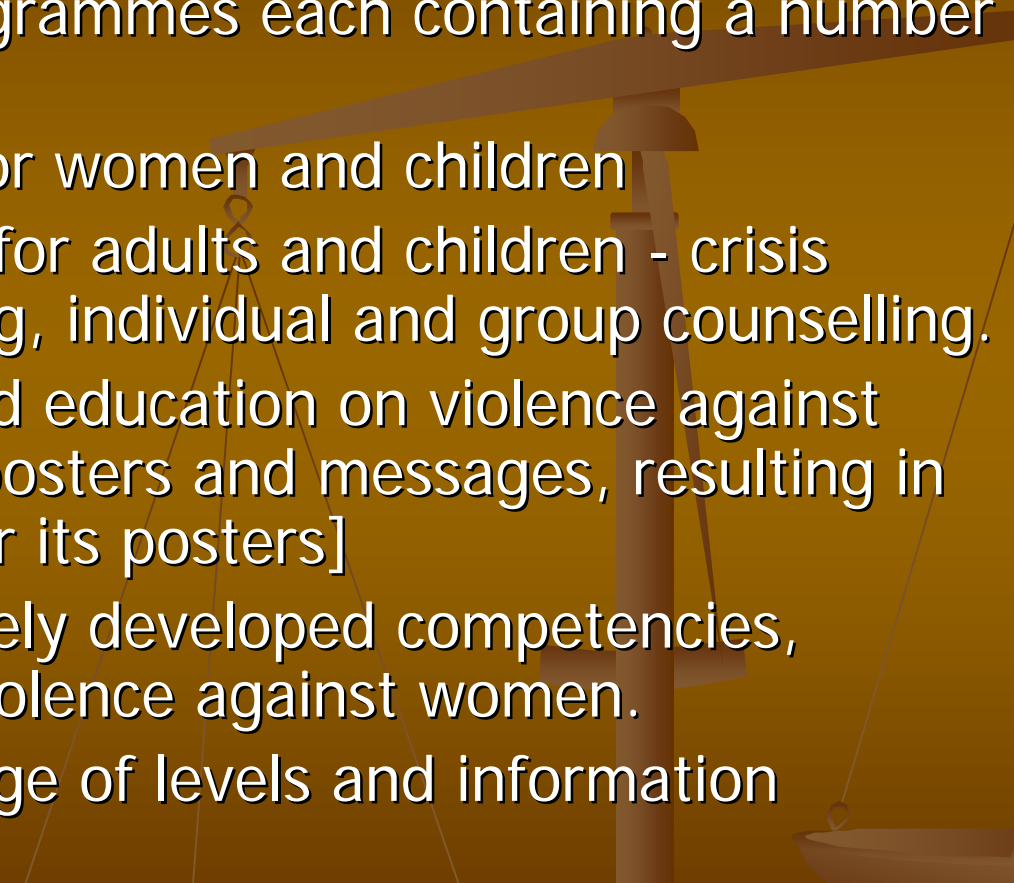
Nisaa's Mission Statement

- *Nisaa is committed to bridging that which can bring women together as a cohesive group and that which distinguishes each of us as individuals. It is dedicated to promoting and acknowledging women's self and collective empowerment and their contribution to politics, economics, and social-community based activities.*

Nisaa's Goals

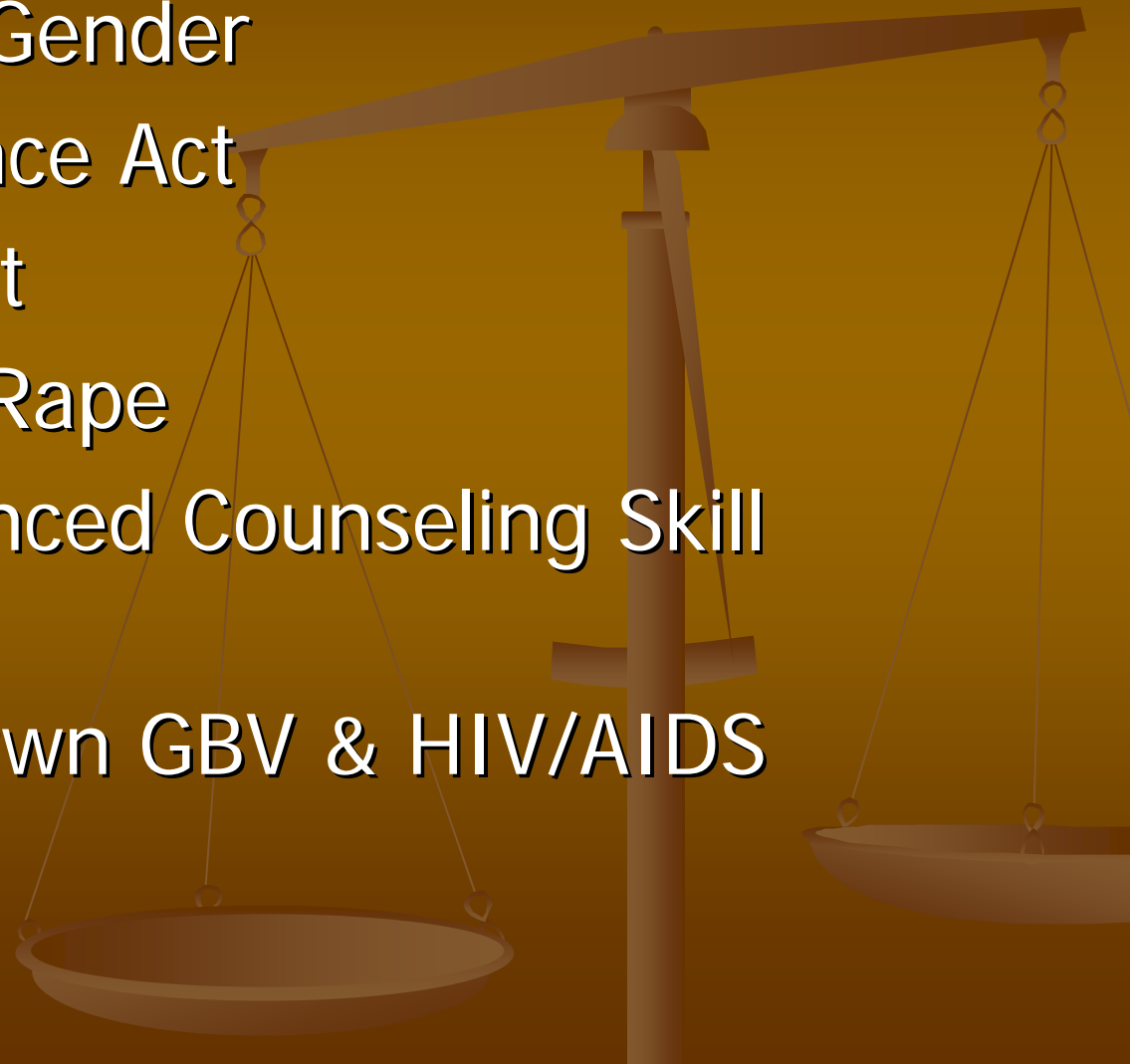
- Encourage women to gain control over their lives in ways that they deem appropriate
 - Provide refuge for women survivors of violence and their children when their lives are endangered by interpersonal violence
 - Establish organisational links and mechanisms that enable the use of the community, municipal, national and international resources for women's emancipation
 - Lobby for appropriate legislation and resources that protect and maintain the dignity of survivors of violence
 - Raise awareness on violence against women through public awareness education, media intervention and a range of training
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Nisaa's Work

- consolidated - 6 programmes each containing a number of ongoing projects.
 - emergency shelter for women and children
 - counselling services for adults and children - crisis telephone counselling, individual and group counselling.
 - public awareness and education on violence against women [attitudinal posters and messages, resulting in numerous awards for its posters]
 - training on distinctively developed competencies, gender issues and violence against women.
 - publications at a range of levels and information disseminating
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Types of Training

- Understanding Gender
- Domestic Violence Act
- Maintenance Act
- Understanding Rape
- Basic and Advanced Counseling Skill Course
- Intersection betwn GBV & HIV/AIDS



Understanding Gender duration 2 days

- meaning of gender
- gender stereotypes
- cultural and religious practices that perpetuate violence against women

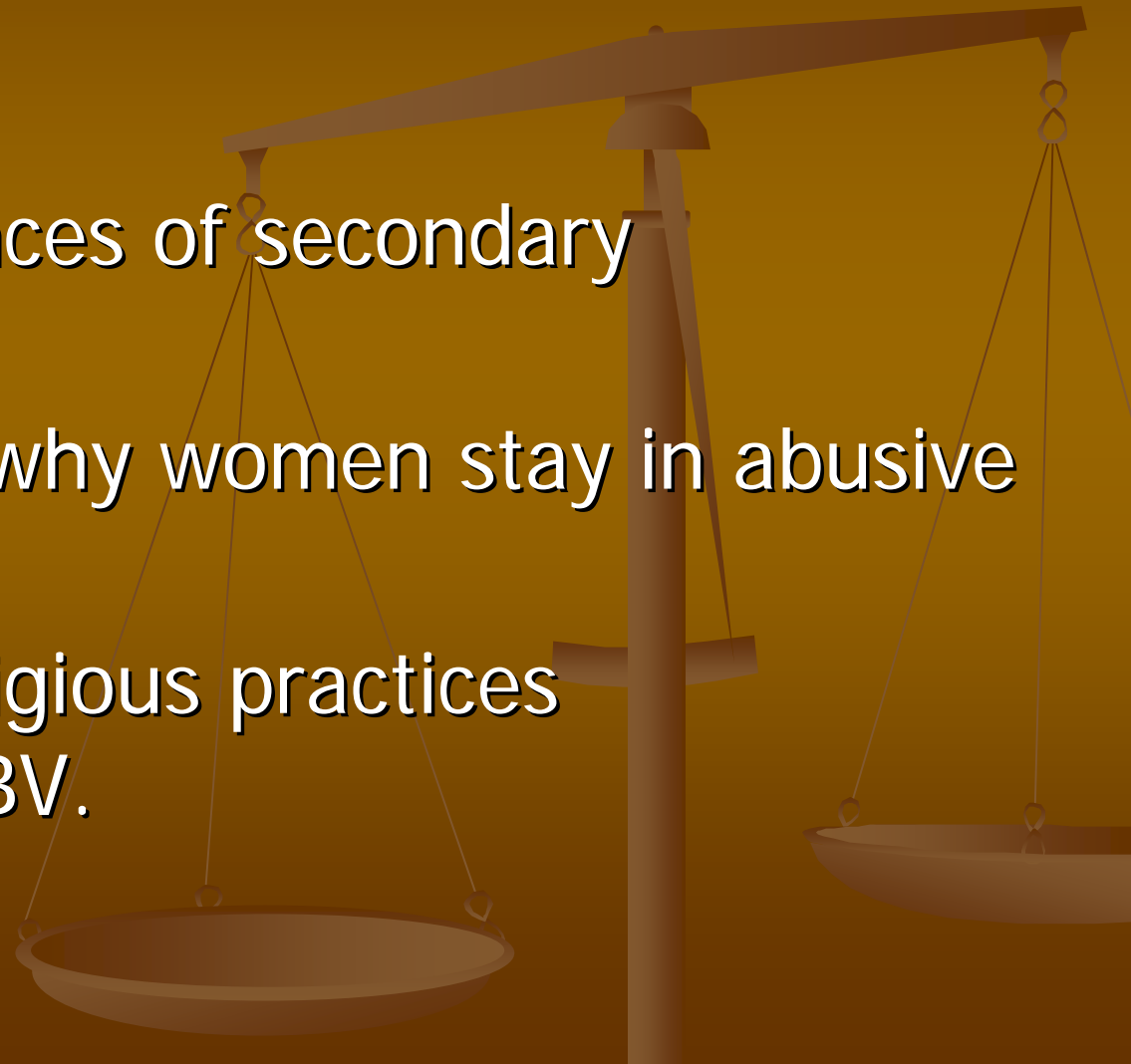


Domestic Violence & Maintenance Act - duration 2 days

Social aspect

To reduce incidences of secondary victimization

- Understanding why women stay in abusive relationships
- Cultural and religious practices perpetuating GBV.

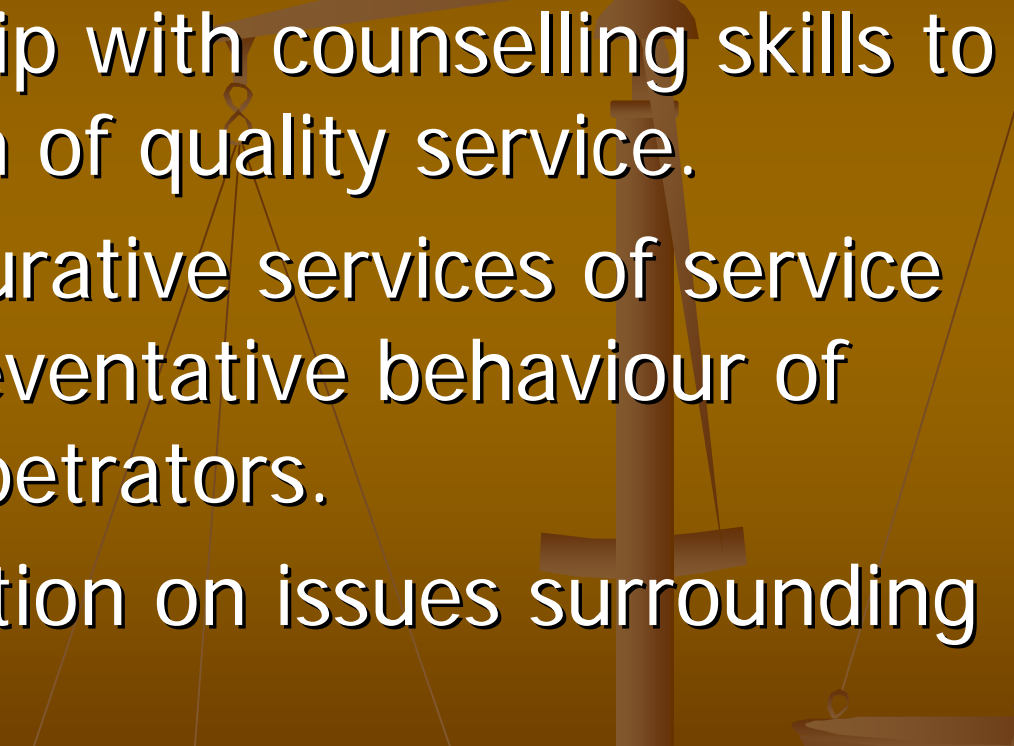


Understanding Rape – duration 1 day

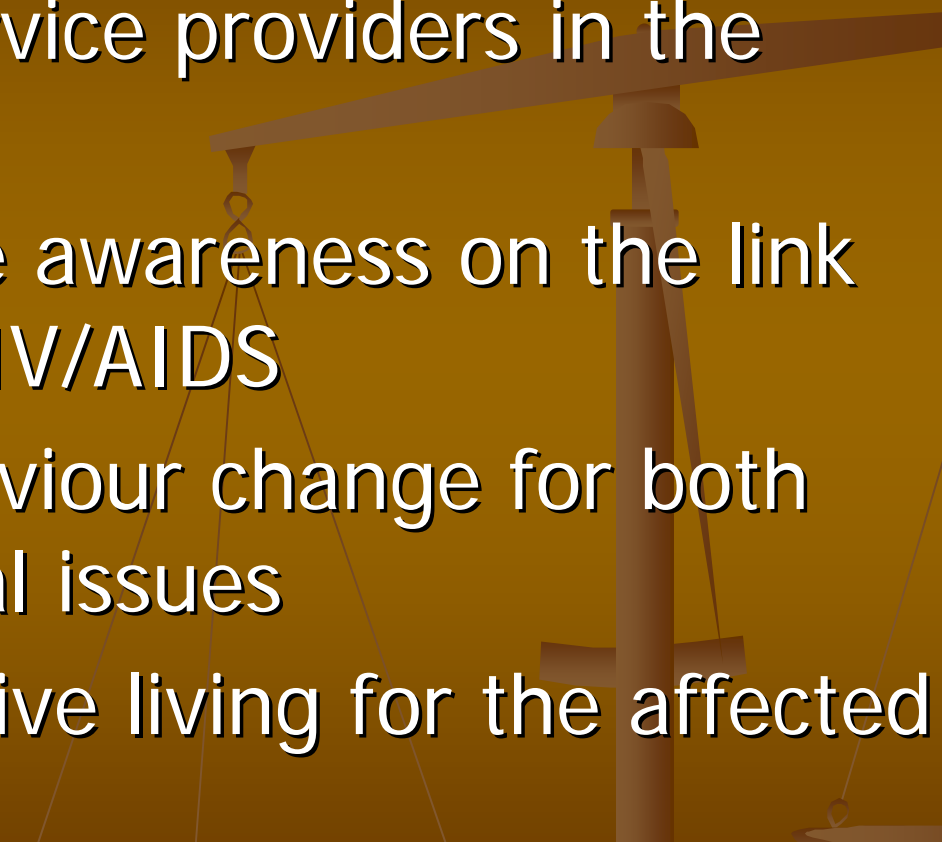
- raise awareness on types of rape.
- available treatment for survivors.



Basic and Advanced Counseling Skill Course – duration 4 days

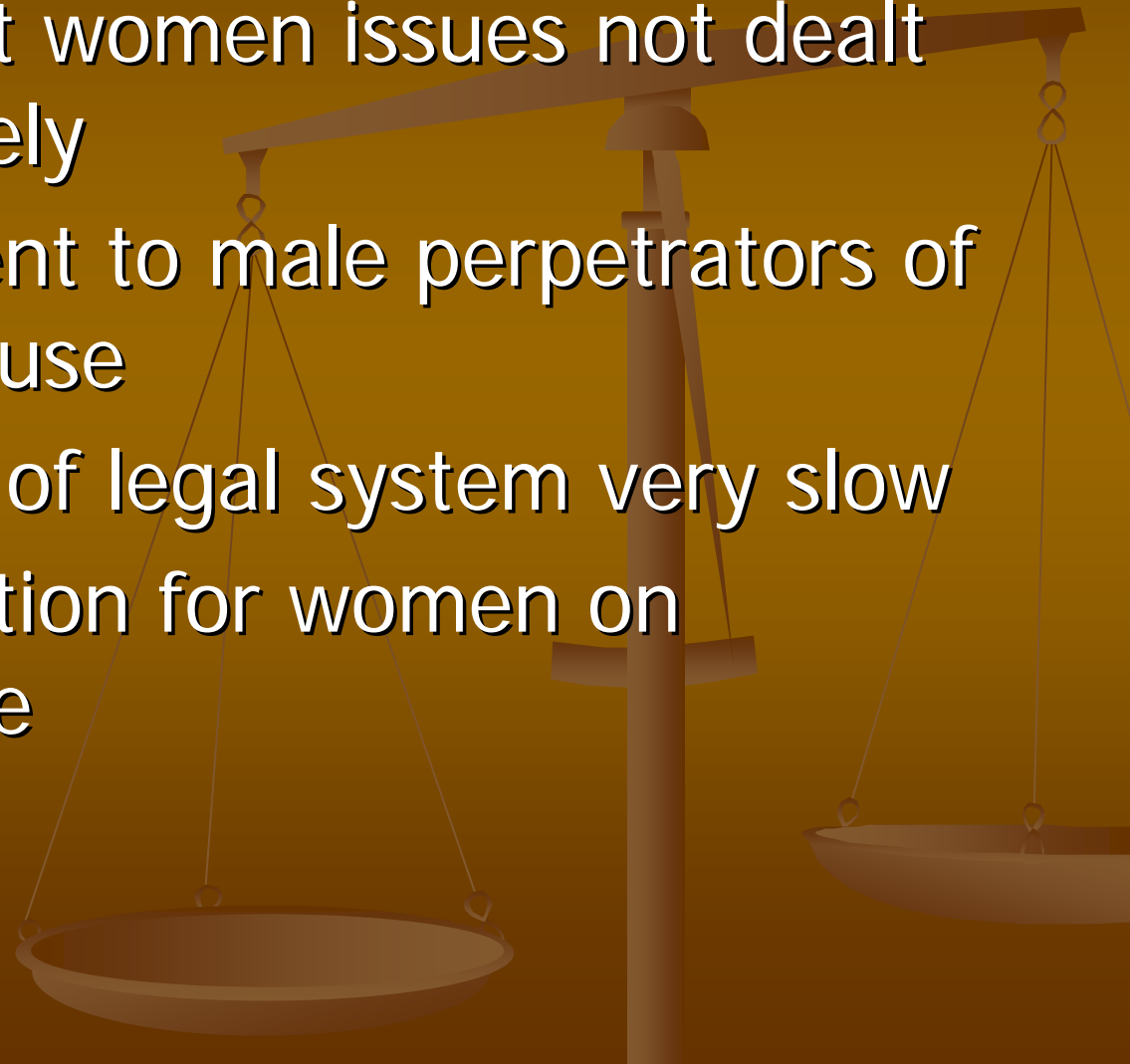
- objectives - equip with counselling skills to ensure provision of quality service.
 - enhance both curative services of service workers and preventative behaviour of victims and perpetrators.
 - provide information on issues surrounding GBV & rape.
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Intersection betwn GBV & HIV/AIDS - duration 2 days

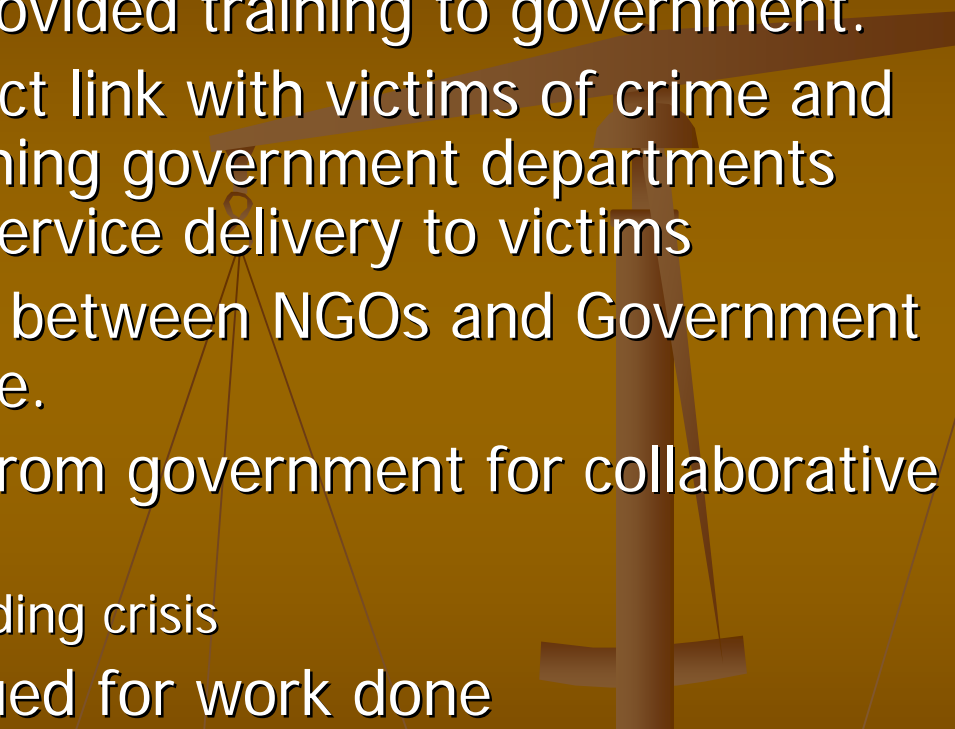
- designed for service providers in the health sector
 - objective – raise awareness on the link betwn GBV & HIV/AIDS
 - encourage behaviour change for both genders – sexual issues
 - encourage positive living for the affected & infected.
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Challenges

- Violence against women issues not dealt with appropriately
- Courts still lenient to male perpetrators of violence and abuse
- Transformation of legal system very slow
- Lack of information for women on accessing justice



Challenges with Training programmes

- NGOs have always provided training to government.
 - NGOs often have direct link with victims of crime and understand what training government departments require for effective service delivery to victims
 - Training Partnerships between NGOs and Government not always sustainable.
 - Not enough support from government for collaborative training
 - NGOs face severe funding crisis
 - NGOs not always valued for work done
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Proposal: NGO & GOV Partnership

- Stronger partnership that is based on mutual understanding and respect
 - Part of training and not only drawn in to make presentation and then required to leave
 - Plan, design and train together each according to own competency.
 - NGOs will play a role in monitoring and evaluating training
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