

**YOUR SILENCE IS
THEIR PROTECTION**



GENDER JUSTICE NOW!!





TRUTH
RECONCILIATION
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COMMISSION

THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

#NeverAgain

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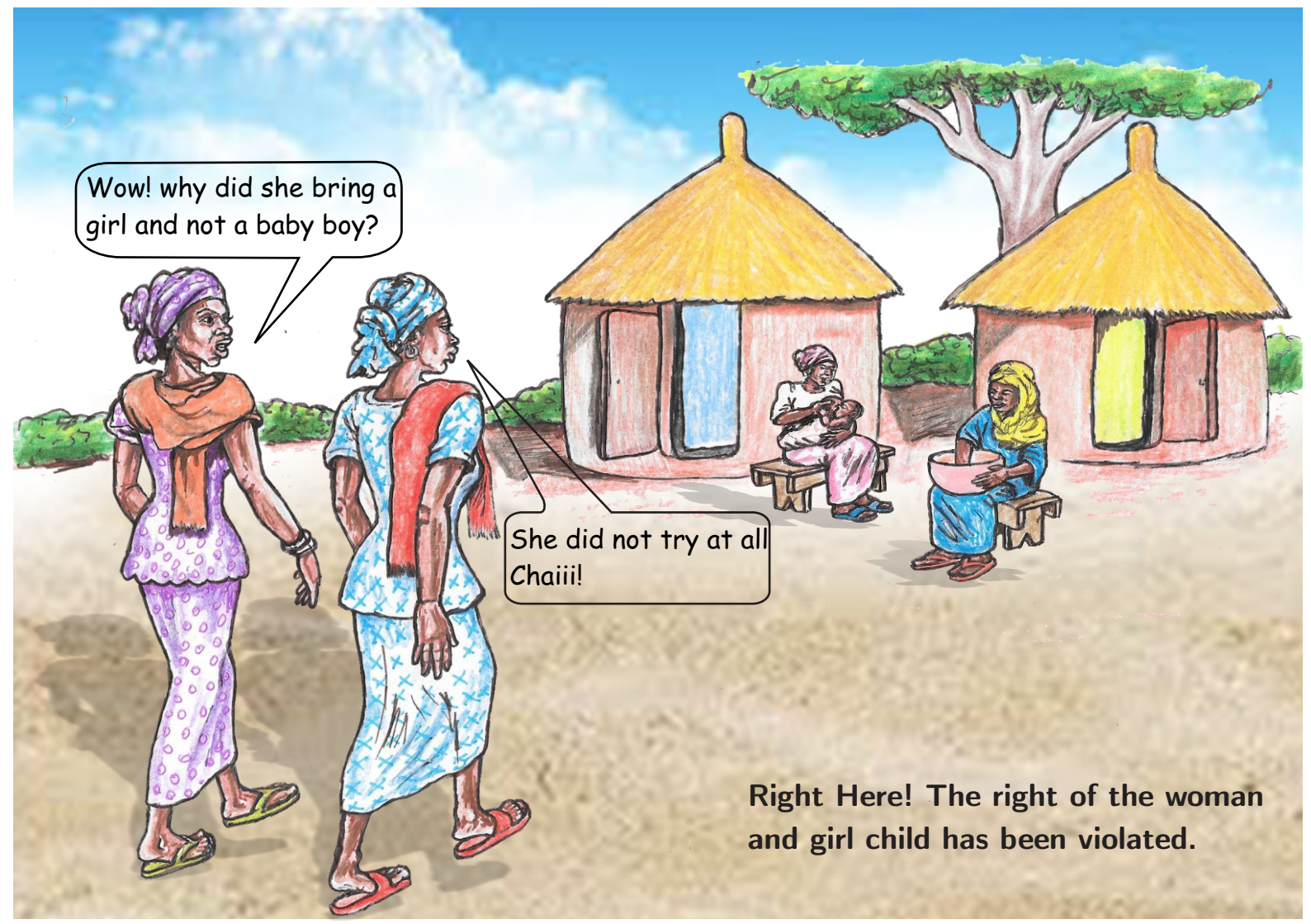


GENDER = Social Construct



SEX = Biological Sex allocation





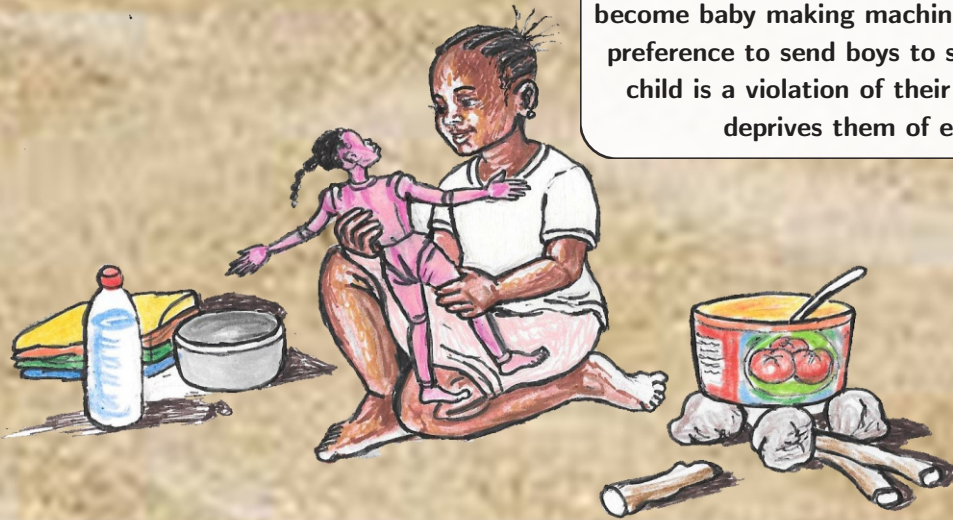
Wow! why did she bring a girl and not a baby boy?

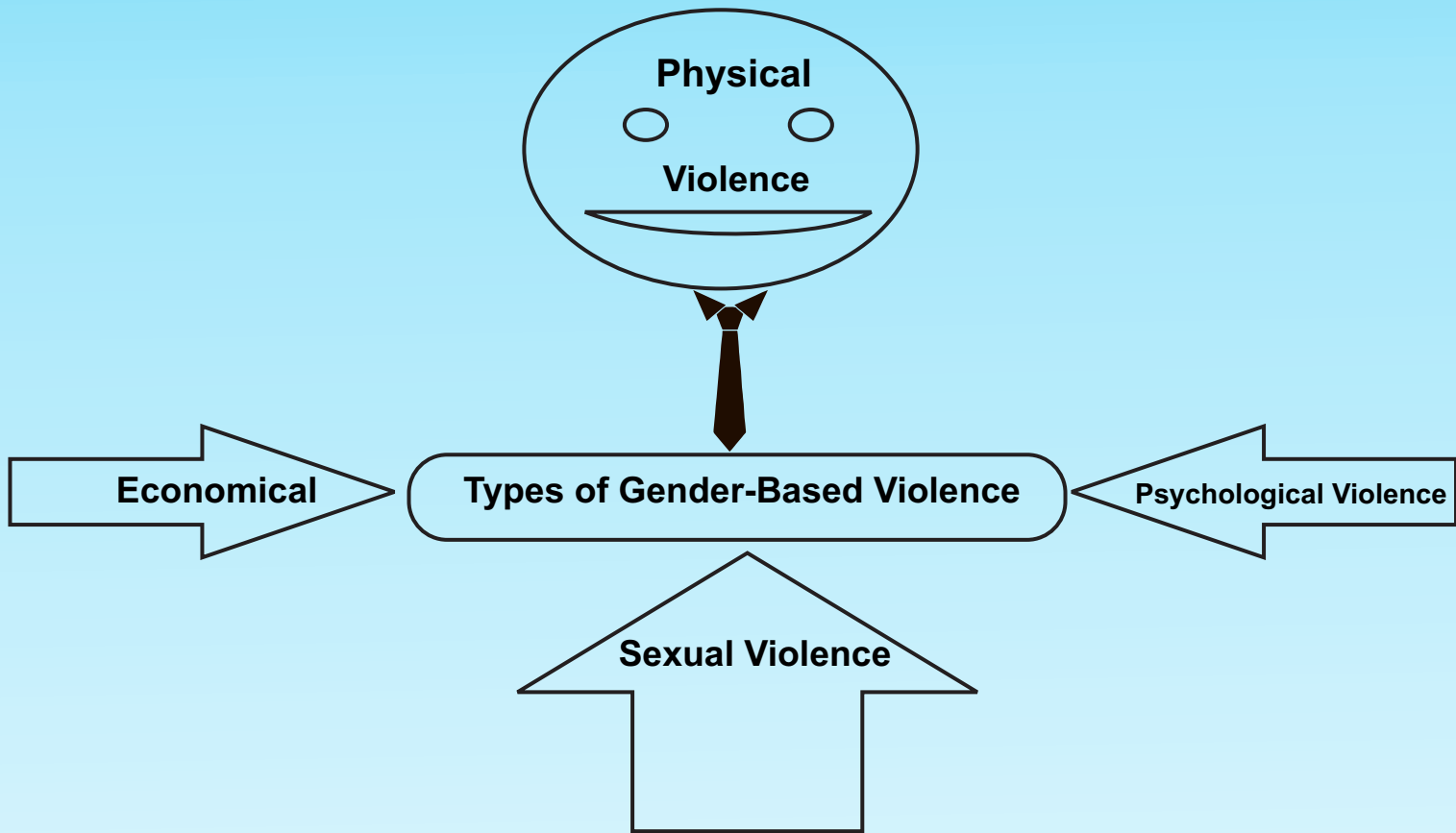
She did not try at all Chaiii!

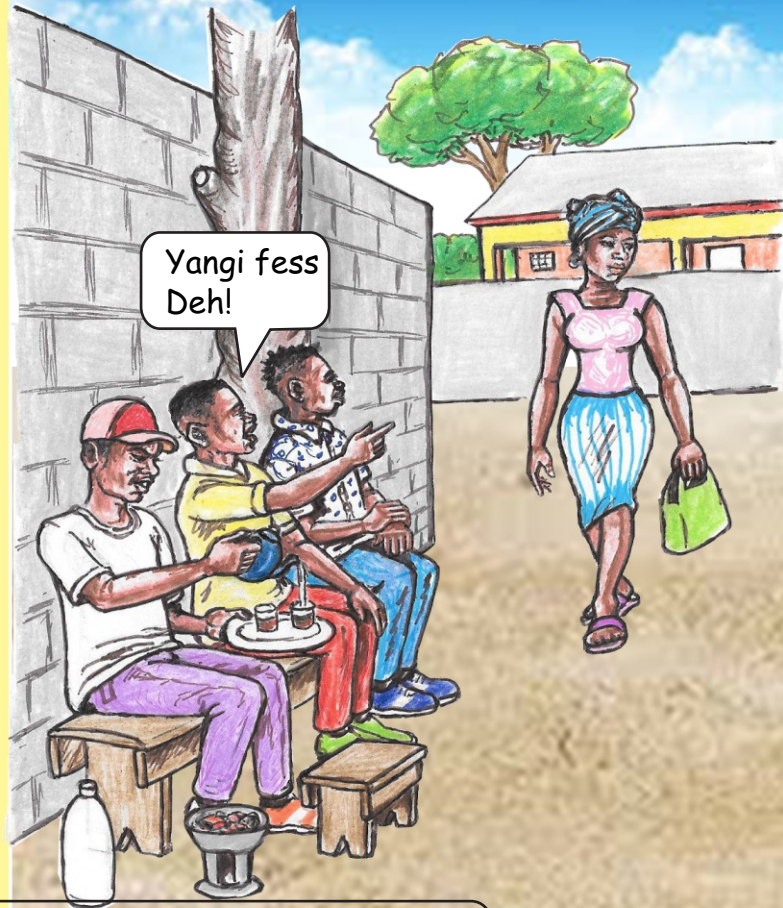
Right Here! The right of the woman and girl child has been violated.



“We tell boys to work hard, be strong & violent. Whilst we tell girls to prepare themselves to become baby making machines. Parents showing preference to send boys to school over the girl child is a violation of their rights because it deprives them of education.

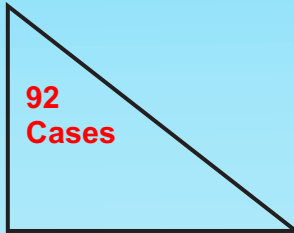




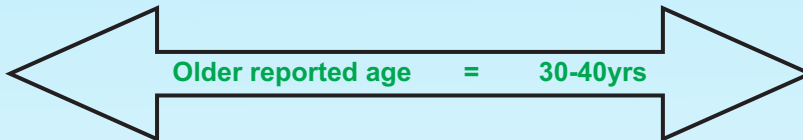
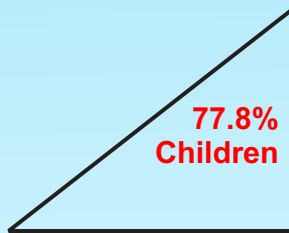
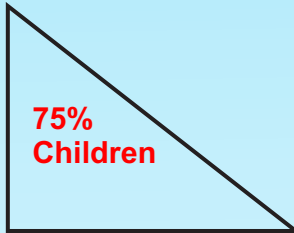
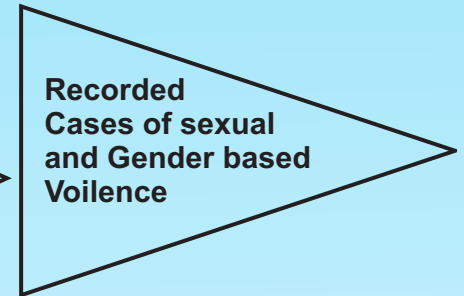
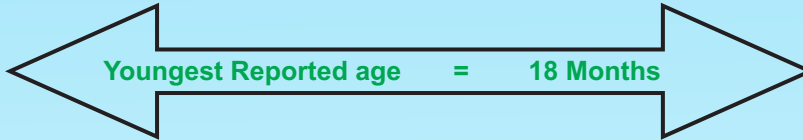
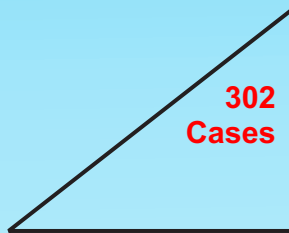


Any advance that you do towards somebody, touching the sexual organs of a person. If the person did not expressly accept it, constitutes sexual violence. And so is making sexual comments to someone who has not consented to it

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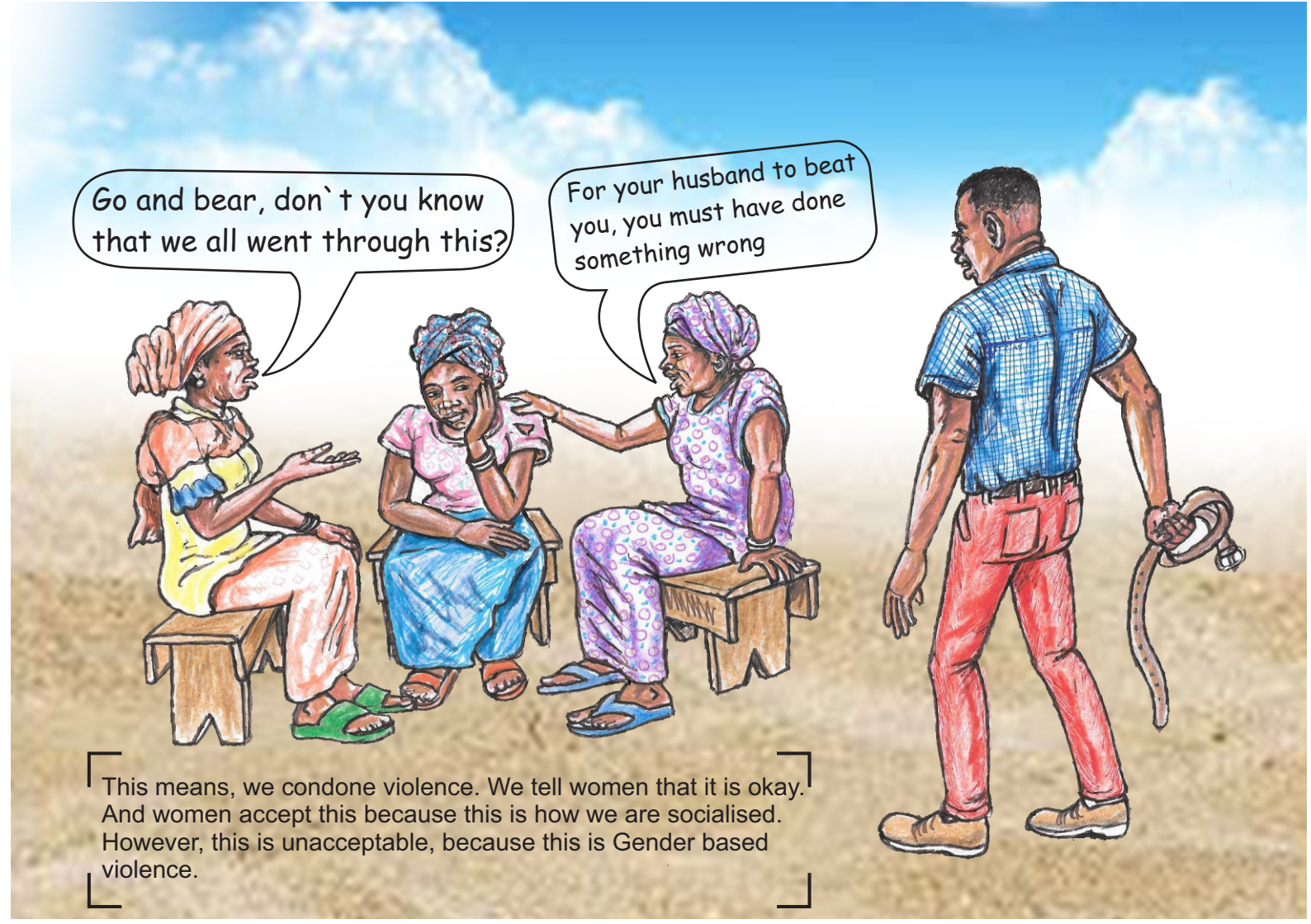
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Marrying off rape victims to their rapist is normalizing Rape. And a violation of their Human Rights

*I always say Gambians, we are very nice people but I think some of us are naive, that is the Gambian person. We give out our young children to anybody very comfortably and sometimes even undressed and some men will actually get their satisfaction by only playing with the genital organs of those children **and that is molesting.** They do that and you will not even know. They can do that to a child repeatedly*





Go and bear, don't you know that we all went through this?

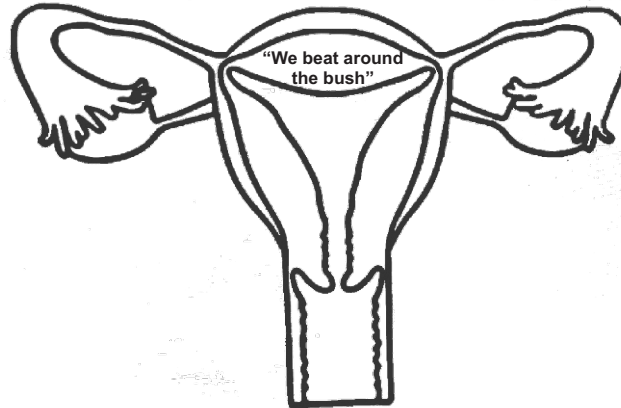
For your husband to beat you, you must have done something wrong

This means, we condone violence. We tell women that it is okay. And women accept this because this is how we are socialised. However, this is unacceptable, because this is Gender based violence.

Power Dynamics



Cultural challenges and the role of Patriarchy in the manifestation of sexual Violence



If perpetrators are influential people, as soon as the victims expose them, the reaction of the parents mostly sound like this....

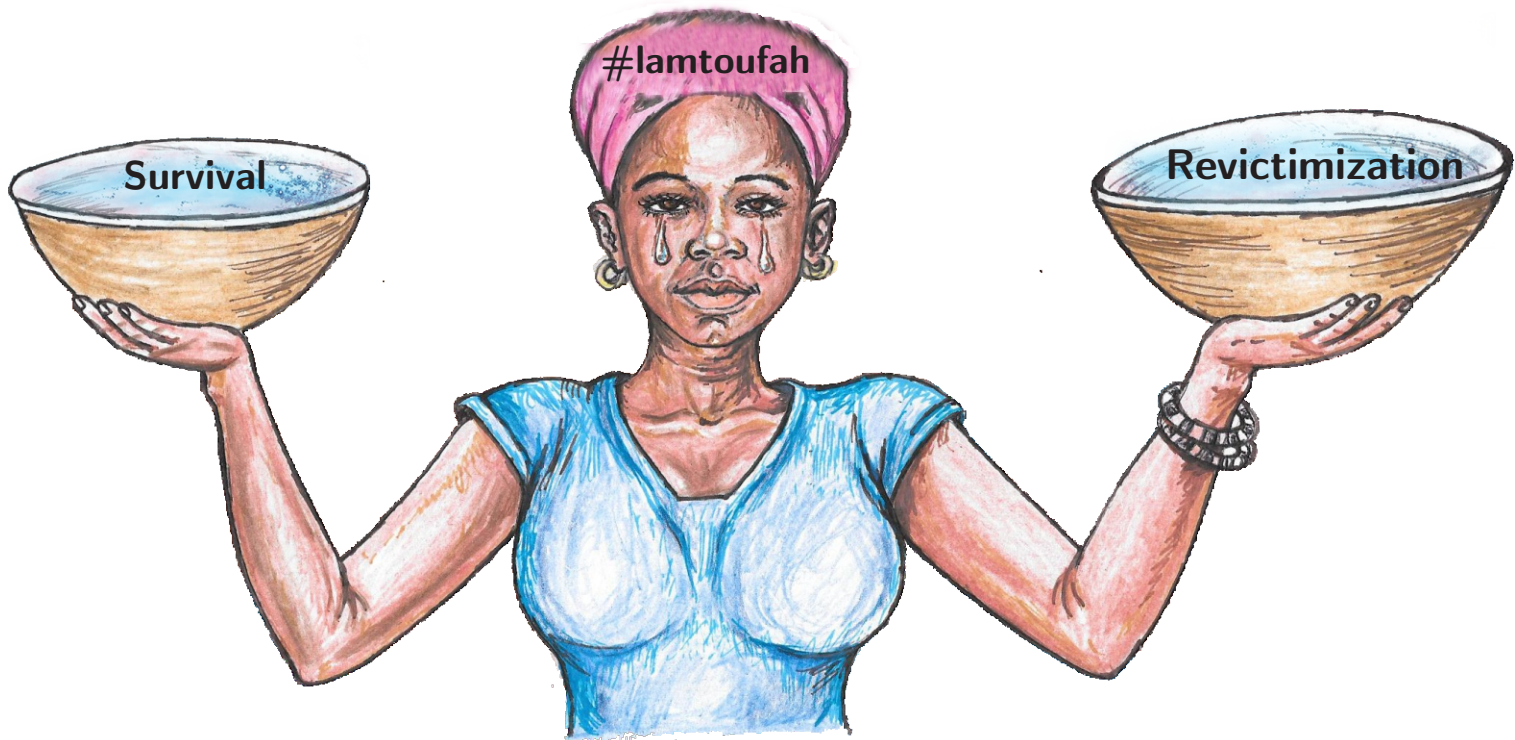


Close your mouth, where do we go with this? Do you know how powerful they are?



Mum! Mum! It is them.....





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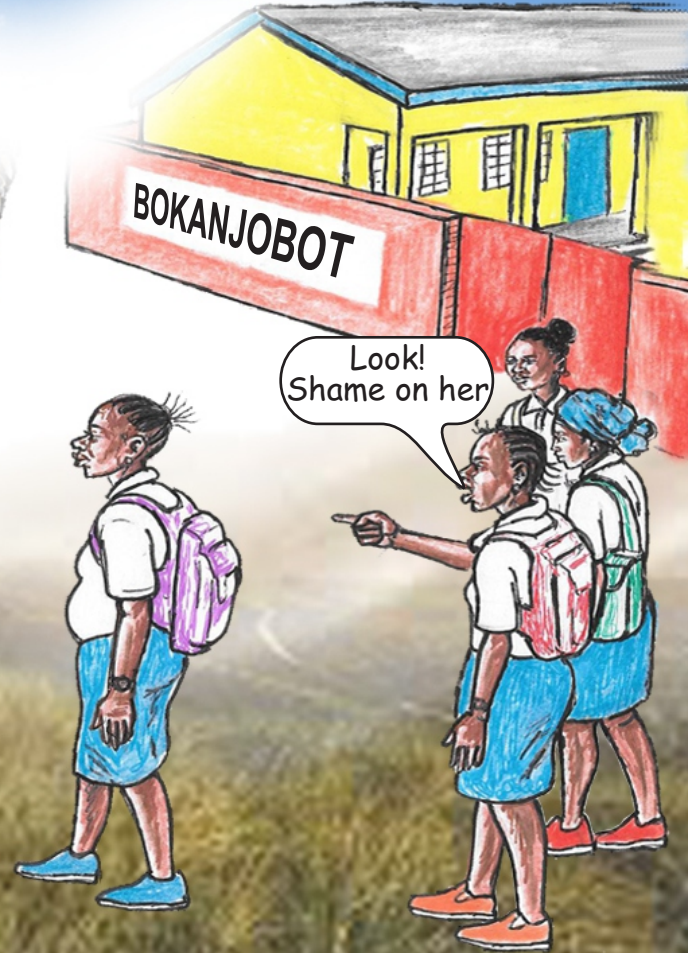
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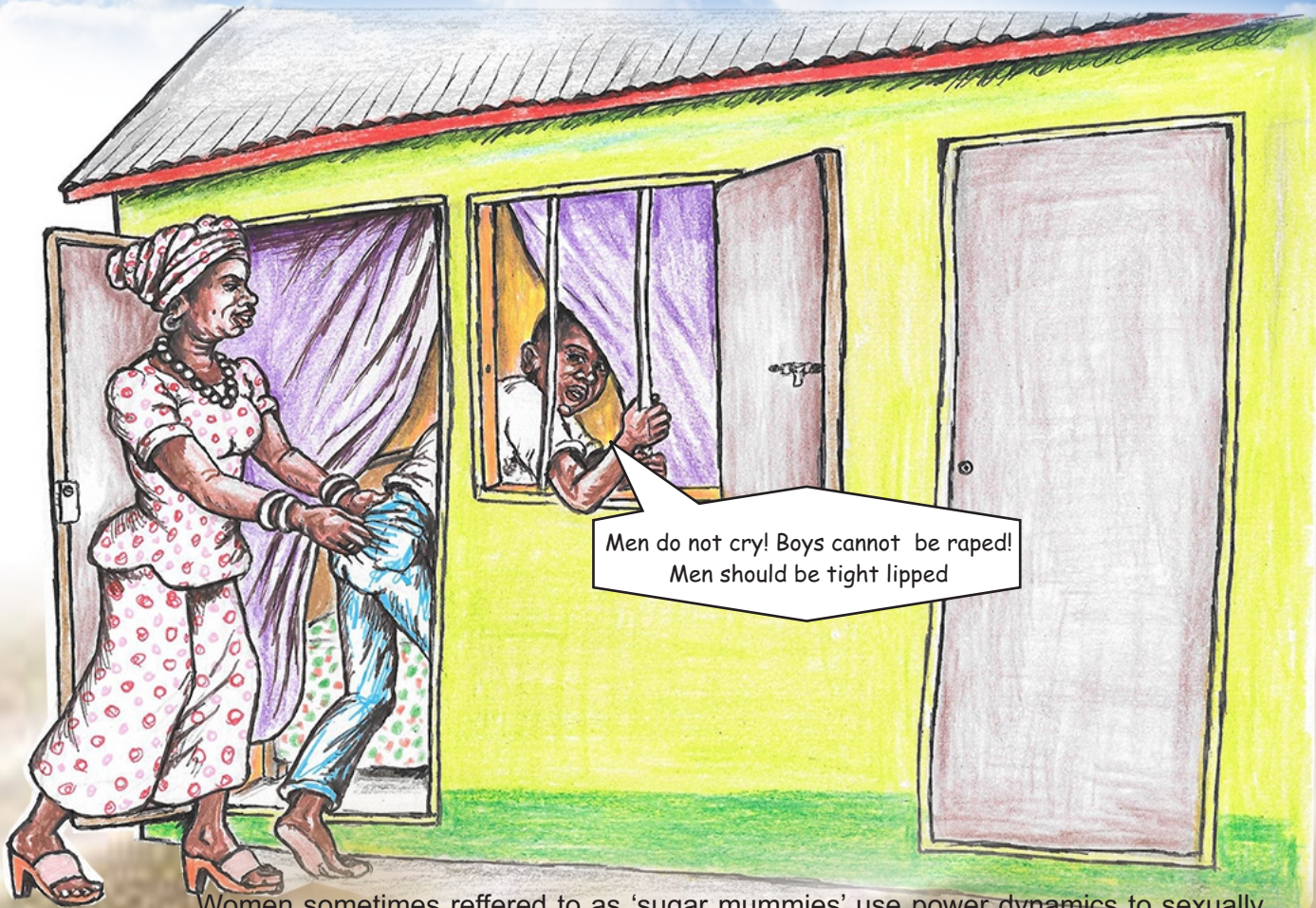
Revictimization

Our culture blames mothers and they undergo a lot of psychological pain. Victim blaming promotes stigma and isolation.

you did not raise her well!

you are not a good mother!





Women sometimes referred to as 'sugar mummies' use power dynamics to sexually violate young boys. As long as we continue to peddle these misconceptions, our boys will continue to suffer in silence!

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You are not a virgin; how can we trust you?

'You are' a prostitute

You are lying
You wanted money



If I report, what will happen to me and my status in society?
What names will they call me?
Is it too late to report? Who will believe me? And will I receive the services of the hospital and police?

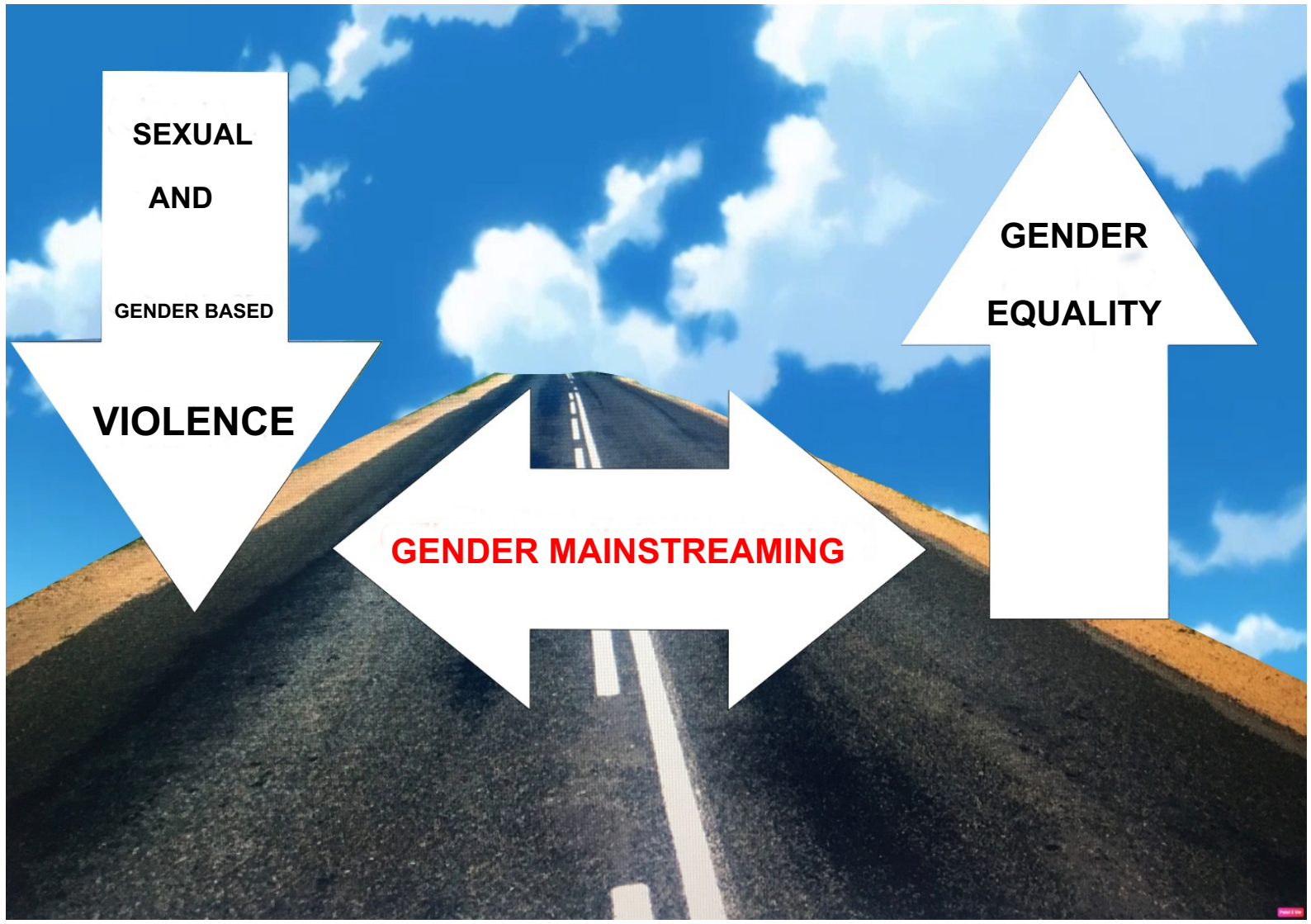
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EQUALITY**

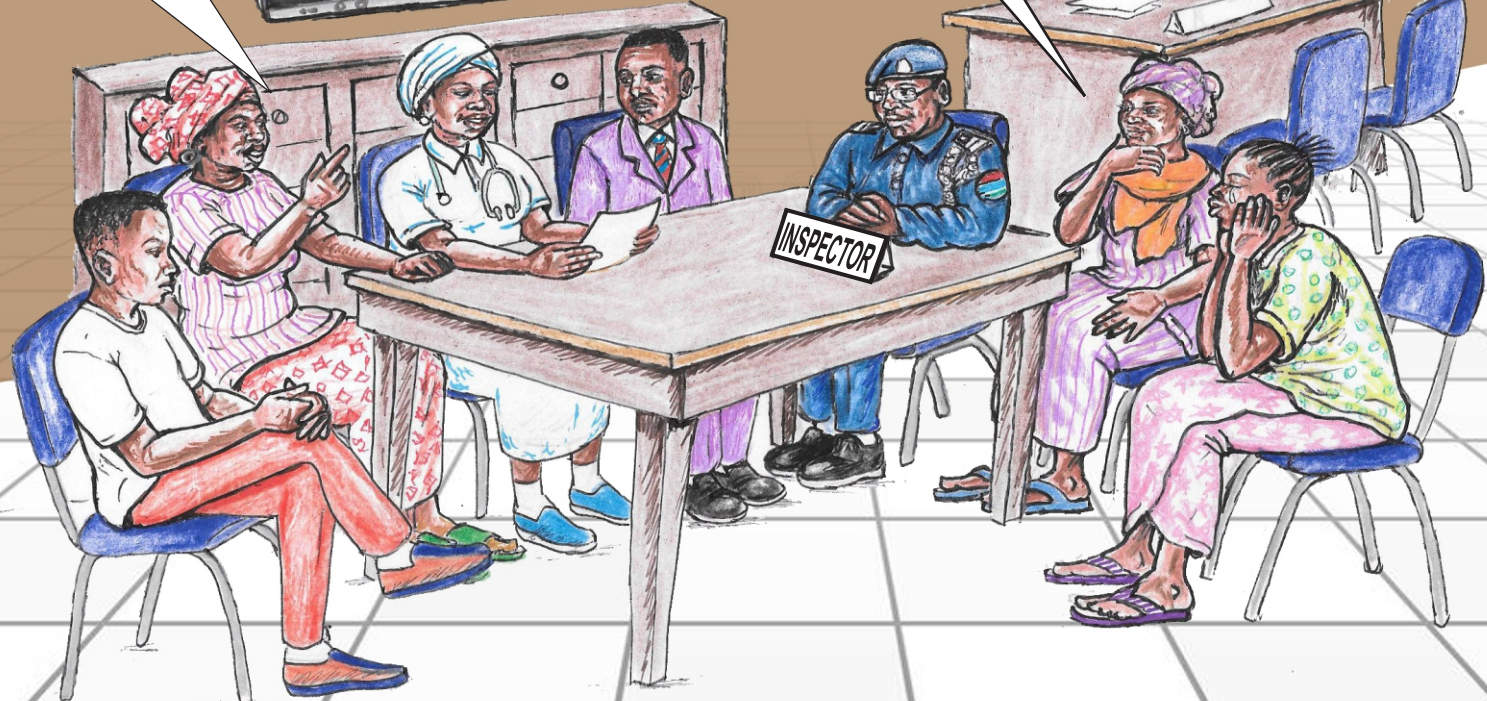
GENDER MAINSTREAMING



My son will not marry this girl. This is not what I planned for him. Maybe when the worst comes to the worst, we might name the child.



Please! I do not want my Neighbours to know about this. Let us just arrange something.



This is mostly how we negotiate rape cases in this country.

We pledge not to uphold the roles represented in these stories. We pledge to break gender stereotypes and clarify misconceptions. We pledge to shift the shame and blame from victims to perpetrators. To support and believe survivors. We pledge to work towards a SGBV free society.

#equalsNow

#heforshe

#metoo

#IamToufah





STOP SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

