# **ACCESSING JUSTICE FOR SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

A guide for adolescent girls & young women, & support organizations



# What to do in cases of GBV (rape, defilement, domestic violence, other sexual offences)

# Go to a safe place

Ensure personal safety



#### Preserve evidence

Do NOT bathe. Do NOT remove clothes (If you do, don't keep them in kaveera). If you urinate, do so in a bottle & go with it to hospital.

# Report immediately

Report to the nearest police (or LC). Obtain Police Form 3 (PF3) & proceed to hospital for PEP, emergency contraception, counselling & medical examination.

Ensure the health provider fills PF3 & return it to police.

# Seek counselling

Seek psychological support from the Probation Office, Child & Family Protection Unit of police, or a support organization. Seek advice from a legal aid organization.



What happens when you report

sexual & gender-based

violence to Police



# **Probation & Social Welfare** Officer

# Case management file is opened

Cases from LCs, Police, NGOs, victims.

#### **Medical exam**

Victim is taken for a medical exam.

# Social inquiry

An inquiry into the circumstances & assessment of severity of the case.

# Minor cases

Resolved & offender cautioned; restitution; counseling

# **Major cases**

Police advised to forward case to Court.

# Follow-up & support

To ensure the case is heard on time. Support to victim (e.g. counseling)

# Presentation of inquiry report

Findings from the Social Inquiry are presented to Court during the trial.

#### Follow-up of Court decision

To ensure execution of Court orders.



# **Director of Public Prosecutions**

DPP is represented at the district by the Resident State Attorney (RSA)

#### Perusal of case file

The file received from Police is assessed

File sanctioned to proceed to Court

File returned to police for further investigations

# **Preparation for prosecution**

Charges are registered with Court. Witness protection may be ordered (where need be).

Witnesses are summoned & prepared. Case conferencing (informal discussions between parties) is done.

Case is withdrawn

DPP proceeds to prosecute the case in Court.

#### **Court decision**

#### **Appeal Court** decision

DPP appeals decision to a higher Court.

# Case closed

DPP closes the case.



# **High Court**

Decentralized to 11 stations.

# Registration of cases & charges

Cases filed directly by DPP/RSA, committed by lower courts, & Child & Family Courts.

# **Preparation for trial**

Session cause list Pre-session meeting

#### Case hearing & trial

Taking of pleadings Witnesses & evidence Cross examinations of witnesses Report from Probation Officer

#### **Court decision**

Case is dismissed: or accused is acquited.

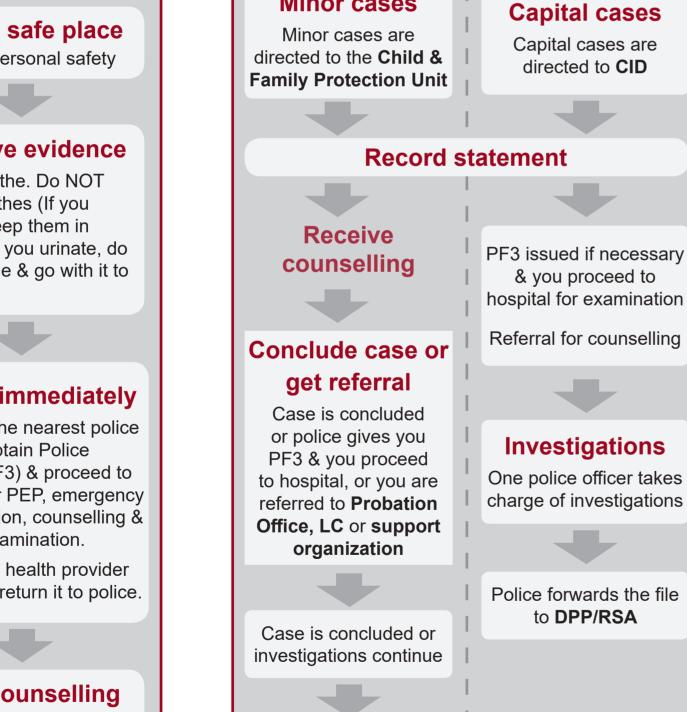
Accused is sentenced.

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Case will be forwarded

to **Family Court** or

DPP/RSA

**Minor cases**