



REPORT ON THE RAPID MISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ALLEGED DEFILEMENT IN NYERI COUNTY



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE NYERI COUNTY





**Report On The Rapid Mission Held By The Commission In Nyeri County From 11th To 14th June In Response To The Alleged Defilement Of
Clipvant Ndirangu And The Late Tamara Kabura Blessing.**

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TOWARDS A GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE
AND PROSPEROUS NATION



VISION

An inclusive society free from gender inequality and all forms of discrimination



MISSION

To promote and protect gender equality and freedom from all forms of discrimination in Kenya, especially for Special Interest Groups through ensuring compliance with policies, laws and practice



CORE
VALUES

- Dignity
- Equality
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Inclusivity

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**Defilement
Cases**

INTRODUCTION

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) is a Constitutional Commission established by the National Gender and Equality Commission Act CAP 7K pursuant to Article 59 (4) & (5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. The Commission's mandate is to promote gender equality and freedom from discrimination for all people in Kenya with focus on Special Interest Groups, which include: women, children, youth, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), older members of society, minorities and marginalized groups.

One of the functions of the Commission as per the NGEC Act 2011 section 8 (f) as read with section 8 (e),(d), (b) is to investigate on its own initiative or on the basis of complaints lodged in respect to violations of the principle of equality and freedom from discrimination; monitor, advise and facilitate on the development of affirmative action policies; coordinate and advise on mainstreaming of issues of SIGs; monitor, facilitate and advise on the integration of the principles of equality and freedom from discrimination in all national and county policies, laws, and administrative regulations in all public and private institutions.

BACKGROUND

Defilement of a minor is a sexual offence contrary to section 8(1) and 8 (2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2006.

On 24th April 2025, the legal department received a complaint alleging defilement of Clipvant Ndirangu, a minor of seven years, on 25th February 2025 at about 1730 hours at PGH area in Skuta, Nyeri Township within Nyeri County. The minor was way laid by the accused named Brian Gachie Wanjiku on his way home from school, and sodomised. He was rescued by members of the public. The accused's phone was recovered on the scene. The investigating officer in the matter, found the accused near the same spot where the alleged crime occurred and the minor positively identified the accused during the arrest. The minor was treated at Nyeri PGH then temporarily placed at Neema GBV rescue center. Thereafter he was released to the mother and continues to undergo counselling sessions at Nyeri referral hospital. The Commission on 3rd June 2025 attended the burial of the late Tamara Blessing, yet another victim of defilement who was murdered in Witemere, County. Both matters are ongoing at the Nyeri Law Courts and the Commission has enjoined the same.

Further to the above, the commission continues to follow up on other sexual offence cases. The Commission has received reports of 26 cases of child defilement and SGBV reported between 2020 and 2025 at Nyeri police station which have been dismissed by the courts, in unclear circumstances despite meeting the prosecution threshold. These include but not limited to the following:

	YEAR	NUMBER OF CASES	CASE TYPE
1	2025	5	3 Defilement, 2 rape cases
2	2024	8	6 Defilement cases, 2 rape
3	2023	5	5 Defilement cases
4	2022	6	6 Defilement cases
5	2020	2	2 Defilement cases

The Commission, together with the police is also investigating cases of missing children who have never been accounted for.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION



1. Court Attendance



2. Fact finding and investigations



3. Engagement with all stakeholders (state and non-state) involved in child protection

COURT ATTENDANCE

The Commission watched brief on 11th June 2025 when the matter (R vs Brian Gachie) came up for hearing in Nyeri Chief Magistrate Courts (2) before Hon Obara Three prosecution witnesses testified namely: the minor (Cliff), The mother to the minor and a teacher to the minor. A Bond of kshs 300,000 with one surety granted, No cash bail. Further Hearing fixed on 17th July 2025.

On 12th June the Commission also entered appearance during in the case of R vs Julius Nicholas Macharia HCCR E012/2025 (Tamara Blessing Case). The accused pleaded guilty. The Court directed that plea should be taken again on 29th July 2025.

CHIEF'S BARAZA IN WITEMERE ON CHILD SAFETY

KEY ISSUES CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASE OF CHILD DEFILEMENT CASES:

1	Over exposure to children on sexual activity at the home front
2	Abdication of parental responsibilities.
3	Drugs and alcohol abuse in the community.
4	Lack of reporting for fear of stigmatization, victimization and protection of known offenders.
5	Lack of awareness on reporting of sexual offences.
6	Slow response by police to reported incidences.
7	Failure of the court systems to dispense with defilement cases swiftly and justly.

MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN CHILD PROTECTION AND WELFARE IN NYERI COUNTY AT THE NYERI COUNTY OFFICES HEADQUARTERS

KEY DISCUSSIONS

Factors leading to increased cases of Child Defilement include the following:

1. Poor parenting leading to increased instances of children being left unattended by parents.
2. Gaps in child protection mechanisms by the government.
3. Decay of Societal systems leading to normalization of inappropriate sexual conduct which was previously held taboo.
4. Lack of government prioritization of children welfare and protection.
5. Existence of Kangaroo Courts which are often manipulated to facilitate the evasion of justice by offenders.
6. Lack of reporting of child defilement cases to protect known offender.
7. Shaming of victims of child defilement, stigmatization and victimization by the community.
8. Societal sympathy for offenders.
9. Lack of sex education in the school curriculum leaving children unaware and vulnerable to sexual predators.
10. Frequent transfer of police officers handling SGBV and child defilement cases compromise investigations and follow up leading to known sexual violence perpetrators going scot free.
11. Lack of understanding by the leadership on SGBV and child defilement.
12. Ignorance /Lack of awareness of SGBV in the society- in most communities it is not perceived to exist and even if it does, the practice of tip toeing around the subject is commonplace.
13. Lack of legal representation for victims of sexual offenses.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CURB THE INCREASED CASES OF CHILD DEFILEMENT IN NYERI COUNTY.

1. Unified approach by all stakeholders- to speak in one voice and coordinate efforts towards pursuing and ensuring justice for the late
2. Tamara Blessing and all other children victims of defilement.
3. The voice of all leaders needed to be heard on the worrying trend of increasing child defilement in Nyeri County.
4. Full implementation of the Presidential Executive Order with regard to establishment of safe houses for children in need of care and protection.
5. The need to enhance awareness on online sexual violation of children and digitally enhanced SGBV.
6. Swift response and vigilance by the police and all security agencies to reported incidents of child defilement, SGBV with regard to arrest of alleged perpetrators, investigations and follow up action – the fencing of Tamara's Crime scene by her killer should have elicited swift and forceful response by the police.
7. Elimination of Kangaroo courts in the county.
8. Establishment of special courts specifically for SGBV and defilement case to fast track justice for victims of SGBV which currently take too long to be concluded by the law courts.
9. Investigations of intimidation / threats against victims and their families due to reporting of SGBV and child defilement offences- for example the father to Tamara Blessing 's Killer public threats.
10. Urgent mapping of children in need of care and protection and subsequent rescue from hostile

environments where abuse is rife.

11. Establishment of reporting desks for SGBV and child defilement cases at the offices of NGAO – converting containers for this purpose.
12. Assignment and or employment of police officers to gender desks for fixed time periods and regulation of their transfers ensure their tenure at the station for specified periods to avoid interruption of investigations on sex crimes.
13. Creation and implementation of policies that promote the protection of the rights of victims of sexual offences.
14. Amendment of laws on data protection and privacy to provide an exemption of sex offenders from protection of their privacy –as it is in public interest to know perpetrators of SGBV.
15. Public education campaigns on sexual and gender-based violence to enhance awareness targeting the different members of the community especially children through colorful pictorial illustrations, children programs, cartoons, promotion of open and accurate discussions on the same, for example biological reference to sexual organs, actions amounting to inappropriate sexual conduct, etc.
16. Civic education programs to enlighten the community on sexual offences.
17. Need for institutional engagement with the Church and Faith Based Organizations to openly discuss SGBV.
18. Establishment of a toll-free line to each NGAO offices and a shorter toll-free No. by the Commission.
19. Development of a national creative curriculum on sex education and SGBV freely available and accessible online targeting the children, parents/guardians, the police service, teachers and all other actors in child protection and welfare.
20. Training and capacity building of the national Police Service, NGAO, Social Welfare Officers, Children Officers and all actors involved in the child protection.
21. Employment of counsellors in every school to provide children with a safe space to report incidents of defilement as opposed to counselling by teachers already tasked with teaching other subjects.
22. Incorporation of toll-free reporting lines in the diaries of school going children in the CBC curriculum by the ministry of education and advisement by the Commission on the same through advisories.
23. Use of ECD centers as entry points for reporting and response for victims of child defilement.
24. Establishment of private reporting desks in hospitals to protect the privacy of victims during reporting and treatment in the aftermath of SGBV.
25. Start of SGBV and child rights clubs, creation of SGBV free villages, roll out of national safe rooms where children freely report all issues affecting them.
26. Identification and or placement of GBV champions, child protection champions on the ground at the grassroots who are subjected to sensitization and capacity building on Sexual Offences.
27. Advocacy and awareness of mental health with a view to promote the protections of the rights of victims in the event of SGBV and child defilement.
28. Employment and or assignment of counsellors on permanent terms to ensure consistent psychosocial support to victims and prevention of repeated trauma when counsellors are changed and the victim is expected to start afresh with a new counsellor.
29. Training and capacity building of Chiefs who are more often the first in the line of reporting of sexual offences by the community and have influence.
30. Incorporation of cultural groups in awareness creation on SGBV in the community.
31. Frequent engagement of policy makers and stakeholders with a focus on curbing Child defilement in Nyeri County.

At the close of the meeting a committee was formed comprising all stakeholders present to champion the rights of children in the county, pursue justice for the survivors and work towards eradication of child defilement and SGBV in Nyeri county.

PRESS BRIEFING BY THE STAKEHOLDERS IN CHILD PROTECTION- AND WELFARE IN NYERI COUNTY AT THE NYERI COUNTY OFFICES HEADQUARTER- KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Deputy County Commissioner Nyeri Central Ngunyi Maina and the Children's officer assured the public of the continued commitment by the local administration, towards ensuring justice is served for the late Tamara Blessing as well as other victims of defilement.

The National Children's coordinator Joseph Mburu called on parents to practice responsible parenting and for the community to provide a safer environment for children. He stated that defilement was destroying children's lives which was tantamount to destroying the future of the community. He also gave the Toll-Free lines **116** to the National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) and Deputy County Commissioner and **0800223344** for emergency reporting of cases of child defilement and missing children.

The Toll-Free line of the N.G.E.C commission **08002720187** for reporting of the same was also shared by a legal Officer, Nancy Mwangi who stated that to the Commission, every child matters hence the reason she was sent to attend and follow up on the ongoing cases before Nyeri Law Courts. She also called on the public to report all cases of child defilement and for the Church, Muslim faithful and Faith based organizations to give information and not to protect known sex offenders among them.

The Commitment of the N.G.E.C. Commission to curb child defilement in Nyeri County and justice for the late Tamara Blessing was reiterated by H.E Commissioner Dr. Margaret Karungaru as well as the need to openly discuss sex education with children. The Commissioner called on the community to end the era of calling sexual offences "bad manners" which only exacerbates such crimes. She also expressed the dissatisfaction by the community with the slow speed by the courts in presiding over cases of child defilement and called on the judiciary, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), and other stakeholders for swift legal action as justice delayed is justice denied.

CONCLUSION

The Commission's rapid response mission was well received by the families of the victims in the abovementioned cases, some of who were present. (Mother to the late Tamara was in attendance). Further, the stakeholders lauded the Commission's continued efforts in the pursuit of justice for survivors of victims of sexual offences, support in the aftermath of the heinous murder of seven year old Tamara, and gave their resounding commitment to the newly formed committee.

This mission also contributed to the enhancement of the Commission's visibility. Media coverage of the Press conference which the Commission participated in posted on social media platforms namely Facebook and Youtube have garnered a total of about 1000 views in two days (as of 16th June 2025)

The commission's participation in the same has also elicited public appreciation and calls for the commission to join other social media platforms for increased engagement with the public.



Dr. Margaret Karungaru, MBS Commissioner, addressing the media





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