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The Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA) is a renowned organization in Kenya committed to the empowerment of girls and young women. Non-political, non-profit, and non-religious, KGGA takes pride in belonging to a global movement whose membership transcends barriers across race, class, culture, and religion. KGGA has a rich heritage of purpose, volunteerism, service and friendship built on the solid foundation of values. We seek to empower Girls and Young Women to make their world better. It's worthwhile noting that KGGA is distinct from the Kenya Scouts Association.

KGGA has been in existence in Kenya now for the last 102 years, as the largest girl only movement in Kenya and well placed to reach and change the lives of many girls, instilling the values of Dignity, Integrity, Spirituality, Servant Leadership and Citizenship (DISSC).

We Deliver Impact through, quality non-formal training, fun, challenge and adventure programmes such as camping, mentorship and leadership development, advocacy and lobbying, and empowerment for community action.

The Girl Guide movement is also very unique in its inter-generational constitution. The membership is Categorized as follows:

- ✓ Rainbows 3-6 years
- ✓ Brownies 6-9 years
- ✓ Girl guides 10-14 years
- ✓ Rangers 14-18 years
- ✓ Young leaders 19-35 years
- ✓ Bravo guides 36-55 years
- ✓ Trefoil guild 56 years and above.

This blended constitution allows for very enriching interactions and transitioning from one level to another. The wisdom of experience and the innovation of youth are deeply embraced and treasured in the association.

KGGA is extremely concerned by the cases of femicide reported in Kenya especially in recent times which include Violence Against Women (VAW) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). We recognize that VAW and IPV, including femicide, comes from all social, economic and political groups. We recognize our privilege in being able to speak against VAW, IPV and femicide and acknowledge that there are women whose current situations make speaking out unsafe for them, their children and loved ones. All women deserve to live free from threats, intimidation and violence in safety, security and DIGNITY. KGGA stands against femicide, recognizing that its eradication requires a concerted effort from all sectors of society spearheaded by the Government. We have said it before and we will say it again on this International Women's Day that there needs to be decisive actions that will ensure that no woman or girl in Kenya lives in fear of losing her life simply because of her gender.



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It takes the vision of great women to chart a clear path forward; listening to the voices of Girls and Young Women and developing programmes that help them to grow in character, skill and excellence. Germany Kent, an American journalist and philanthropist once said that, “If you're not reaching back to help anyone then you're not building a legacy.”

We all look forward to building great legacies. This International Women's Day, offers us one of those opportunities to building a great legacy for the girls and women of Kenya.

We know as a fact that **“It is easier to build a Girl that to repair a woman”!** Our belief is that once a Girl Guide, always a Girl Guide because we envision that the values that are inculcated in every member stays with them throughout their years.

Happy International Women's Day!

Sincerely,

Professor Faith Nguru
Chief Commissioner.