

## Annex 5: Governors' Resolution Addressing GBV (13 March 2023)

### 2. DECENTRALISATION OF POWERS

#### 2.15 GBV and SARV

We need to continue to address the security, safety, peace and security of our women and girls

Governors have unanimously agreed that the national government needs to set up the Secretariat on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) and give more powers to provinces to deal directly with this issue which are increasing and becoming a great concern.

#### **Current Issue**

At the moment there has been a lot of violence, often leading to tortures and killings, families separated, children becoming orphans because gender base violence and sorcery related incidences in the provinces. The level of attention, resources and funding is lacking and needs to be addressed immediately.

#### **Enabling Legislation that requires amending**

The Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government and the relevant laws governing Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Sorcery Related Violence (SARV) should be amended and provinces given the powers, funding and resources to address the level of violence.

#### **Resolution 2.15**

Adopt the National strategies on GBV and SARV, allocate resources and roll out the strategies. Call on National Government to set up the National Secretariat on GBV and work with all Provincial Governments to roll out the national strategy.