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## Expanding Access to Healthcare & Strengthening Community Awareness through the Mobile Ambulance Clinic



Since officially commencing operations in January 2026, our Mobile Ambulance Clinic has become a vital lifeline for those living in our most remote and underserved communities. This initiative is already proving vital in closing the healthcare access gap. Through a dedicated strategy of direct service delivery paired with proactive community outreach, we are successfully fostering greater awareness, building local trust, and increasing the utilization of essential health services where they are needed most.

We conducted a robust community engagement and sensitization campaign, reaching over 1,048 people across 21 communities in six districts. Residents were informed about the services of the Mobile Ambulance Clinic and the importance of early health-seeking behavior. The initiative aims to reach over 35,000 people across diverse communities within the next three to five years.

## Improving SGBV Case Management Through Capacity Strengthening of FSU Personnel

As part of its multisectoral capacity-strengthening programme under the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative, Rainbo Initiative trained 50 personnel of the Family Support Unit (FSU) of the Sierra Leone Police Force from across all regions.

The training focused on trauma-sensitive engagement, investigative techniques, and reinforcing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthening survivor-centred case management, evidence handling, a deeper understanding of the medical examination process, and improving inter-agency coordination through national referral pathways.



By addressing critical capacity and knowledge gaps, the programme strengthened officers' ability to manage cases more effectively, ensuring timely, survivor-centred responses while improving the overall quality of investigations.



Dr. Masiray Kamara, Clinical Advisor, delivered a session on the role of medical practitioners in SGBV case management, highlighting medico-legal responsibilities, ethical standards, confidentiality, and the evidentiary value of medical documentation.

Furthermore, she provided practical, hands-on guidance on accurately completing medical history and examination forms, thereby ensuring

comprehensive and precise documentation that strengthens investigations and effectively supports judicial proceedings.

Participants noted that the training was instrumental in improving how survivor records are documented and managed at police stations, ensuring greater accuracy and accountability. "This training has strengthened how we document and manage survivors' records," a police officer noted.

## Strengthening Justice Through Medico-Legal Collaboration on SGBV

To enhance our national response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), Rainbo Initiative convened a critical one-day medico-legal dialogue. This session brought together key pillars of the justice system: medical practitioners from the Ministry of Health, prosecutors from the Law Officers Department, and investigators from the Sierra Leone Police Family Support Unit (FSU).

The session addressed a longstanding barrier to justice: inconsistencies in medical reporting. By aligning how evidence is collected and documented, stakeholders are working to ensure that medical reports are sufficiently robust to withstand judicial scrutiny. This collaboration represents a critical step toward improving the admissibility of evidence and strengthening access to justice for survivors of sexual offences.



In his keynote address, Alpha Sesay, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, commended stakeholders for their commitment, emphasizing that “addressing SGBV requires strong collaboration across the health, justice, and social protection sectors, and a coordinated, multi-sectoral approach to tackling systemic gaps within the justice system.”

A key outcome of the dialogue was the agreement to adopt a harmonised medical request form and standardised medical certificate, improving consistency, strengthening medico-legal evidence, and enhancing coordination between health and legal actors, ultimately supporting a more efficient, survivor-centred justice process.

## Rainbo Initiative Strengthens Community-Based SGBV Support

With funding support from Irish Aid, Rainbo Initiative signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Initiative for Young Women and Girls with Disability and Her Choice, a survivor-centred organization in Kono District.



The partnership with the Initiative for Young Women and Girls with Disability supports the project “Enhancing Economic Livelihoods for SGBV Survivors and Strengthening Prevention and Referral Pathways” in the Western Area. Over three months, 50 beneficiaries, including women and girls with disabilities, SGBV survivors, and community leaders, will receive financial and technical support to improve livelihoods, strengthen prevention mechanisms, and reinforce referral pathways.



The collaboration with Her Choice focuses on “Strengthening SGBV Prevention and Response Services in Sierra Leone” in Kono District.

It targets adolescent girls and young women (15–25 years), including those with disabilities, while also engaging community leaders, service providers, and families to enhance survivor-led advocacy, inclusive engagement, and coordinated support services.

These partnerships highlight Rainbo Initiative's commitment to inclusive, survivor-centred programming, promoting economic empowerment, community-led prevention, and improved access to SGBV support services.

### **Reflecting and Planning for a Stronger National SGBV Response**



Rainbo Initiative joined key stakeholders at the State House in Freetown for the Strategic Reflection Meeting on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Sierra Leone. The meeting was attended by the Presidential Adviser on Gender, the Chief Minister, and representatives from development partners, providing a high-level platform to strengthen national dialogue on SGBV.

The convening offered an important opportunity to review ongoing interventions, enhance coordination among stakeholders, and plan a more strategic, survivor-centred national response to SGBV. During the meeting, national SGBV data were presented, highlighting trends, gaps, and areas requiring urgent attention. Rainbo Initiative also shared insights into its 2025 case management priorities, outlining commitments to improve access to timely, quality, and accountable services for survivors.

The discussions reinforced the importance of collaboration across government, civil society, and development partners to ensure an integrated, evidence-based, and survivor-focused approach to SGBV prevention and

response in Sierra Leone. This reflection meeting marks a crucial step toward consolidating efforts and shaping policies that strengthen protection, justice, and support for survivors nationwide.

## **Rainbo Initiative Promotes Women's Economic Stability through VSLA Grants**



Rainbo Initiative provided grants to 30 VSLA groups across six districts in the southeast: Kenema, Bo, Kailahun, Moyamba, Bonthe, and Pujehun. Each group received SLE 2,500 through the EU Spotlight Initiative. The grants will empower the beneficiaries, all women, to expand their small businesses, increase household savings, and strengthen financial security for themselves and their families.

Women reported gaining greater decision-making power within their families, a stronger sense of independence, and the ability to support their children's education without relying solely on their partners. This increased economic stability has fostered more harmonious households, reduced financial dependency, and enhanced the dignity and confidence of women across the beneficiary communities.

## **Building Community Accountability Through Intergenerational Dialogue**

With Irish Aid support, Rainbo Initiative facilitated two Intergenerational Dialogue sessions in Bo and Kenema, engaging 120 community members, including women, youth, traditional authorities, and district stakeholders. These sessions provided a structured and inclusive platform for cross-generational engagement on critical issues such as sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), and the long-term

consequences of compromise settlements, which often undermine justice and perpetuate cycles of abuse.



The dialogues went beyond awareness-raising by strengthening collective accountability among participants. Communities engaged in critical reflections on harmful social norms and power dynamics that enable SGBV, while identifying gaps in local response systems. This process led to the development of practical, community-owned action plans tailored to address the specific realities within their communities.

A notable outcome of the sessions was a visible shift in attitudes and perspectives. Participants demonstrated increased openness in challenging harmful practices, rejecting compromise settlements, and promoting survivor-centred responses. Traditional leaders and key stakeholders expressed renewed commitment to protecting the rights of women and girls and supporting pathways to justice.

Overall, these dialogues strengthened community leadership and social accountability, while building momentum for sustained behaviour change beyond the project lifecycle.

### **Strengthening Community and School-Based Action to Prevent SGBV and Empower Safe Reporting**

Rainbo Initiative intensified its efforts to combat sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) through a combination of community outreach and school-based sensitisation, reaching a total of 11,624 individuals, including 19 persons with disabilities and 730 pupils across six districts.



The discussions focused on the risks of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA/SH), survivor-centred services, community safety, and available referral pathways. These sessions increased awareness of risk factors, strengthened participants' willingness to speak out against GBV, and improved survivors' access to formal support services. They also contributed to reduced tolerance for harmful practices, reinforced community accountability, and enhanced safe reporting mechanisms.

Complementing this, school-based sensitisation sessions equipped pupils with essential knowledge about their rights and how to seek help. Through interactive discussions, pupils developed greater confidence in addressing safety concerns and reporting abuse. Teachers reported noticeable positive shifts in students' attitudes, including increased openness in discussing personal and peer safety.

These interventions are promoting safer communities and schools by encouraging behaviour change, early reporting, and active roles in preventing SGBV and supporting survivors.

### **Rainbo Initiative, in partnership with SLANGO, Celebrates NGO Day, Highlighting Collaboration and Community Impact**

In commemoration of the second edition of NGO Day in Sierra Leone, Rainbo Initiative joined the Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, SLANGO, development partners, civil society organizations, and fellow NGOs to celebrate the transformative contributions of NGOs nationwide.

The event marked the culmination of NGO Week (February 21–27) and brought together sector stakeholders, government officials, and the public under the theme “Collaboration, Sustainability, and Local Empowerment.” The celebration highlighted the vital role of strategic partnerships and community-driven initiatives in advancing national development.



Rainbo Initiative staff showcased the organization with distinction through a skit demonstrating how NGOs and government agencies collaborate to strengthen multisectoral systems and promote sustainable development across Sierra Leone.

As the celebrations conclude, Rainbo Initiative reiterates its commitment to empowering communities, ending sexual and gender-based violence, and building a society free from all forms of violence.

### **Rainbo Initiative Strengthens SGBV Data Management and Launches 2025 Incident Report**

Rainbo Initiative, in collaboration with the Carter Center, conducted a Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Data Harmonization training with CSO partners and the Family Support Unit. The training also welcomed participants from the Gambia and the United States who were on a study tour to Sierra Leone, fostering cross-country learning and knowledge exchange on SGBV data management.

During the session, we also launched our 2025 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Incident Data Report. In 2025, Rainbo centres across seven districts documented a total of 3,055 abuse cases, 10% increase from 2,771 cases in 2024.



Of the total cases, 99% involved female survivors, with sexual assault accounting for 2,723 cases, 330 cases involving physical assault, and two cases classified as psychological abuse. Among these, 514 cases resulted in pregnancies, and one case was HIV-related.

The launch and training underscore the importance of harmonised data collection and analysis in strengthening survivor support, guiding interventions, and ensuring evidence-based planning for SGBV prevention and response.

### **International Women's Day: Advancing Awareness on the Child Marriage Act**



On International Women’s Day, as part of the global commemoration of women and girls, we conducted a community engagement with stakeholders from five communities under the theme “Give to Gain.” The activity, supported by Irish Aid and the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative, brought together 150 community stakeholders to enhance understanding of the 2024 Child Marriage Act.



The engagement not only deepened community knowledge of the law but also reinforced the urgency of investing in women and girls as a pathway to social and economic development. Participants expressed renewed commitment to addressing child marriage, particularly in rural communities where harmful practices persist.

The event further strengthened collective resolve, inspiring local champions to actively advocate for girls’ rights and protection. Through these efforts, we continue to build community awareness and drive sustained action to safeguard the future of women and girls.

### **Rainbo Initiative at #CSW70**

Rainbo Initiative is proud to participate in the 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), contributing to global dialogues on advancing gender equality and ending violence against women and girls.

At this session, we are sharing Sierra Leone’s experience in implementing the Spotlight Initiative 2.0, highlighting progress achieved, key lessons learned, and the critical role of strong partnerships in addressing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).



Our Executive Director, Daniel Kettor, joined a distinguished panel led by Dr. Isata Mahoi to discuss how collaboration and sustained investment can accelerate national and global efforts to end violence against women and girls.

Through this engagement, Rainbo Initiative continues to amplify survivors' voices, promote access to quality services, and advocate for systems that protect and empower women and girls. Together with global partners, we are working toward a shared vision of a safer, more just, and equitable society for all.

### Rainbo Initiative Honoured at 8th Annual Women's Excellence Awards

On International Women's Day, Rainbo Initiative was proudly recognized by the West Africa Women's Network at the 8th Annual Women's Excellence Awards for our outstanding professionalism and commitment to supporting women and girls across Sierra Leone.



This prestigious accolade highlights our dedication to delivering survivor-centred services that facilitate healing and recovery for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Beyond direct support, Rainbo Initiative continues to empower communities to challenge harmful norms, prevent violence, and promote a safer, more equitable society.

The award underscores the impact of our work and strengthens our resolve to expand survivor-focused interventions, enhance community engagement, and advocate for the rights and well-being of women and girls throughout Sierra Leone.

## Rainbo Initiative Launches Southeast Regional Office and Safe Home in Kenema

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Rainbo Initiative officially launched its Southeast Regional Office in Kenema District. The new office is designed to expand operations and strengthen service delivery for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) across the southeast region, covering Bo, Kenema, Kailahun, Kono, Pujehun, and Moyamba districts.



The regional office, including a Safe Home in Kenema, marks a major step in expanding access to protection, care, and justice for survivors. It provides a safe, supportive space for healing, recovery, and rebuilding lives. This initiative reinforces a sustained commitment to delivering holistic, survivor-centred support.

“Our goal is to bring survivor-centred services closer to those in need. The new office and Safe Home in Kenema strengthen timely access to care, protection, and dignity,” said Bob Lamin, Rainbo Initiative Head of Programmes.

As Rainbo Initiative begins this new chapter in the southeast, stakeholders remain optimistic that the regional office and safe home will serve as a model for survivor-centred care across Sierra Leone. By integrating protection, psychosocial support, and community engagement, the initiative aims to strengthen the SGBV response system and ensure that survivors are not only safe but also empowered to move forward with dignity and hope.

## Strengthening Staff Capacity for Enhanced Survivor-Centred Service Delivery



Rainbo Initiative recently convened a two-day staff workshop in Bo District, highlighting its commitment to female inclusion and capacity strengthening. With women forming the majority of participants (70 out of 107), the workshop provided an inclusive platform to build skills, strengthen coordination, and enhance service delivery. This investment in its predominantly female workforce ensures stronger, survivor-centred responses to the evolving needs of those affected by sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

As part of the organisation's broader capacity-building framework, the training focused on enhancing operational efficiency, standardising approaches, and ensuring the consistent delivery of high-quality, survivor-centred services across all intervention areas. Through a combination of interactive sessions, peer learning, and scenario-based simulations, staff strengthened their ability to apply survivor-centred principles in real-life contexts, emphasising empathy, ethical practice, confidentiality, and coordinated response mechanisms.

The workshop reinforced cross-department collaboration and the value of integrated service delivery in improving outcomes for survivors. It also reflects Rainbo Initiative's commitment to building a more resilient, responsive, and accountable institution to deliver holistic, impactful support.

## Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Action: Rainbo Initiative Hosts SGBV Roundtable



On Tuesday, March 31, 2026, Rainbo Initiative convened a high-level roundtable discussion on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) at New Brookfields Hotel in Freetown, bringing together key stakeholders, development partners, government representatives, and private-sector actors. The meeting served as a strategic platform to foster dialogue and strengthen coordinated, multi-sectoral responses to SGBV. Discussions focused on identifying practical and sustainable approaches to prevention and response, while reinforcing the collective responsibility of institutions in building a safer and more inclusive society.

Key thematic areas included strengthening funding for sustainable services, improving the quality and accessibility of survivor-centred care, and enhancing coordination across sectors, while exploring greater private-sector support for prevention, awareness, and resource mobilization.

Representing the Survivor Solidarity Group, two survivors grounded the discussions, noting: “Survivors face daily challenges, from systemic barriers and limited support to difficulty accessing quality care, issues that, when unaddressed, deepen stigma, fear, and injustice,” said the group president.

### **Institutional Strengthening and Enhanced Risk Governance at Rainbo Initiative**

Rainbo Initiative carried out a comprehensive workshop on leadership, governance, risk management, financial management, operational effectiveness, and other core institutional functions essential for strengthening organisational performance and sustainability. The sessions involved 35 staff

members and empowered teams to gain a clearer understanding of risk ownership while improving internal communication on risk identification and escalation.



During the training, the organisation's management team engaged in structured reflection, learning, and strategic alignment. The workshop also served as a platform to evaluate current practices, address emerging challenges, and ensure that management approaches are fully aligned with the organisation's strategic priorities.

Consequently, the organisation developed a revised risk register, strengthened internal audit procedures, and institutionalised monthly budget variance monitoring. Together, these measures have significantly enhanced Rainbo Initiative's transparency, accountability, and readiness for external assessments, thereby positioning the organisation to manage risks proactively and sustain high-quality programme delivery.

### **Prioritizing Staff Wellness: Strengthening Capacity Through Weekly Support Sessions**

To support staff wellness and help team members feel mentally and emotionally ready for their responsibilities, Rainbo Initiative has introduced weekly wellness sessions as part of its staff support framework. Recognizing the demanding nature of working with survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, these sessions are designed to strengthen resilience, prevent burnout, and enhance overall staff well-being.



The sessions cover a range of topics, including self-care practices, stress management, time management, and mental health awareness. They are facilitated in an engaging, participatory way, equipping staff with practical tools and techniques to manage both personal and work-related pressures.

Importantly, these wellness sessions also serve as a safe and confidential space where staff can openly share their experiences, challenges, and concerns. Through peer support and guided discussions, staff are able to decompress, build stronger connections, and access the emotional support they need.

By investing in the well-being of its workforce, Rainbo Initiative is fostering a healthier, more motivated team, ultimately strengthening the organization's capacity to provide high-quality, survivor-centred services and sustain its impact.

### **Rainbo Centre of Excellence: Progress Towards a Haven of Healing**

Significant progress continues to be made in the development of the Rainbo Centre of Excellence, a flagship initiative aimed at transforming the delivery of survivor-centred services in Sierra Leone. As construction advances, the Centre is steadily taking shape as a dedicated space that will provide comprehensive care and support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).



This milestone builds on over 20 years of impactful work by Rainbo Initiative, which, through its network of nine centres across Freetown (2), Bo, Makeni, Kono, Kenema, Kambia, Mile 91, and Magburaka, has already provided free, confidential, and high-quality services to more than 50,000 women and girls. The Centre of Excellence is designed to expand this reach and deepen the quality of care available to survivors.

Once completed, the facility will serve as a hub for integrated service delivery, including medical care, psychosocial support, and referral services, while also strengthening capacity for training, research, and innovation in GBV response. Its development reflects Rainbo Initiative's continued commitment to addressing both the immediate and long-term needs of survivors.

The ongoing progress of the Rainbo Centre of Excellence marks a critical step toward creating a more coordinated, effective, and compassionate response to SGBV, bringing renewed hope and healing to survivors across Sierra Leone.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Meet Mariama Mercy Kamara

Mariama Mercy Kamara is the Partnership, and Strategic Support Coordinator (PSSC) at Rainbo Initiative. She joined the organization in June last year and has since become a key member of the partnerships team, driving collaboration and resource mobilisation efforts.



Before joining Rainbo Initiative, Mercy served as the Regional Office Head at AdvocAid in Makeni, where she developed strong advocacy skills championing the rights of women and girls. In addition to her development work, Mercy has a background in journalism, which has shaped her ability to communicate impact, amplify survivor voices, and engage diverse audiences through strategic storytelling and media engagement.

Whether she is forging strategic partnerships or leading media engagements, Mercy is deeply committed to showcasing the organisation's work and advancing its mission. When she is not striking deals, you will often find her on media platforms, sharing the impact of Rainbo Initiative and promoting a safer, more inclusive society for all.

## **SURVIVOR'S VOICE**

### **Rising Beyond Barriers Through Economic Empowerment**

Hawa Lahai, a 43-year-old mother of four from IDA Community in Kenema, represents the experience of many women navigating the intersection of economic vulnerability and social pressure. For years, she faced persistent financial hardship and emotional strain, with limited access to credit or income-generating opportunities. This lack of economic independence contributed not only to daily survival challenges but also to tension within her household, reflecting a broader pattern where financial instability can heighten domestic conflict and limit women's agency.

Her turning point came through the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative-funded Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) scheme, an approach designed to strengthen grassroots financial inclusion while fostering peer support networks. By joining a community savings group, Hawa accessed both financial resources and a supportive environment where women share experiences, build trust, and collectively address challenges.

With a small loan from the VSLA, Hawa began a charcoal business. What started as selling small, packaged quantities gradually expanded into trading full bags, generating a more reliable and sustainable income stream. This progression not only improved her financial standing but also enhanced her decision-making power within the household.

Today, Hawa contributes meaningfully to her children's education, including paying her daughter's BECE fees, and manages household responsibilities with increased confidence and autonomy. Beyond the economic gains, her involvement in the VSLA has provided a safe and supportive space for peer learning and solidarity, critical elements in strengthening resilience among women.

Hawa's journey reflects a wider impact: community-based financial systems like VSLAs are not just economic tools, but platforms for social transformation. By improving access to finance, reducing dependency, and fostering supportive networks, they play a vital role in restoring dignity, promoting gender equality, and empowering women to lead more stable and self-determined lives.

## THIS QUARTER IN NUMBERS

During the reporting period, the Rainbo Centre provided comprehensive medical and psychosocial support to **728 SGBV survivors, including 635 cases of sexual assault and 93 cases of physical assault.**

Among these survivors, **104 teenagers tested positive for pregnancy, one tested HIV positive, and 501 received treatment for other STIs.**

In pursuit of legal accountability, **5 cases were followed up in court, all of which were committed to the High Court.**

Additionally, the tele-counselling service recorded **255 valid cases (118 males and 137 females)**. Of these, **150 referrals were made for medical and psychosocial support**, and **54 follow-up calls** were successfully conducted.

Community outreach efforts reached **11,624 individuals (5,340 males and 6,284 females)** with awareness messages on SGBV, referral pathways, and Rainbo Centre services. These were delivered through **1,573 door-to-door engagements**, **1,463 marketplace sensitizations**, and **8,588 school-based activities**.

## COMING UP (APRIL–JUNE 2026)

### Community, Chieftdom, and District Town Hall Meetings

In the coming quarter, Rainbo Initiative will facilitate a series of community, chieftdom, and district-level town hall meetings aimed at deepening public understanding of referral pathways and key SGBV-related laws. These forums will serve as open spaces where community members, leaders, youth, and local authorities can collectively examine the gaps that hinder survivors from seeking justice. Through using trusted community platforms, the town halls will ensure that critical information reaches broader and more remote populations, including those with limited access to formal institutions. Through these engagements, Rainbo Initiative aims to strengthen community confidence in formal reporting mechanisms, reduce reliance on informal settlements, and empower citizens to act as active protectors of survivors' rights.

### Experience-Sharing and Learning Exchange Sessions

Next quarter, Rainbo Initiative will convene learning exchange sessions and coordination dialogues with district councils, partners, and service providers.

These sessions are designed to strengthen inter-agency collaboration, enhance joint planning, and create a shared understanding of challenges emerging from district-level GBV response systems. Through these platforms, actors will reflect on lessons learned, review case management practices, and identify opportunities for improved service delivery. The learning exchanges will help build a more harmonised and responsive network of SGBV actors.

Sustaining these engagements is expected to reinforce momentum generated this quarter, ensuring that sensitisation messages continue to reach all population groups, while also promoting a more efficient and survivor-centred referral and support system.

### **Community Dialogue Meetings with 15 Transformed GSGs into VSLAs**

Rainbo Initiative will organise community dialogue sessions with the 15 Girl Safe Groups (GSGs) that have been successfully transitioned into Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs). These dialogues will focus on strengthening the groups' governance, building resilience and solidarity among women and girls, and supporting the economic empowerment structures already being established. The sessions will also provide safe spaces for discussing protection concerns, harmful norms, and barriers affecting young women's autonomy. Through these groups, Rainbo Initiative aims to reinforce its capacity to sustain financial growth while simultaneously promoting safer, more supportive community environments for adolescent girls and women.

### **Strengthening Evidence on SGBV Reporting in Sierra Leone**

Rainbo Initiative, in partnership with the University of Sierra Leone, Department for Gender Studies, will undertake a joint research study to examine the factors contributing to the under-reporting of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) among adult women in Sierra Leone. This mixed-methods study will explore the socio-cultural, economic, institutional, and psychological barriers that limit reporting, while also documenting the coping mechanisms adopted by survivors. The findings will generate practical, evidence-based recommendations to strengthen reporting pathways and enhance survivor-centred support systems. The research will contribute to Rainbo Initiative's national advocacy efforts, support Irish Aid programme objectives, and advance the academic research agenda of the Institute for Gender Studies.

### **Board Quarterly Meeting**

On April 17, 2026, Rainbo Initiative's Senior Management Team will convene with the Board of Directors First Quarter Meeting. This strategic session will provide an opportunity to reflect on the organization's performance, assess progress against key operational priorities,

and review achievements recorded during the first quarter of the year. The meeting will also focus on aligning priorities for the coming quarter, tracking progress toward annual targets, and identifying opportunities to strengthen programme delivery, accountability, and impact. Discussions will further guide decision-making and reinforce the organization’s commitment to delivering quality, survivor-centred services and advancing its mission nationwide.

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