

# Webinar on Unpaid Care Work and Violence Against Women

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**Evidence suggests that women's economic empowerment cannot be achieved without addressing women's unequal workload, which reinforces gender inequalities by impinging upon education, restricting opportunities for paid work, putting women at greater risk of gender-based violence, and limiting women's political participation.**



Photo from POWER project\*, Rwanda

But why does Unpaid Care Work affect women in this way, particularly in rural communities, and what are the links to Violence Against Women? Can addressing Unpaid Care Work lead to a reduction in Violence Against Women? Or can attempts to transgress the gendered norms of Unpaid Care Work actually be seen as a justification for Violence Against Women?

**Join us online on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> (10-11.30 GMT) for an international webinar to consider these questions**, and to share and learn what works in addressing Unpaid Care Work and Violence Against Women, what challenges exist, and how can we influence national, regional and international policy.

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## Presenters

Each presenter will share their own experience and knowledge on Unpaid Care Work and links with Violence Against Women, and there will then be an opportunity for questions and input from all participants.

**Roselyn Nyatsanza, Programme Coordinator: HIV & SRH Programme, Oxfam Zimbabwe**



Roselyn has 15 years of managing gender, women's rights, youth and community development programming. She has specific experience coordinating projects on women's rights including sexual reproductive health and HIV, VAWG and Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) and most recently working on the care economy work. She has led a number of pieces of research to inform programming and evidence based influencing. Roselyn will be able to present on Oxfam's WEE and Care programme Phase 2, which includes findings from new research on the links between UCW, VAWG and social norms.

**Azumi Mezuna & Anatole Uwiragiye: Project Managers of POWER project\*, ActionAid Ghana & ActionAid Rwanda**



Azumi and Anatole are leading on ActionAid's new POWER project\* in Ghana and Rwanda, having both led the successful first phase of this project. They both have extensive knowledge on issues affecting smallholder women farmers, the use of Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA) practices, and the challenges related to Unpaid Care Work and its effects on the economic empowerment of women.



**The webinar will be chaired by Wangari Kinoti, International Policy Manager for Women's Rights at ActionAid International.**

Wangari is based in Kenya and has extensive experience working on issues around Unpaid Care Work and Violence Against Women.

*\* This webinar is the first in an exciting new series looking at themes being addressed in ActionAid's new 5 year project: Promoting Opportunities for Women's Empowerment and Rights (POWER) - in Ghana, Rwanda, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The project is working through local partners to achieve economic empowerment for women in rural communities. It is doing so by focusing on a number of interlinked areas: Unpaid Care Work; Climate Resistant Sustainable Agriculture, access to markets and Violence Against Women. It builds on ActionAid's extensive programme and policy experience on Unpaid Care Work and Violence Against Women.*

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