USING LAW TO ADVANCE WOMEN’S & GIRLS’ RIGHT TO BE FREE OF VIOLENCE UNDER SDG GOAL 5

SDG Goal 5: End All Forms Of Discrimination Against All Women & Girls Everywhere

- Eliminate all forms of violence against women & girls in the public & private spheres
- Adopt & strengthen sound policies & enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality & the empowerment of all women & girls at all levels

Claudia

- 16 year-old
- Drugged & gang-raped by over 30 men with weapons
- Video of the attack posted online
- Protests in Brazil & abroad
- Initial dismissal of her case by the authorities

Alarming Rate of SGBV in Brazil & Inadequate Government Response

- In Brazil, a woman is raped every 11 minutes*
- 51% of reported rapes are committed against girls up to age 13**
- Due in part to a lack of faith in the justice system, only 35% of rape cases are ever reported***

PLANNING OUR INTERVENTION

1. Understand the domestic legal framework
   A. Best practices & gaps
   B. Key legal & judicial actors
2. Create local partnerships/build on existing movement
   A. Identify allies in government & civil society
3. Map regional and international advocacy fora

OUR INTERVENTION

1. Media Campaign
   - Social & traditional press
2. Advocacy at the United Nations
   - Universal Periodic Review submission
3. Coalition building
   - States, IGOs, regional institutions
4. Consult with local partners on advocacy strategy for legal reform
5. Monitor case developments & legal reform initiatives

LEVERAGING THE SDG PLATFORM

1. Participation & intervention at Annual High Level Political Forum
2. Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
   A. Follow up & review mechanism for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Dev.
   B. Voluntary review of progress at national & sub-national levels
   C. Country-led & country-driven
   D. Involve multiple stakeholders & facilitate sharing experiences, successes, challenges, & lessons learned
3. Legal Advocacy/Push for New & Better Indicators, data collection, etc.

** Ibid
*** Ibid