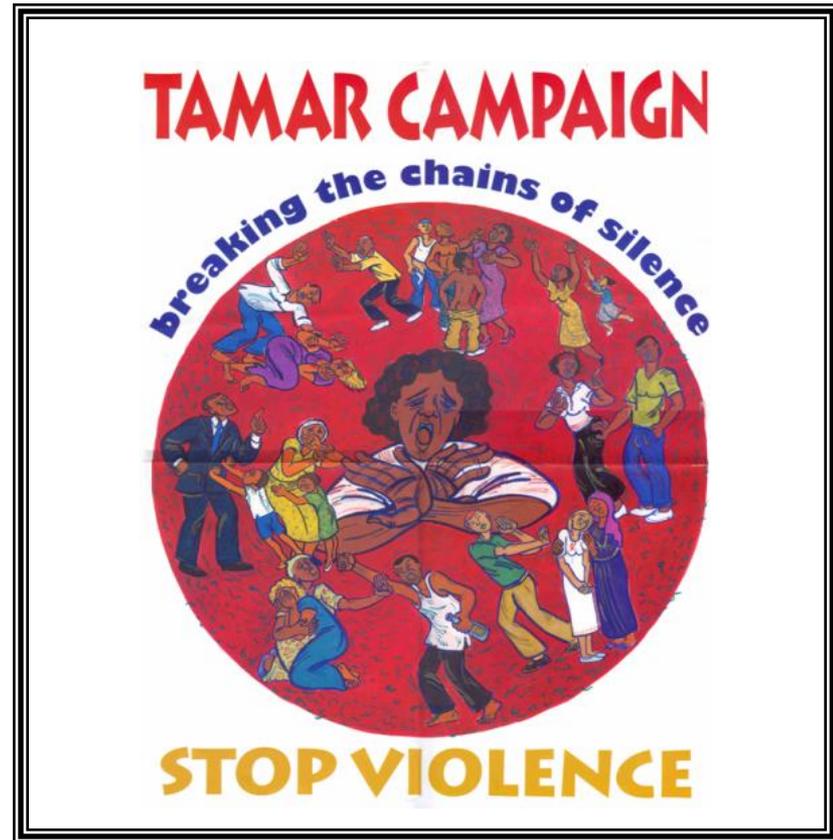


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*"Don't my brother, do not force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing". –
2 Samuel 13:12*

About Tamar

The name and basis is from the Story of the rape of Tamar by her half brother Amnon in 2nd Samuel 13:1-21.

Tamar in the story is seen as a symbol of strength as she did not keep silent when she was violated.

Tamar campaign is therefore a tool that can be used in various platforms such as this to challenge the church to address the plight of women in the region.

The story

The Tamar Campaign was formed in response to the growing silence within the Church regarding child sexual abuse.

The initiative was started by 3 ladies:

- Dr. Nyambura Njoroge (The Programme Executive for EHAIA at World Council of Churches (WCC);
- Prof. Esther Mombo (The Academic Dean at the St.Paul's University Limuru – Kenya;
- Ms. Karimi Kinoti (Former Executive Director of FECCLAHA now Regional Representative of Christian Aid.

The Tamar Campaign was to be a tool that the Church would use to break the silence against violence on women and children in the region.

The Campaign was launched on 25th February, 2005 in Kenya facilitated by FECCLAHA.



Tamar Campaign aims at:

Challenging the church as God's instrument to speak out against any form of violence meted out on women & children.

The Tamar Campaign seeks to:

Acknowledge the existence of Gender-Based Violence and to challenge churches to address the problem.

Why focus on the Church?

The Church is well placed to play a significant role in the prevention and elimination of the different forms of violence against women & children.

The Church commands and dictates moral authority.

The Church has a notable clout and capacity to minister to the needs of those who have been abused as well as the perpetrators.

The Church can provide opportunities for healing for victims.

Contextual Bible Study

In 2007 FECCLAHA published a Contextual Bible Study Manual.

This contains 12 Passages in the Bible addressing different themes on Gender Based Violence.

This has been translated to various languages:

- Kiswahili
- English
- French

Awaiting Publication is:

- Amharic Translation

Underway is:

Portuguese translation

Contextual Bible Study (CBS)

CBS is central to Tamar Campaign;

CBS is a way of studying the Bible through one's own context
(Ujamaa Centre, South Africa)

CBS provide a safe space to discuss issues on Gender Based Violence thus a space for healing.



The Tamar Vision

A continent, which is free from Gender-Based Violence, in which men and women relate as equal partners made in God's image.

The campaign's mission is to:
Demonstrate God's compassion and justice to women and children who suffer indignity and violation through sexual and domestic violence.

Tamar Campaign Objectives

- To raise awareness on the prevalence, magnitude and consequences of sexual and domestic violence.
- To encourage churches to speak out against the abuse of women and children.
- To collaborate with churches on violence prevention, for example, through programmes of men and youth.



- To build the capacity of churches to provide support and opportunities for healing for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

- To encourage churches to hold perpetrators accountable for their acts of violence and help them to come to terms with the issue and reconcile them to society.

- To strengthen churches' networking and collaboration with other stakeholders in addressing the problem of sexual and domestic violence

Why is FECCLAHA focusing in the Tamar Campaign?

- FECCLAHA was formed as a response to escalating conflicts in the region and their cross border nature.
- In addressing this crisis it has become evident that the plight of women and children in the conflict and post-conflict situations cannot be ignored.
- They are the battle field and silently bare the brunt of war; rape, incest, and other attacks.