

YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK

REPORT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8th MARCH 2026

On the 8th March 2026, The Youth Advocacy Network [YAN] celebrated the international women's day. We start by Opening prayer which was done by both Christian and Muslim way.

Momorie Marah did the welcome address and it was successful in which he welcomed all the participants present and told them to feel free and comfortable as home.

After that we moved to introduction of the chairperson which was done by HASSAN TURAY and the chairperson happens to be FATMATA JAGITAY.

The chairperson welcomed the participants again and stay in charge of the activity.

She asked FEREMUSU S MARAH to give the purpose of the program.

FEREMUSU S MARAH starts by thanking all the participant and continue by saying we are all gather here today celebrate, commemorate and congratulate our mother and all the women around the world, she as youth organisation like YAN it has always been our agender to support our mother and all women in this day, this day is globally celebrated every year.

This day we call International women's Day was date by in the Early 1900s when women were campaigning for better working conditions, voting right and fair pay. In 1908 in the united states about 15000 women marched in New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting right, in 1909 the first official national women's day was celebrate in US on February 28, organized by socialist Party of America.

At the INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE in Copenhagen, German activist Clara Zetkin proposed the ideal of an international women's day to promote women's right worldwide. ON March 8, 1917, women in RUSSIA protested for BREAD AND OEACE during World War 1. This protest marked the beginning of the RUSSIA Revolution. Soon the government granted the women the right to vote, making March 8 a symbol of women's achievement and struggles.

She told them that we YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK believes in celebrating women all over the world.

After Momorie Marah sang a song for women and it was so marvellous.

After that we move to group presentation and HASSAN TURAY was the one in charge of that so he divided the participant into four [4] different group which are group 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The questions are the following:

1. Husband or wife who more work in a day?

2. Husband or wife whose activity benefit who the most?
3. Husband or wife who has more time to rest?
4. Husband or wife whose work most benefit the children, elderly, and the sick in the family?
5. Husband or wife who does something that benefit the other without he/she getting any benefit or reward?
6. Can women be a good leader? Explain

RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS FROM THE VARIOUS GROUP

GROUP ONE

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1

They said the wife does more work than the husband because of the following reasons

1. By planning the home for daily activities
2. By school preparing the children to go to.
3. Cleaning the home for sanity.

Response to questions two

The wife benefits the home more than the husband because she knows how to manage they economy in the home for future plan.

Response to questions three

The husband has more time to rest than the wife. Like weekends.

Response to questions four

The wife works benefit the children, the elderly and the sick by taking care of their welfare at home when needed.

Response to question five

The wife suffered a lot in the home without getting any rewards from the husband, family and relatives.

Response to question six

A woman can be a better leader than man. Like if you educated a woman you have educated the nation.

They can contribute to educate children at home.

These children can also become a good leader in the future which will benefit the nation.

Group two

Question one: the wife, because she has to all the household activity like cooking and cleaning.

Question two: The man contributes a lot in the family because he is the bread winners and he always wanted to see his family happy and stay in good health.

Question three: the man because the woman has to wake up early to prepare breakfast while the man is sleeping and also during the weekend the woman has a lot of work and taking care of the children.

Question four: the children benefits from the woman, the elderly benefits from the man and sick benefits from the woman.

Question five: the man

1. They do good for people without explaining or telling anyone and also they have an emotional feeling or sympathy for others.

Question six: Woman

1. They are gifted with sympathy for other people who are in need.
2. They always want to see the betterment of their people.

Group three:

Question one: woman

Question two: both man and woman

Question three: woman

Question four: it depends on the situation.

Question five: man

Question six: women can be a better leader:

Woman can be a better leader than man just as man can be a better leader than woman

Women have patient and maturity

Women are often socialized to be patient and matured which can be valuable in parenting health care and community work.

Group four:

Question One: wife does all the domestic work at home and also take care of the kids.

Question two: wife presence is more important in taking care of the home.

Question three: husband spent most his time working and resting.

Question four: husband takes care financially of the home due to sicknesses and fees

Question five: wife

Because the success of children depends on the mother and the downfall of children depends on the mother.

Question six: Yes, if they are giving a platform to show case their skills and thinking ability.

STATEMENT FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

- 1. CFN:** Binta Jalloh says she is very happy for the activity and promise to pass the message to people and every woman she will converse with.
- 2. GTI:** A representative from GTI says he is very glad to witness this activity and it has given him more ideals about to treat his wife, he continued by saying without woman man cannot stand firm, in which he gives example that his wife has being there for him always.
- 3. KOINADUGU WOMEN'S NETWORK:** She is very happy for organisation like YAN for celebrating our mother. She said she would be very happy if YAN continue to work with them to promote awareness about issues in KOINADUGU, and

she also said they are very happy to know that YAN is doing a great work like this and since they have known that they will was to one day come together organise a big programme in supporting, promoting and advocating for the right of the vulnerable people in KOINADUGU.

4. SERAH ISATA SPARO: a woman says she is very that YAN values them and put them to express their challenges in daily life.

5. PARENTS: One of the parents stated that she will like to thank YAN for given them joy and unforgettable memory today and continued to thank the donors for supporting their children every year and wish them long life and good health.

6. ADVISER: Sajor Jalloh teaches the audience about two topic which are, which are

1. Assume role: he said these roles that are given by the culture to specific gender
2. Assigned role: he said this are role that are designed by the nature that every individual should do.

CHALLENGES FACED BY WOMEN IN KOINADUGU DISTRICT

1. Discriminating them from leadership positions
2. Too more of work responsibilities on them.
3. Many suffered a lot in taming their children.
4. Some men don't care about their family they are always in the ATAYA BASES and brings little or nothing to the family.

REQUEST FROM THEM:

1. Let sorry heart organizations help them with loan to promote their businesses.
2. Let the government help to involve in leadership positions
3. Let their husband feel sorry for them always.

CHALLENGES FACE BY YAN

1. Time Constraints. Activities may be too short, so important discussions are not fully covered. This was because it falls in weekend and many people goes to church.
2. Cultural Restrictions In some communities, women are not allowed to speak publicly or participate fully.
3. Poor Awareness Not everyone understands the real purpose of the celebration—some see it as just a formality.

SUCSESSES

1. We were able to promote and raise awareness about women struggle
2. We bring people from different background, belief, and culture to discuss together as one family.
3. We explore more opportunities to link with other advocacy organizations
4. Able to identified some of the problem faced by women in KOINADUGU DISTRICT.

5. Able to find possible solutions to these problems
6. Achieve in bringing peace, understanding and connect different people and organisation
7. Promoting community awareness about why women should not always put behind.

CONCLUSION: This day was not just normal ay like the other days but it is day feel with joy, peace, opportunities, educative session for our mother around the globe. Be thanks to the donors, advisers and other partners for commemorating the achievement of our mother and showing men more responsibilities they fail to do because of culture.