



DOMIN Nakloke

As a key part of its violence prevention work, NGO Ba Futuru utilises methods like film and community theater in an effort to create changes in attitudes and behaviour in Timor-Leste.

Launched in July 2017, Domin Nakloke (Unlocking Love) is an entertainment-education film series that explores issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, gender equality, and healthy relationships. It is centred around the trials and tribulations of a group of best friends, and its intended audience is young people.

An edutainment focus was used to ensure the films are highly engaging thus they are peppered with drama, sport and music.

- 215,000+ views on Facebook
- More than 1,200 calls from 4 countries asking for more episodes
- Films were also broadcast on national television and are being shown on a giant portable screen in remote areas reaching an additional 40,000 people



The first three episodes are titled *Selfie*, *Shout It Out*, and *No Means No*. Each episode is coupled with a talk show for debriefing around the series content, providing expert advice for young people and featuring celebrity guests.

Methodologies

The episodes were shown to viewer groups with 186 students - baseline, endline, and follow-up data were collected for the purposes of evaluating the impact of the series on knowledge, attitudes, and practices. The follow up surveys were undertaken around a month after the viewings.

Increased Support

Before viewing, only 50% of viewers knew it was illegal for a person to hit their spouse; afterwards, this reduced to 11% still reporting that it is legal. Before viewing the episode, only 56% of viewers reported that they knew the places where a victim could get assistance for GBV and could list a place, whereas after viewing, 96% of the viewers said that they now knew the places where victims of GBV could get assistance and could list a place.

Attitude Shifts

Viewers were also asked if the people were already married whether it was okay to force their spouse to have sex with them. Beforehand, 40% said "yes"; however, after viewing, this decreased to just 9%. Moreover, beforehand, only 57% of viewers reported that it is never okay to force someone to have sex, but after viewing, this increased to 91%.

When asked if students think a relationship is good when your romantic partner forbids you from doing certain activities that you want to do (regularly controlling your life), 44% thought this was a good relationship before viewing the films; this decreased to 8% afterwards. When asked if they thought it was okay for a man to make sexual advances towards a woman when she is wearing sexy clothes, before viewing, 36% of viewers stated that they thought it was okay to do so; however, after viewing only 6% still stated that it was okay.

Follow-up Survey Results

- 97% stated that the film series was **relevant to their everyday lives**.
- 100% stated that the film series helped them **change their behaviour**.
- 100% stated that they **discussed relationships issues** with their friends after watching.
- 100% stated that they **shared the information from the films** with their family and friends.
- 41% of the males said they reminded other males not to sexually harass other people .
- 64% of the males said they **reminded other men not to use violence** against their partner.
- 99% stated that the film reminded them that they **should not retaliate with violence** even if they experience violence from another person.