



the equality effect update



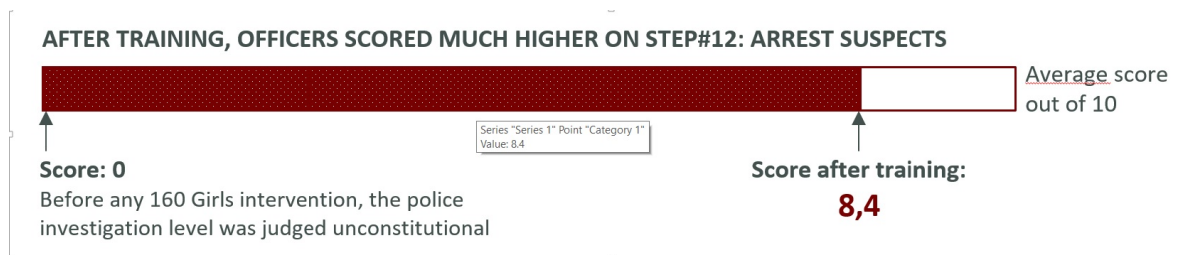
5 FAVOURITE 2017 e² EQUALITY MOMENTS

1. The successful launch of the 160 Girls Justice Clubs, which are bringing the 160 Girls law to life in schools across Kenya through song, dance, poetry, drama, etc. All the Justice Clubs exude positive energy, and provide for the personification of empowerment. It was especially great to get the feedback from Justice Club leaders at the Ntaani Primary School in Meru, Kenya, that they like the Justice Clubs because: i) they get to be the teachers; ii) the other students respect them; iii) they get to work with the police; and iv) they get to stop child rape.



2. The continued successful piloting of the 160 Girls defilement investigation police training, described by one trained officer as follows: “Since the 160 Girls training I now think of defilement victims as though they could be my children. I am proud of being a better investigator since the training. Doing good defilement investigations is so important because it discourages other perpetrators, and creates deterrence; it’s a lesson to others. So for me personally I am very happy with the 160 girls training, it gave me more knowledge and I can say with confidence that through me, officers at my station can now investigate defilement cases very well.” - Jane Sasi, OC Crime at Kilimani Police Station, Nairobi.

3. The successful interim evaluation of the 160 Girls police training by senior members of the Vancouver and Kenyan police forces. The results, as analyzed by the e² measurement team including volunteers from the Rotman School of Management, U. of T. and Nielsen, are impressive, including:



4. Every successful defilement investigation and conviction is a great moment for e². One

that stood out this year was Rose's case. Rose, a 12 year old girl from Meru, Kenya, was found to be pregnant after a teacher inquired about her health at school. Rose disclosed that her step-father had been defiling her for almost 3 years. Rose's case was reported to the local police station which had received the 160 Girls training; the case was immediately investigated, and the accused was taken into custody. One of the witnesses to appear for the prosecution at trial was Rose's mother – the police considered this to be critical to the success of the case. The accused was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Rose recounted feeling happy that her teacher and the police helped her achieve justice. Rose wants to complete her education, and maybe become a teacher or a police officer herself now!

5. The United Nations recognition of 160 Girls as one of seven initiatives operating as an international best practice in advancing women's rights and empowerment. This U.N. recognition is an invaluable affirmation of the 160 Girls' success. It is also an important endorsement of the terrific passion, positive energy, and exceptional dedication of e²'s 160 Girls team members and partners who have contributed to the 160 Girls' success; the 160 Girls' success would not have been possible without their participation - asante sana, thank you!

There is still more equality work to do, e.g.: the national scale up of the 160 Girls police training to cover all Kenya, and the expansion of the 160 Girls Public Legal Education. Your donation today will give more police and community members access to 160 Girls legal education, enabling them to help hold perpetrators accountable for their sexual violence – please [click here to donate](#) (donate now to receive a 2017 tax receipt!).

Thank you for your wonderful support of the equality effect's unique human rights work, making girls' and women's rights real – we couldn't do it without you. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2018, and looking forward to updating you on more e² successes in the New Year.

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