INFORMATION ABOUT ESWATINI

- Eswatini is a landlocked country in Southern Africa between South Africa and Mozambique. It is a country ruled by a king, King Mswati III. Eswatini got its independence on 06 September 1968. This year marks as 51 years of independence to the country.

- From the last population Census conducted, it was found that Eswatini now has a population of 1.42 million.

- Eswatini has two official languages, which are Siswati & English. Our unofficial language is Isizulu.

- The main economic activities of Eswatini are Factories, agricultural activities, forestry, mining and plantations. When I talk of plantations, I obviously talk about the large-scale estate meant for farming that specialize in cash crops like, the timber, cotton, sugar cane, citrus & pine we have in Eswatini.

- It has got economic class struggle like unpaid household labour, and sexual division of labour is also central in Swaziland.
The name of the Organization I serve is Swaziland Rural Women Assembly, (WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF LAND LIFE AND LOVE).
It was formed in **8 March 2011** and registered in **October 2013**, by a group of rural women who came together after experiencing escalating injustices, violence against women, violation of environmental rights (education, food, clean water).

**OBJECTIVES**

- To be a strong vibrant rural women’s body that will be speaking on behalf of all the women in the country.
- To unite rural women so that they can jointly celebrate, share experience and tools for survival through a human rights based approach.
- To be a vibrant women’s forum which will present to women a chance to know each other and the work that each organization/association does.
- To successfully enlighten each other about community issues so that they can jointly work towards solving them.
- Raise awareness in the different roles that women should play in the country so that they can hold government accountable and lobby her to formulate policies that represent women interests.
- To build skills and capacity for the women to gear them for the fight to eradicate poverty.
- To promote and protect the rights of the girl child.
MISSION

• To mobilize, organize, educate and unite Swazi women for their best future against all injustices and inequalities

VISION

• We envision a just society with respect of women and girls’ rights, allowing free democratic participation, empowerment, and holistic development of women. A nation that prioritizes the protection of mother earth and the people than profit.
STRUGGLES

- Women rights and Environmental rights being exploited.
- Young women engaging in transactional sex to cover their bills.
- Women denied land, so in order for a woman to own land she should have a husband or maybe a son. Failing of any of that, that women doesn’t qualify to own any portion of land whether for farming or for house construction.
- Climate Change. In the past years it has been extremely hot with no rains and by the time it rains, the rains cause damages in houses, our livestock and roads (critical dongas and water run ways).
WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Promoting the use of indigenous seeds that they’ve been using before because of their resistance to the changing climate as compared to Genetically Modified seeds. Explaining that the consumption of this indigenous seeds/foods help cure and prevent some sicknesses.
#FORCED EVICTIONS IN SWAZIAND

Painful part these affects everyone

#endforcedeviction

People left with no housing and no compensation.
Luxury Life In Our Royalty Never Ends And Poverty Levels Are Increasing in the people

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