

IN MEMORIAM

IAWP Member Loveness Kayunga, Assistant Superintendent of Police Zambian Police Force



Loveness Kayunga pictured above at IAWP 2014 Winnipeg giving a presentation.

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Dear colleagues,

It is with deepest sorrow that I inform you that one of our dear colleagues - Loveness Kayunga from Zambia, who has served in several peace operations including UNMISS (South Sudan) in 2014 and who was part of the UNPOL Gender Toolkit development in 2010 and the IAWP 2014 UN delegation, has passed away last Tuesday 13 January 2015 due to an illness (malaria).

To me, Loveness will be best remembered for being at the forefront of empowering fellow female police peacekeepers. In 2010, during our first development workshop for the UNPOL Gender Toolkit in New York, she shared the UNPOL Female Network of Sudan. Since then, she and UNMIS/S colleagues have inspired the creation of similar networks in other field missions. Such networks have grown in number from one in 2010 (UNMIS/S), three in 2011 (plus UNAMID, MINUSTAH) to five in 2014 (plus MONUSCO, UNMIL). In our second UNPOL Gender Toolkit Workshop in Minneapolis, she was part of our impromptu "UNPOL theater group" that staged and enacted an unforgettable 'sketch/skit' (a play) written by Codou Camara and her team on recruiting women in policing.

I treasure her invaluable contributions to the UNPOL Gender Toolkit especially on setting up Community Aid Posts in IDP camps, empowering female IDPs through income generating activities and undertaking awareness raising on SGBV through sports and other community oriented activities, recruitment of female police officers and many others.

It was a pleasure for me to see her again redeployed to UNMISS (double 'S' this time).

It was a great opportunity to have one of the original developers of the UNPOL Gender Toolkit nominated to be part of the UN delegation at the annual training conference of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) held in

Winnipeg, Canada in October 2014 and the UNPOL Gender Toolkit train-the-trainers workshop. Loveness was the first original developer who experienced the final product of our joint and committed efforts. It was as if yesterday that she was telling me about the work and amazing accomplishments of female police peacekeepers in UNMISS and the challenging environment they were working in. She spoke about how bullets were flying over their heads and at any time they may be called upon to shelter, that two female police peacekeepers have taken risks transporting a pregnant woman in a UN vehicle and brought her to safety in a hospital where she gave birth, and how female police peacekeepers were critical in doing search inspections at the IDP camps where they routinely found women and men carrying arms. Below are photos of her presentation at the IAWP.

I have learned a lot from her.

May her light continue to shine to all those she has known.

Goodbye Loveness - we will miss you.

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Dear member,

It is with regret I bring you news of another IAWP light that has been extinguished. The hearts of the IAWP and UNPeacekeepers are sadden with this news.

Assistant Superintendent of Police

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Loveness's talents, skills and energy will be greatly missed. Please join me in praying for Loveness's family, friends and colleagues. Also please keep the survivors of all our fallen colleagues in your prayers.

I want to thank you for your quick and thoughtful responses. With the IAWP celebrating it's centenary we hope to honor all the women of law enforcement who have recently paid the ultimate price or passed away.

When you learn of the passing of an IAWP member (which are male and female), supporters or any women in law enforcement please let me know so we can honor them and their memory.

Until we meet again Stay Safe,

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