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Jennifer's fight against violence

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Jennifer with the dad, Kennedy Otieno, display the certificate she received from the New York-based Stop Rape contest

For a long time, Jennifer Jadwero forward to going to a good board. But one bizarre incident, jolted her changed her mind. She gave up th after reading about the St Kizito I Secondary school incident where raped and sixteen died. That was encounter with violence against v

Then in 1997, her grandmother d been assaulted by her grandfather apparently been always violent.

On that occasion, Mzee Augustin went for a drink with friends. He

his house in Nyakach, Nyanza Province, and started arguing with his wife (Jennifer's gran Margaret Wanzuu.

"Perhaps he was unhappy with what she was cooking for dinner, or maybe it was about m recounts Jennifer's father, Kennedy Otieno.

In the past, when she had been assaulted, Margaret had always run through the kitchen d time, he had locked the door.

Augustino fetched a Somali sword given to him as a retirement gift by fellow prison offic couple struggled and Margaret was stabbed in the arm. As she lay in the doorway Augusti sword into his wife's chest, fatally piercing her liver and right lung.

Since then, 13-year-old Jennifer and her family have tirelessly campaigned against violen on women. Later the same year, her dad and aunties initiated the Margaret Wanzuu Found tribute to the granny Jennifer loved.

"The foundation also celebrates the life of my grandmother by perpetuating the values she them and by reducing the incidence of domestic violence, the vehicle through which her li away," says Jennifer emotionally.