Expanded Project Scope for SautiYetu – MVP

📌 1. Project Title:

SautiYetu – Anonymous Gender-Based Abuse Reporting & Support Platform

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🧠 2. Purpose & Background:

Many women and girls in Kenya face domestic and sexual abuse in silence.
Fear of shame, retaliation, or not being believed prevents them from seeking help.
Even when they open up in chamas, markets, or churches, there's no safe system to take action.

SautiYetu bridges that gap: it offers a **safe, anonymous space** to report abuse, **access verified help**, and **start healing without exposure.**

🛠️ 3. In-Scope Features (for MVP)

Category	Feature	Details
📝 **Reporting**	**Anonymous Report Form**	Victims can share their story via a simple, secure form. No name, phone, or ID needed.
🔤 **Language**	**Bilingual Interface**	Entire platform available in Swahili and English, with icons for clarity.
🔊 **Voice Option**	**Voice Message Upload**	For users who can't write, they can record or upload their story.
📚 **Support Resources**	**Self-Help Guidance Page**	Steps a victim can take now, helpline numbers, NGO contacts, laws explained simply.
🔒 **Privacy Tools**	**No Tracking, No Login**	Site doesn't track IP addresses. Identity is optional.
👨🏾‍💼 **Admin Panel (Private)**	**Counselor Dashboard**	Secure view for trained partners to see reports and act if the victim requests help.
📊 **Data Patterns**	**Basic Analytics**	Admins see non-personal data on abuse types, age range, location (optional), to inform support.

🚫 4. Out of Scope for MVP (Planned for Future Versions)

Feature	Why it's excluded (for now)
🔢 Full Mobile App	Requires more testing; web-first approach preferred.
💬 Live Counselor Chat	Needs 24/7 staffing; build later once stable support partners are ready.
📍 Smart Geo-Mapping	Location data is sensitive and could risk safety. Use only if victim consents.
📦 Shelter Case Management	Partner shelters can be listed, but full tracking systems come in later phases.
👮🏿 Police or Court Links	Requires government collaboration and data security policy.

🎯 5. Objectives of the MVP

- Provide a **safe, anonymous space** for victims to report abuse.
- Create a **first step** toward healing and help.
- Offer **verifiable, local resources** without pressure to disclose identity.
- Help partner NGOs, churches, or clinics **track abuse patterns** to act better.
- Raise awareness in trusted community hubs (chamas, clinics, churches).

👥 6. Target User Personas

User	Needs	How SautiYetu Helps
👧🏾 **Victim (rural, afraid)**	Privacy, simplicity, hope	Reports anonymously, reads what to do, chooses if/when to ask for help
🧑🏿 **Chama or Church Leader**	Discreet support for members	Uses site to guide others, or helps them fill it safely
👩🏿‍⚕️ **NGO / Counselor**	Understand cases, respond ethically	Views reports, reaches out if invited, never violates trust
📊 **Data Partner**	Understand community trends	Uses clean, anonymous data to guide policy or aid

📍 7. Pilot Region Suggestion (Initial Test)

- Kirinyaga, Nyeri, or Murang'a (high rural presence, strong church networks)
- University or youth groups (trusted spaces)
- 2-3 chamas or small clinics for live user feedback

⏱ 8. Timeline for MVP (Flexible Example)

Week	Milestone
1–2	Documentation, wireframes, tech setup
3–4	Build core form + Swahili translations
5	Add admin dashboard, resource page
6	Add voice feature, test with 3 users
7	Partner 1 local NGO/church and do a soft launch
8	Feedback, polish, launch public beta

⚙️ 9. Tech Stack (Suggested)

Layer	Tool
🧱 Backend	Django (Python)
🖼 Frontend	HTML/CSS/JS (simple, clean UI)
💾 Database	PostgreSQL or SQLite (for MVP)
🔐 Security	CSRF protection, no tracking, encryption
☁️ Hosting	PythonAnywhere or Render
🛠 Optional	Twilio for voice (future), Google Translate API (optional)

💡 10. What Makes SautiYetu Unique?

- **Built by someone who understands the fear** — not just a developer, but a daughter of survivors.
- **Culturally grounded** — we build from the rhythm of chamas, churches, and village life.
- **No pressure** — just permission to speak safely and be guided with dignity.