

2024 NEWSLETTER

Inherit Your Rights

A voice for women's rights, equality and justice.

With the end of January fast approaching, we hope it is not too late to wish you all a very happy new year! As we dig into 2025, we also want to take a moment to thank you all for your support over the last twelve months, and to share with you our highlights.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024: WELL DONE TEAM!

- 9,483 adults made aware of the legal rights of women & children through in-person training.
- 2,768 children made aware of their right to live free from violence & abuse through inperson training.
- 178 community advisors equipped to take action by completing our Community Advisor Program.
- 188 women and children provided access to justice through our legal aid service.
- 214 women, children and youth provided mental health support by our counsellors.
- 29 TV & radio broadcasts across Tanzania, expanding our reach far beyond Arusha.



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH NEWLY-REGISTERED INHERIT YOUR RIGHTS UK

A highlight early on in the year was the registration of Inherit Your Rights UK as a charitable organisation in the United Kingdom. Inherit Your Rights is now proud to be registered in three countries - Tanzania, the U.S., and the U.K. - and we launched our UK presence through an exciting fundraising event at Cadogan Hall in London for International Women's Day in March.

At a musical concert produced by Hennessey Brown Music and Vox Anima London, Inherit Your Rights was showcased, and it was made even more special by our Tanzanian Director of Operations, Winnefrida Manyanga, flying in to attend and speak at the event.







INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMUNITY TRAINING LAWYER

This year we welcomed our new Community Training Lawyer, Joel Moses, to the team. All the way from Mbeya in southwest Tanzania, Joel has a passion for providing access to justice to the oppressed.

Since joining our team in February, he has worked tirelessly to provide training to the community with the main goal of putting a smile on the faces of those who have lost all hope of justice. We are thrilled to have Joel onboard.



OUR FOCUS THIS YEAR: FGM & CHILD MARRIAGE

Girls in Tanzania are extremely vulnerable to abuse due to the oppressive and harmful customary practices that are still prevalent, especially in rural communities. Shockingly, 41% of women aged 15-49 in the Arusha region has undergone the illegal practice of female genital mutilation. Within Maasai communities, FGM is used as a rite of passage to prepare girls aged 10-15 for marriage.

We are keen to develop our work to combat this barbaric practice, and to this end over the course of 2024, we were thrilled to start working with the Partnership for Women Development Tanzania and Faces for Hope.

With Global Funds for Widows, our team travelled out to interior Maasai villages and spoke with more than 500 men and women on the illegality and harmful effects of FGM and child marriage. And our sessions with the rescued Maasai girls at Faces for Hope were certainly one of the highlights of our year, training 100+ girls on their legal rights and how to defend them.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING IN SCHOOL IN THE PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGE.

This year we also initiated a school program within the rural Maasai district of Monduli. A key means of protecting young girls from child marriage is to ensure they stay in school. If a girl is attending school, she is legally protected against child marriage.

However, if girls do not pass their primary school exams and do not continue to secondary school, marriage is the likely outcome. Even those who make it to secondary school are placed under considerable family pressure to marry at a very young age.





Our new school initiative consists of school clubs for girls and boys: 'Justice for Girls' and 'HeForShe Champions' that meet each week with our Counsellors to learn about children's rights, and practical ways to try and protect themselves and their friends from violence and abuse.

Tragically, quite often the children we engage with have no idea that the violent abuse they have suffered at the hands of their teachers, parents or other relatives is unlawful and not ok.

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THANK YOU

Inherit Your Rights would not be here without the generous financial support of our individual donors and friends - thank you all so much! Similarly, we are extremely grateful for the support of our larger donors. We would like to appreciate the Segal Family Foundation, Dovetail Impact Foundation, and St. Mary's Church West Horsley in particular for your support in 2024.

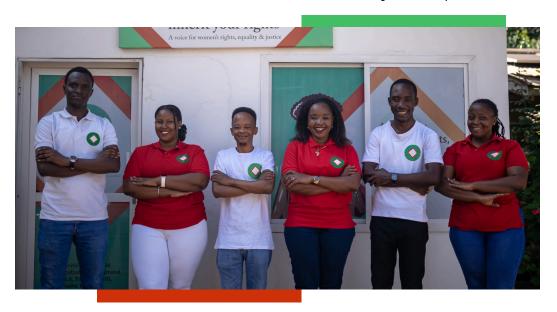
We are also thankful to our local partners:
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Jobortunity, Neema Village, Faces for Hope,
Global Fund for Widows, and many local
churches across the Arusha region and in
Nairobi, Kenya for placing their trust in us and
connecting us with their beneficiaries. Many
community members have learnt about their
legal rights and how to obtain justice because
of these successful collaborations.



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We look forward to continuing our partnership with you all in 2025 as we seek to achieve social justice for women and girls in Tanzania.

Our mission is for women's rights to be known, respected, and protected across Tanzania. We want to help more women and girls defend their right to live free from violence and abuse. But we need your help to do so!



Our plan for 2025 is to expand our in-person services beyond the Arusha region of Tanzania to the regions of Kilimanjaro and Manyara. We are determined to continue fighting to combat FGM and child marriage to ensure more girls are protected. Please consider supporting (or continue supporting!)

our work to enable us to do so.



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Your continued support is crucial in enabling us to achieve our mission. Please consider donating to help us empower more women and girls in Tanzania.

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