

A voice for women's rights, equality & justice

## **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER**

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## CROSS THE PATH OF GROWTH

We saw exceptional growth in 2023. With the support of our partners, funders, and philanthropic organisations, we were able to grow our team from 5 staff to 7 staff.

We were able to reach out to 4 regions of Tanzania to cover more than 13,000 beneficiaries in personal training and legal aid.



+13,000 BENEFICIARIES

+6,267

CHILDREN AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS

+420 COMMUNITY ADVISORS

25 TV & RADIO BROADCASTS ACROSS TANZANIA

+148
WOMEN & CHILDREN

+6,267

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#### **EXPANDING**

We are anticipating extending our service to the Monduli, Longido, and Karatu districts of Arusha in the year 2024.



MONDULI

**LONGIDO** 

**KARATU** 

# END OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN TANZANIA

Our organization has many programs with the vision of ending gender-based violence in Tanzania. Our refresher training of gender project has allowed us to measure the sustainability of our program.

We highly appreciate the support from Segal Family Foundation, Australia Volunteer International, and Rotary Club Vancouver. We were able to reach out to four wards of the Arusha Region where through the project men and leaders were engaged in advocacy for women and girls' rights.



## FROM UK TO TANZANIA

Katie and her family came to visit us this year in April. It was a blessing to have a moment of discussion about the future of the organization. She also participated in the launch of the two new projects, Religious Leaders Training and Children Council. During her visit, 40 religious leaders became community advisors to help the community in need.

It is lovely to see the growth of our organization because we are now also a registered UK charity (charity number 1205939) that was established this year to support the work of Inherit Your Rights in Tanzania, tackling gender injustice and violence through education and advocacy.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023/2024

This year, we celebrate International Women's Day by launching the Women Council within Ilikiding'a Ward. The council leaders have become community advisors and can now resolve disputes within their community.

We are also very delighted that next year, International Women's Day will be celebrated in London. Our organization will participate in the music event organized by Hennessey Brown Music and Vox Anima London. The event will take place on March 6, 2024. The details for the event are found here.

This would be an incredible opportunity to raise funds for women in Tanzania to live under the rightful protection of the law.



### SEMI ANNUAL SUCCESS



Our Legal Fellow Gift Laizer went to law school this year in July, and we expect him back on our team next year in July to represent marginalized women and girls before the court of law.



# THE OPPRESSIVE CUSTOMARY CASE WAS WON IN THE COURT

Our attorneys are working tirelessly to assure that marginalized women and girls have access to justice. Recently this year, we received a case of a husband and wife who were beaten by clan members without cloth. Husband and wife walked in the street barefoot and without cloth from midnight until 5 o'clock in the evening the next day, insulted and beaten by indigenous community members as a punishment according to customary law because they had circumcised their son to the hospital, which is a non-traditional way.

Our attorneys were able to help the family access justice, and clan leaders who participated in the horrible act were arrested. The matter went to court for almost six months, and now the defendant are sentenced to five years of imprisonment. This is a lesson for other community members not to practice oppressive traditions and customs.

# REACHING OUT WIDER COMMUNITY



We would like to introduce our new legal aid attorney, Nyalaga Kongola, who is passionate about serving the communities in need, and investing knowledge to the younger generation.

She is providing legal aid service to marginalized women and children and involved in our school program, visiting schools and training children about their legal rights and procedures to report the incidents of abuse. Welcome to our team Nyalaga Kongola.



# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH KEY PARTNERSHIPS

With dedicated partnerships, our organization has expanded its reach across Tanzania to educate and empower marginalized groups on legal rights and protections:



#### Hand in Hand Eastern Africa

outreach in Longido and Monduli Districts.

Delivered legal aid and rights awareness to over 3,000 community members across 12 wards in Meru District, offering critical support to marginalized women and girls.

#### Vineyard Church Arusha

Engaged 24 religious leaders across Arusha, Dar, Iringa, and Morogoro in child protection policies and conflict resolution training. With ongoing online sessions, these leaders are now equipped to create safe spaces for children and establish marriage resolution boards to address family conflicts within church communities.

# Women's Training at Nadosoito Village

Addressed pressing issues of inheritance rights and domestic violence. Many women reported facing abuse and property rights violations; our training empowered them to pursue legal remedies, offering hope and a path to justice.



#### **FACES4HOPE**

Conducted a girls' camp in Longido District, where 170 Maasai girls learned about their rights and the impacts of harmful traditions like FGM and early marriage, stressing education as key protection.

#### Olkokola Vocational Training Centre

Provided people with disabilities essential information on inheritance and property rights, addressing common challenges of abandonment within families and communities.

## Mwangaza Vocational Training Centre

Trained our team on child protection policy development, strengthening our ability to protect children in schools, homes, and the broader community.

#### **Erkeswa Secondary School**

Supported the Human Rights Club, which promotes Maasai girls' rights to education. We aim to expand this initiative in Loshaine Ward, empowering more young girls to pursue education despite traditional obstacles.









#### **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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