



TANZANIA

MWANAMKE IMARA

Mwanamke Imara ("A Strong Woman") is a three-year activity which aims at addressing violence and structural discrimination against women and young people in Tanzania as stumbling blocks towards women and young people empowerment and progression in social, economic, political as well as cultural life.

In Tanzania, violence against women and girls is a daily reality. Women's experiences of violence cross sociodemographic factors, with the rates of physical, sexual, and psychological violence especially high in rural areas and among the less educated, particularly among youths aged 15-35 years. Key factors contributing to violence against women and girls in Tanzania include ineffective systems of accessing justice, limited access to resources, economic instability at the family level, discriminatory laws, outdated social norms, non-involvement of women and young people in decision-making processes, and low levels of awareness among women and young people on their rights and how to challenge violence.

In response to these challenges, Mwanamke Imara has three objectives:

1. Increase women and girls' access to justice on issues based on inheritance, land, and property rights, as well as on gender-based violence.
2. Increase women and young people's voices and participation in leadership, decision-making structures, and governance.
3. Strengthen women and youth economic groups with enhanced access to information and control over resources.

PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

Mwanamke Imara's interventions include:

- Engaging men, boys, politicians, cultural and religious leaders as champions in addressing social norms.
- Strengthening women and youth economic groups, specifically agricultural groups, VICOBA and entrepreneurship groups to effectively manage their finances, impart them with knowledge on financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills and link them with market information and resources.
- Empowering women and young people to effectively participate and take part in governance, leadership and decision-making structures from family, community to national levels.
- Advocating for justice delivery systems that are easily accessible, conscious of social, political, cultural, and economic inequalities and realities and deliver quality services in a timely manner.
- Providing Victims of GBV safe alternative shelter once they cannot return to a violent environment.
- Advocating for enactment, reform and implementation of laws that protect and respond to GBV victims and address inequalities; and sensitizing Tanzanians at all levels to embrace such legislations, while encouraging reporting of GBV incidents and reinforcing actions against perpetrators
- Coordinating and mainstreaming stakeholders' initiatives to end violence at all levels.

BUDGET \$4 million

DURATION

August 2020 – August 2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

- Kilimanjaro
- Mbeya
- Njombe

IMPLEMENTER

Tanzania Women Lawyers' Association (TAWLA)-
Lead.

Women in Law and Development in Africa-
WiLDAF

Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers- TANLAP
Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange
Community- KWIECO

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EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the activity, the following results are expected:

- Improved access to justice for women and young people on rights-based issues
- Strengthened protection and response mechanism to effectively address GBV
- Amplified women and young people's voices and participation in leadership, community decision making structures and governance
- Strengthened and enhanced women and youth access to and control over resources and information.