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TANZANIA

MWANAMKE IMARA

Mwanamke Imara (“A Strong Woman”) is a three-year activity which aims to empower women and young people to address gender-based violence (GBV) and discrimination across three regions of Tanzania.

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of accessing justice, limited access to resources, economic instability at the family level, discriminatory laws, outdated social norms, non-involvement of women and young people in decision-making processes, and low levels of awareness among women and young people on their rights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:

- Facilitating clinics to provide legal aid services to women and young people and coordinating mobile legal aid camps
- Conducting training to police, judicial officers, and community and religious leaders on rights-based issues, discriminatory social norms, and how to handle GBV cases
- Organizing community dialogue around discriminatory inheritance practices, gender-based violence, and reporting mechanisms
- Engaging local community decision-making structures to ensure women and young people are participating in leadership and governance
- Engaging and preparing community radio, online platforms, and SMS push messages to share information on rights-based issues
- Establishing anti- GBV clubs in schools as well as parent/teacher awareness training and forums to discuss GBV and available reporting procedures
- Engaging local government authorities to advocate for business-friendly environments for petty traders
- Engaging legal structures to share key advocacy issues and advocate for enactment of GBV laws on access to justice for women and young people in Tanzania
- Conducting awareness sessions on gender and leadership to change community perception and train men to enhance women participation in leadership and decision-making structures

BUDGET \$4 million

DURATION

August 2020 – August 2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

- Kilimanjaro
- Mbeya
- Njombe

IMPLEMENTER

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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