



**ANNUAL REPORT 2020**  
**HOPE 4 YOUNG GIRLS TANZANIA**



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## GET TO KNOW US

### Who are we

Hope 4 Young Girls Tanzania (H4YGT) was founded in 2011 and registered on 21st September, 2012 under the NGO Act 24/2002 with registration no. ooNGO/00005801. The organization is dedicated to support and empower young girls through education and peer - support to improve young girls' quality of life, advance their rights, and give them a chance for a better future. H4YGT works with children, particularly girls and young women to build their agency to claim their right to be treated with dignity and fairly by reducing violence and harmful practices such as FGM, child marriages and teenage pregnancies that continue to impede their wellbeing.

### What we do!

Hope 4 Young Girls Tanzania takes a rights-based approach to young girls' health, education, and sports. We focus on enabling young girls to pursue their dreams by eliminating the barriers they face and ensuring that our activities and programs are innovative, evidence-based and sustainable. H4YGT conducts capacity building and empowerment training and seminars for both children and adults so they can make informed decisions. In addition, H4YGT provides assistance to girls' clubs and groups, supporting easy access and provision of youth-friendly reproductive health services as well as start-up support through our economic empowerment program. The approach promotes children and young girls to contribute freely and express their views accordingly, and with confidence in front of other community members, to ensure that their rights and welfare are safeguarded.

H4YGT 2020 Annual report describes the progress, challenges, lesson learned and recommendations which are guided by our values.





## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It gives me immense joy to welcome you to read our annual report for the year 2020. 2020 just like other years we have witnessed some accomplishment that made us appreciate our work on empowering a girl child. The accomplishments were accompanied by challenges as well which makes us learn every day.

2020 Hope 4 Young Girls was invited to take part in different conversations on focused on championing the girls and women movement in Tanzania. The common goal initiative has taught us that partnership and collaboration with other institutions will strengthen and give us new insights as we aspire to be on the forefront towards girls' rights.

2020 continued to strengthen the movement with partnerships from donors, government, communities and other stakeholders with common agenda to ensure we keep the rights of the girls a priority. We have learnt, strengthened our strategic partnership as well as inspiring more girls to speak and stand for their rights.

Because we would like young people to reach their full potential H4YGT will keep raising awareness to young girls on child marriages, teen pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, harmful cultural and social practices and beliefs. We are working to actively engage the community in ways that can positively impact the lives of young girls and women as well as bringing social change to our communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to H4YGT staff and volunteers for the sheer perseverance, hard work and determination that have been able to put up a fully functional team. I would like to recognize the efforts of each and every member towards the realization of the organizations goal.

Salama Kikudo.

Executive Director of H4YGT

## Our Mission

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The organization's mission is dedicated to change the passive culture among young girls by helping them learn to secure a honourable existence in their social, political & economic environment while playing an active role in future leadership and bring positive change on the lives of girls and encourage them to participate in process which enhance awareness of their rights and provide needed social support.

## Our Vision

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The organization envisages a Tanzanian society where young girls have rights and take initiative for social, political and economic changes.

## Our Approach

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Our approach Involves relevant stakeholders' i.e Girls, parents/guardians, school teachers, communities and government by conducting community dialogues, school clubs, forums that discuss challenges and solutions that hinders girls the right to education.





## **GOALS SET FOR 2020**

After a successful 2019, H4YGT set out to achieve even more for the year 2020 in order to reach and empower more people, particularly children, girls and young women to take action against harmful traditional practices, such as GBV, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Despite the prevalence of COVID 19 in 2020, H4YGT worked very hard to build the resilience of vulnerable girls and children by allowing them to work hand-in-hand with various duty bearers using different strategic approaches namely media, online advocacy, community dialogues, building systems and structures for children's wellbeing and protection.

## **Our Accomplishments for 2020**

After having a very good year in 2019, H4YGT accelerated results for children and girls in 2020 by taking into consideration the lessons learnt in the previous year, as well as recommendations by the strategic partners, donors, Government, stakeholders, and well-wishers. The focus for H4YGT accomplishments were on its thematic area which are summarized below;

### **PROTECTION OF GIRLS RIGHTS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Child Protection (CP) thematic area aimed at ensuring that child protection systems and structures are in place and functioning to ensure that children and young girls are protected at all levels. It provided safe spaces for children and young girls to participate and have their voices heard. Under this thematic area, several activities were successful accomplished as explained below;

### **BICYCLE DISTRIBUTION**

In Handeni District, many girls walk distances of up to 15km to get to school on a daily basis causing them to be late and tired. Girls sometimes ask for lifts from "boda boda riders" (motorbike rider) who in turn seek sexual favours, increasing their chances of teen pregnancy and early marriage. Through the Right To Be A Girl Project, 55 bicycles were provided to girls who walked about 10 - 15Km to school in Handeni rural. The project led to improved school attendance and performance for girls, while reducing dropouts due to early pregnancies and child marriage. Of those who have received bicycles, most are girls who are often exposed to the risk of violence when they have to walk long distances to school. To ensure the sustainability of the project, the local community has also been incorporated into the project through Committees which act as the focal point for implementation of the project. The committee helps to identify most vulnerable girls who would benefit most from bicycle distribution project, monitors the usage of the bicycles and



oversees the work of the field mechanics. The distribution process was witnessed by Education Officer, Youth Community Development Officer, Head Teachers, Parents and Students.



## COVID 19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Recognising that ensuring the safety of the community at large requires a proactive approach, H4YGT conducted an awareness campaign to educate the general public regarding the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** pandemic in Handeni District-Tanga region. Through the campaign, 6 wards in Handeni were reached by the campaign key messages. The campaign messages aimed at letting public know the precautionary measures to be taken and the way to use masks. Moreover, it increased people awareness about the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cold, dry cough, breathing problem, and headache. This campaign was continued by community leaders and our motto was to educate the public and ensure that they are protected from corona virus. 150 buckets, face masks, sanitizers, gloves, banners, liquid soap, were provided to the targeted communities. Our campaign was officiated by District Executive Director, 2 Doctors, Social Welfare Officer, Head of Community Development Department, Child Protection Officer and 6 Community volunteers.



*Madam christina demonstrating how to use the water buckets donated*



## MOBILIZING OF GIRLS' VOICES TOWARDS THE DAY OF A GIRL CHILD 2020 IN 7 SCHOOLS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY - KISARAWA, KINONDONI AND TEMEKE- 93000 SOCIAL MEDIAS, 390 PARTICIPATED TO THE COMMEMORATION DAY AND 300 VOICES OF GIRLS COLLECTED.

In commemorating the international day of the girl child, H4YGT joined hands with Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Children and the Elderly, other child rights NGO's and CSO's, to host a event which brought together community 300 girls from secondary schools in 3 districts namely, Kisarawe, Kinondoni and Temeke. As well as 90 participants from the community development office, teachers, development partners, other local NGO's and CSO's working on promoting girls rights. The main objective of the event was to creating more spaces for girls and young women to engage, network and share experiences and opinions on how they can build a movement of change to reach an equal future. H4YGT documented girl's stories and voices from 300 girls from 7 primary and secondary schools which will be used to develop stories of change booklet that will incorporate the girls' voices, their aspirations and key messages to Parents, Religious Leaders, Teachers, and government towards promoting gender equality and a gender equal future for girls in Tanzania. The guest of honour for the event was (name), the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Children and the Elderly who in his speech mentioned that, *"Targeted investments in policies and programs that meet girls' needs can help break a cycle of neglect and intergenerational poverty. Yet if we fail to cultivate and listen to what girls have to say, the impact of these efforts will be limited."* Moreover, development partners from various embassies and institutions also graced the event. In addition, Salama Kikudo, the executive director for H4YGT, in her opening remarks stated that, the organizations is dedicated to document the voices of girls and highlight them in a booklet that will help guide key stakeholders and policy makers in designing interventions that focus in responding to the needs if the girls as well build momentum for progressive legal reform, changing adverse social norms, and promoting accountability towards protection of girls in the country.

A total of 300 girls were reached directly during the event, with other reached through mains stream and social media. The statistics from unionmetrics.comshow that the general impression for the hashtag #IDG20 in social media show cased a total reach of 93000. Besides, the event was amplified by 25 media houses resulting to wider reach. With this level of awareness, shows that more people have increased knowledge on girls rights in championing for a gender equal world were girls are afforded the same rights, protection and opportunities such as boys.



*Group photo with students from Mapambano primary school*



*Some of the voices collected from the girls during the event.*



*Guest of Honor Secretary General – Ministry of Health Community Development gender ,elderly and children giving his remarks during the commemoration*



*Panel discussion with girls and young women change makers*

**JUNE 2020 : AFRICAN CHILD DAY - DAR ES SALAAM**

During the commemoration of the Day of the African child on June 2020, H4YGT joined the government and other stakeholders and NGO's through an online zoom session to discuss collected efforts and in empowering children to know their rights and utilization of child friendly reporting pathways in schools. The main take away from the meeting was that organizations working in children rights need to ensure that they invest time collect evidence collection on data of GBV and violence against children during the time of the pandemic. NGO's and CSO's working to protect the rights of children had agreed to work to find alternative ways to reach and assist children in households with risk of violence to continue to access support services including refuge when they run away from home to escape violence such as FGM.



**Siku ya Mtoto wa Afrika**

**Parabiki: 17 Juni 2020**  
Muda: Saa 8:00 (Mchana) - 10:30 (Jioni)

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**Mshele Kalambo**  
Mfunguza Mada

**Sheila Kumbi**  
Mtao mmoja

**David Mhambwe**  
Mtao Mada

**MADA:**  
**AZAKI** zinawezaje kuchangia kuwepo kwa mfumo rafiki wa upatikanaji haki ya Mtoto?

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**Kipindi**  
**HOJA YA LEO**  
**Muda: Saa 10:30 jioni**

**MADA:** Maadhimisho ya siku ya mtoto wa Afrika, Je jamii inahusika vipi kutetea na kulinda haki za mtoto

**Wachangia mada**

**Salama Kikudo**  
Mkurugenzi-Hope 4 Young Girls Tanzania

**Adv Jacob Mogendi**  
Mkurugenzi-Young Lawyers Foundation

**fuatilia leo kupitia ITV na mtangazaji Abdalla Mwaipaya**

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Posters from the media sessions and interviews for the Day of the African child

### Gender Based Violence- Binti Tumaini - Bagamoyo

Protection of children, particularly girls from any form of Gender Based Violence, lies at the heart of H4YGT. During the past year the organization was able to culminate efforts with other stakeholders to support young girls who were a survivor of gender based violence who was rescued by H4YGT in collaboration with clouds FM radio, community development office. The organizations looked at the needs of the girl and rallied support such as school fees, books, uniform from allies and other organizations including Lilian Lema , Mo Dewji Foundation, Clouds Fm radio, Bright Jamii Initiative and Msichana Initiative to ensure the rescued girl is enrolled into boarding school so that she may be able to continue with her studies and expected to complete her education in October, 2021



*Group photo with Tumaini (the one whose face is covered) when she received the support to enable her to continue her studies.*



## **2. SOCIETY AS A FOREFRONT INVOLVEMENT IN ADVOCATING GIRLS RIGHT.**

In ensuring society plays a vital role in advocating for girls and women rights H4YGT hosted “Let’s Begin at Home” (Tuanzie Nyumbani) dialogues which aimed to reach the girls who are not at school, those who did not get the chance to go to school or the ones who are not able to continue with their studies due various issues. These public dialogues included key stakeholders like parents, street/ward leader’s, young girls and boys and community volunteers. The dialogues aimed to showcase challenges faced by girls, women and parents towards protecting girls and women.

Tuanzie Nyumbani (Lets begin at home program) gave parents/guardians, girls and street /ward leaders an opportunity to express challenges faced by girls at homes and how society actions to prevent, respond and protect girls from them violent acts. The dialogues were conducted 3 wards, 2 of which are in Kwaluguru, Handeni district - Tanga region and 1 in Kigogo Mwisho in Dar es Salaam. A total of 63 girls were reached in all wards both in Tanga and Dar es Salaam as well as reached 1170 people through social media engagements.

During the dialogue sessions the girls were willing to open up and take ownership of the program by becoming agents of change within their communities. H4YGT established Tuanzie Nyumbani clubs in the 3 wards.

The topics covered during the dialogue were on gender equality, gender based violence, children’s rights and girls and women roles with in the respected societie as well as the role of Gender desks in responding, protecting and preventing acts of violence and abuse. The dialogues highlighted that cases reported at the Gender & Children’s Desks include child marriage, teen pregnancies and physical abuse. H4YGT also facilitated an awareness raising session on how the communities can report cases of violence.



*Group of young women during the dialogues in Handeni District, Tanga region*



*Group photo with students who attended the dialogues in Kigogo, Dar es Salaam Region*





## EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS TO STAND AND SPEAK FOR THEIR RIGHTS

To wrap up the year, H4YGT organized a fundraising campaign titled *Kindness Month Campaign* in Mkuranga District. The aim of the fundraising campaign was to raise funds to support girls with sanitary pads, support women with small businesses to be able to become financially independent and reduce the risk of becoming victims of gender based violence as well as to instill the community with the virtue of kindness towards those in need in their communities.

The campaign focused on selling t-shirts with a key message “Be Kind #HelpSomeone” which were also shared and advertised through H4YGT’s social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and twitter. The organizations encouraged family, friends, private companies, famous peoples to buy t-shirts as one way of donation to the campaign.

Through Kindness Month Campaign the organization was able to raise \$ 1,300, through the sale of 102 T-shirts and was able to support 20 women to start up small business and 60 young school girls with sanitary pads in Mkuranga district.



*Project Coordinator – Rose Mweleka from H4YGT, talking to students from Mkuranga secondary school during the Kindness Campaign*



*Some of H4YGT staff and volunteers in the Be Kind t-shirts that were sold during the campaign*



## H4YGT COLLABORATORS AND IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

### Our Partners



### Our Networks



