

HOPE FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN IN TANZANIA

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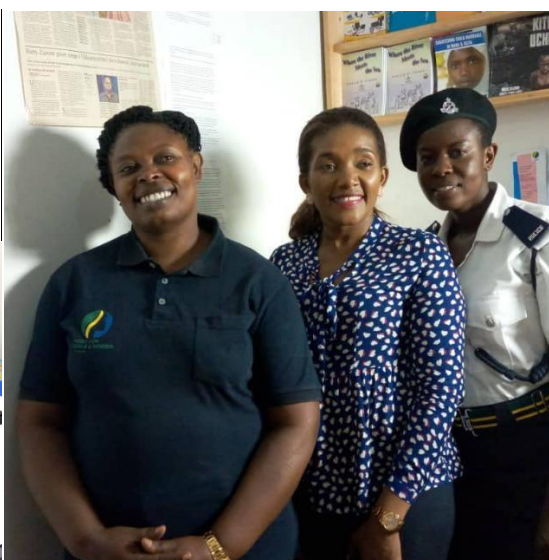
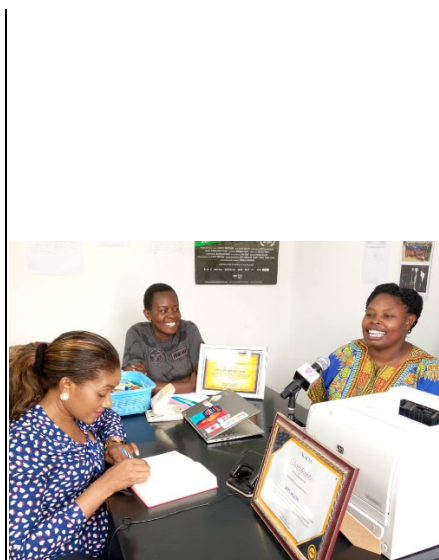


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A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE SEASONAL CUTTING OF 2018/2019

INTRODUCTION:

Hope for girls and women in Tanzania is an NGO which is registered legally at National level with its headquarter office in Mugumu Serengeti in 2017. The organisation aims to protests FGM, defend and advocates for girls and women rights against gender based violence and child marriage. The organisation established the temporary house of hope in Mugumu and Butiama safe house in order to protect girls flee from FGM and support women who experience gender based violence in Mara region and other regions in Tanzania. During the cutting season of 2018/2019 we accommodated 315 girls in both centres Butiama and Mugumu. In Butiama we had 158 girls and 156 girls in Mugumu. We managed to reconcile with their parents and returned 235 girls to their homes. The current number of girls that stays in Mugumu house of hope are 42 and 38 in Butiama safe house, that makes the total of 80 girls in both centres.



Director of HGWT, Sijali the police gender desk officer from Mugumu and Joyce Kiria from “Wanawake Live” discussing the situation of GBV in Serengeti.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

- Total of 315 girls were protected to our safe houses [157 Hope centre Mugumu and 158 Butiama Safe house].



Girls flee from FGM at Hope center Mugumu safe house

- Psychosocial counselling was provided to all girls during the seasonal cutting – Through Social welfare officers from District councils in Serengeti and Butiama.



Counsellor talking to the girls flee from FGM in Butiama Safe house.

- Girls had an opportunity to learn different topics such as Gender issues, the effects of FGM and other gender violence's, identification of bad traditions and customs affecting women and girls,'Kujitambua 'Reproductive health, health and hygienic, tuition for primary to and secondary education, also how to read and write to girls whom were not taken to school.



Girls learning during the seasonal cutting at Butiama Safe house

- Health check and medication were provided to girls flee from FGM
- Basic needs such as food, clothes, sandals, educational materials, mattresses, bed sheets, mosquito nets, pads etc. were provided to girls flee from FGM



Food and basic needs provided to girls during the seasonal cutting.



Food and other needs purchased for girls at Butiama Safe house.



Cloth support to some girls at Hope centre Mugumu safe house.

- Police gender desks from both districts- Butiama and Serengeti supported to rescue girls whom were at risk from their remote villages.
- HGWT – received support of [Food, hygienic items, clothes and other needs from different friends and our volunteer Marie during the seasonal cutting.



Girls receiving food in Butiama Safe house

ANALYSIS:

- Reconciliation conducted in collaboration with the Police gender desk, Community social welfare and DMO office in order to reconcile with parents in Butiama and Serengeti. Total of 235 girls were taken back to their parents after the sign of the concert forms.



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- Health checks conducted by police gender desks and all PF3 were kept at Police gender offices. The test conducted were HIV, Pregnancy, STIs, Malaria. Most of the girls were found with STIs.
- Expertise from different topics, presented to girls during the seasonal cutting.
- Girls were happy to access extra primary and secondary tuition during the seasonal cutting.
- HGWT received different items from Marie Vol, Grumeti, Fourseasons, Mwamko group, ACACIA North Mara Gold Mine, Mara Regional fishery office
- HGWT received support from NetZedek, TDT, Giselle friend, Film Screening in Ottawa- during Rhobi's office – funds, Marie
- Psychosocial counselling provided to girls staying to the safe house supported girls to stay comfortable, happy and share their feelings.
- 80 girls remained to the safe houses because their reconciliation were difficult, though the reconciliation will continue in collaboration with police gender desk and social welfare officer.

- 12 girls were cut after taken back to their parents- we have reported to the District commissioner and OCD in Serengeti for further action.
- Some of parents and cutters were arrested and their cases are continuing to the court – more than 6 cases.

Education:

- 47 girls from Butiama and Serengeti have taken to school in both centres of which in Mugumu 9 girls are in primary schools 17 girls are in secondary school and 2 girls joined the tourism and hospitality management courses in Moshi and 18 girls joined vocational training. In Butiama out of 38 girls, 15 girls are primary school, 4 girls in secondary school and 15 girls joined the vocational training.



Some of Primary and secondary school students from Hope centre Mugumu Safe house.

- **N: B** We have 4 girls who passed to join secondary school although they have performed well, but not allocated to any school because of not enough secondary schools.

VTC - Marie Von Veltheim supported 6 sewing machines [3 in Butiama and 3 in Serengeti], Tailoring materials, cloth materials such as vitenge etc. 20 chairs- 10 in Mugumu and 10 in Butiama, Sewing materials, clothes to girls, underwear's, educational materials.



VTC students in Butiama Safe house and Hope centre Mugumu safe house.

OUT REACH ACTIVITIES.

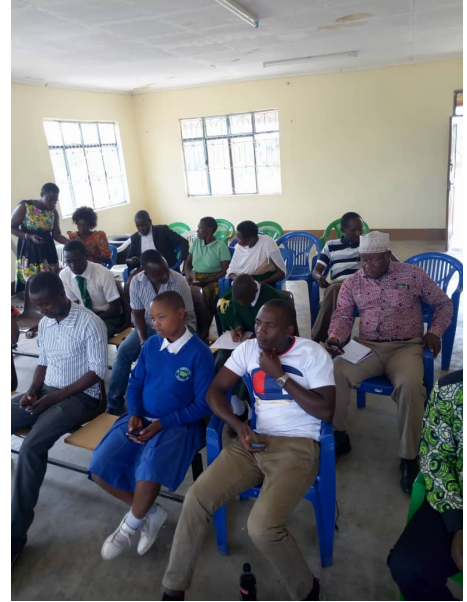
- **Ushahidi system and data collection.**

HGWT with the support from UNFPA has managed to introduce ushahidi system as data collection tool to Butiama and Serengeti councils. This number 0752535909 was introduced to the community for messaging report. We have promoted 116 the national helpline number to be used with community to report GBV cases.

Special thanks to UNFPA for supporting our organisation with capacity building funds and organisation equipments.



Police roadshows and rescuing girls at Buswahili village asking parents not to cut their daughters



- **Ant FGM Campaign.**

- Through Canada Tanzania Funds – HGWT has managed to implement a mobile film screening to 19 schools and 36 villages in Butiama District. Through roadshows we have reached 36 villages. The school programme helped to rescue more girls in Butiama District during the seasonal cutting.



Roadshows to create awareness about the effects of FGM



Henry from Canada Tanzania during his visit in Butiama District

- **Developing mapping skills project:**

- Hope for girls and women in Tanzania with the collaboration of Women Connect and USAID managed to initiate a mapping project by using Maps.me program to map community resources and safe spaces in the community. We are using maps.me because remote villages are extremely poorly mapped which makes difficult in navigation and planning. Therefore, we are use this program to navigate and add places to open street map in Tanzania to make it easier in rescuing the girls during the cutting season. Through this project we have mapped Serengeti district with its 78 villages and some part of Butiama district.
- Women and children protection committee members were also trained on Maps.me and were provided with cell phones to support in rescuing girls by reporting GBV cases.



Some of women and children protection committees trained on Mapping and reporting GBV cases using cell phones provided.

Agricultural project

- The gardening usage of organic farming - we plant and make a production of different kinds of vegetables such as spinach, tomatoes, onions, kale, eggplants and carrots. All these vegetables are helping the girls in our centre to improve their diet.

Volunteers from Abroad:

- Hope for girls and women in Tanzania has been able to receive different volunteers from different places. For example, we have been staying with Gemma Romain as a volunteer for two months from Germany, also we received Maren from Germany and we have received Marie von Veltheim on September 2018 up to January 2019 as a volunteer from Germany. Special thanks to all volunteers for their work and support to girls through their fund raising.



Marie support





Marie saying bye-bye.

SUPPORT FROM DIFFERENT FRIENDS AND VISITORS:



Support from Nomad Tanzania and Marie



Mwamko group from Kiabakari visited, Butiama Safe house during the seasonal cutting and support the girls with Rice, soap and cooking oil.



Support from Grumeti and Fourseasons during the seasonal cutting



Support from Acacia North Mara gold Mine, Underwears from Infinity and Fish from Mara fisheries controls



Visitors from Regional police gender desk, social welfare officer from Butiama District during their visit to Butiama Safehouse during the seasonal cutting.

CHALLENGES:

- The usage of temporary buildings creates fear as time is going on for sustainability of the project and support of the girls and women.
- Lack of Organisation vehicle leads staff's failure to rescue girls from remote villages who needs support to reach hope centre and Butiama Nyumba Salama for protection.
- Running costs after the seasonal cutting.
- Shortage of beddings, hostels, classrooms and other teaching materials for the girls.
- Shortage of water in Butiama Safe house which has forced girls to walk for long distance to look for water during night.

➤ **WAY FORWARD.**

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- Sharing the challenges with the friends and other stakeholders so as to get help and ensure justice has been done to girls and women
- Finding connections with different people so as to fund the centre.

FUTURE PLANS.

- To build a permanent cum safe house of Hope for Girls and Women with multi-purpose hall, enough hostels, VTC classes, modern kitchen, bakery and modern toilets with a big fence.
- To raise fund for vehicle (Land Cruiser Hard Top)
- Working with both local and international volunteers in implementation of the Organisation activities.
- Finding the market for girl's products which helps in generation of the income
- Looking forward to establish a girls boarding school in order to give the girls quality education.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- UNFPA - Tanzania – Outreach activities
- Canada – Tanzania - Outreach activities in Butiama District
- TDT – UK – Food and other needs
- Grumeti game Reserve – supported food, bedsheets and blankets, Lunch, gifts for girls and Christmas cake
- Fourseasons – Serengeti – Food, hygienic items and Christmas cake
- ACACIA North Mara Gold Mine – 20 mattresses
- Marie Von Veltheim – Food, educational materials, sewing materials, sewing machines, chairs and clothes
- Giselle Friend – girls rescue
- Netzwerk Rafael – Food, reconciliation and other needs
- Mwamko women group – Butiama – brought 10 litres of cooking oil, One box of washing soap, 20 kg of Rice.
- Nomad Tanzania – brought 50 mosquito Nets
- Mara regional – Fishery office. Brought fish to girls 150 kg
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