



**HOPE FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN IN TANZANIA**  
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### **PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY 2020:**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Hope for girls and women Tanzania is an NGO which registered legally at National level with its headquarter office in Mugumu – Serengeti with registration number **00NGO/0009414**. The organization protests FGM, defends and advocates for girls' and women rights against gender based violence and child marriage. We believe by providing education to girls and the community at large, strengthening love and solidarity in the community, we will create a community which is free from bad traditional ties, with dignity and development that will collectively declare an End to FGM, Child Marriage and other forms of Gender Based Violence. The organization established Hope Mugumu Safe house and Butiama safe house to protect girls fleeing from FGM and support young women who have experienced gender based violence from their families or community.



**VISSION:** The organization vision is to free gender-based violence in Tanzania in matters such as female Genital mutilation, Child marriage, Wife battering and Women rights to property ownership.

**MISSION:** To Inspire values and declaration of human rights to collaborate with various organizations working for change; To promote human dignity and respect for all especially girls and women

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- To enhance fighting of Female Genital Mutilation [FGM]
- To promote the society in respect human dignity and equality of all human being
- To empower and promote the society to accept positive changes that will enhance their development.
- To support Gender based violence Survivors and victims with legal and psychological advice
- To enable provision of temporary shelter to victims and Survivors of Gender Based violence
- To provide support to almost vulnerable children on need.

***HGWT has managed to secure her post box no 61, Mugumu – Serengeti, Mara Tanzania. The application sent was accepted January 2020. This will also change in our letter head.***

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Hope for Girls and Women in Tanzania continues to provide Anti-Gender Based Violence awareness to Serengeti communities, provide legal aid to victims in need, to provide temporary shelter to girls and women fleeing from gender based violence and or those whose cases are at the court waiting to testify, collaborate with other partners to provide different health services to Serengeti people at subsidized costs or free of charge. Our safe house continues to spear head the END FGM activism with all these approaches used at once, with a goal to create a community free from bad traditional ties and one with a collective declaration to end FGM, child marriages, women battering and all forms of Gender Based Violence.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

At Hope Mugumu safe house; We have a total of **118 beneficiaries** staying at the centre, with the following description on type of cases.

### **NUMBER OF GIRLS AT THE CENTER AND TYPE OF CASES:**

<b>NO</b>	<b>TYPE OF CASE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>CHILD MARRIAGE</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>RAPE</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>BATTERY</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>

**Girls Rescuing and Police gender desks.**

Sijali and other police gender desk officers working in collaboration with Hope Mugumu Safe house to rescue girls from FGM in Serengeti. The cutting started Early April after school close because of COVID 19. Most of the cases are child Marriage and FGM. Most of parents/ relatives increases violence to their daughters. Police vehicle and Hope vehicle work to rescue. Total of 55 girls were rescued, 6 girls found cut already, we have 118 FGM cases confirmed in the villages.

**Support from Fourseasons:**

The following items received to Hope Mugumu Safe house on 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 as follow: -

- Rice kg 200
- Beans kg 100
- Cooking oil litre 40
- Sugar – kg 50
- Pad – Pc 5
- Wheat flour – kg 50
- Maize flour – Sembe kg 150



**FGM SITUATION:**

Serengeti started the cutting after the COVID 19 School holiday, the cutting started as from 31<sup>st</sup> of March todate the cutting is continue.

**Butiama Safe house:** We have the total number of 58 girls

**NUMBER OF GIRLS AT BUTIAMA SAFE HOUSE:**

NO	Girls at vocational class	Girls schooling at Government Primary level	Girls schooling at Secondary level – day	Children not going to school	Total
1	20	19	13	9	59

**VTC – TAILORING PROJECT AND BATIK MAKING:**

**Hope Mugumu Safe house** has 14 students at VTC, In Butiama have 20 students in VTC class. The survivors under VTC continue to make Masks for COVID 19 protection. We have many masks for sell, please if you need Masks, let us know. Received Oder from Grumeti for 1000 masks. We have sold 477 masks, where 177 distributed to safe house girls.



**Photo showing girls making Masks produced.**

## **ALL GIRLS LOCKDOWN AT SAFE HOUSES: GIRLS EDUCATION:**

### **UPDATES ON EDUCATION:**

Universities, college and High school form six opened in Tanzania, still wait to hear for Primary, secondary and form five to open.

3 girls schooling at More than A drop in Moshi attended and 2 girls schooling at VETA driving at Nyamiongo in Musoma attended too.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL OLD STUDENTS:** At Hope Mugumu safe house 11 girls schooling at Primary [4 at English medium school and 7 at public primary school]. Butiama Safe house total of 19 girls schooling at public primary school. Total of 30 girls are at primary level.

At Hope Mugumu Safe house there are 21 girls schooling at secondary school [ 13 in public day secondary school and 8 at boarding secondary school]. Butiama Safe house we have 7 girls schooling at Public day secondary school. Total of 28 girls schooling at Secondary school.

8 Children in Butiama not going to school, though some schooling at the center are taught how read and write.

3 girls completed for four and their results, one girl got division III and 2 got division IV, still wait for their posts. One girl schooling at high school in Geita. All girls are at safe houses after the Government close all schools because of COVID 19.



### **GARDENING AND AGRICULTURE:**

Gardening activities continuing in our garden, we have grown different vegetables, such as spinach, mchicha, onions, tomatoes and watermelon using organic farming. We have grown 2 acters of cassava, sweet potatoes.

In order to improve our harvest and generate income for sustainability, we have paid for installation of green house in our new land. The work will start soon. **Nothing has been happened because of COVID 19, but also too much water kills the garden.**



Photo showing girls working at our garden

- **Hope for Girls and Women staff whom stayed outside the safe houses are lock down, so not allowed to enter the safe houses in order to prevent COVID 19.**

### **IT DEPARTMENT:**

The IT department worked on one film subtitles and make sure the ODK registration forms are filled and updated. ODK follow up form to Digital champion, where 40 Digital Champions were reached and only 20 Digital Champion received bundle, Other Digital Champion have got problems with their phones. Phones problems are 10 Whas App expire needs to be updated, 6 phones don't have Maps. Me, 1 problem with speaker, 4 problems with Whats App and ODK.

### **Research and Data collection:**

15 phones and memory cards purchased to replace to Digital Champions.

**Video conferencing** teaching English lesson to [STD V, VI and VII] with our Volunteer teacher from UK – Mina Patel was conducted to Hope Mugumu Safe house two times in May 2020. Topics taught during English class video conferencing – 1: About continents and found in the continents. 2.Names of oceans and how it is written.



**VISITORS VISITED HGWT:**

- Hope for Girls and Women in Tanzania, through Hope Mugumu Safe house received visitors from Serengeti CRDB Bank whom brought food as follows. Cooking oil liter 20, Rice kg 60, soap kg 25, Beans kg 30, Super gates 2 CTN and 4 crats of soda.



Serengeti CRDB Manager during her visit to Hope Mugumu Safe house

### **OUTREACH WORK AND PARTNERSHIP:**

Hope for Girls organisation has stopped outreach work, though only doing advertisements on COVID 19 prevention in collaboration with Serengeti council through speakers.

### **COVID 19 EDUCATION:**

COVID 19 education provided to girls at safe houses Mugumu Hope safe house and Butiama Safe house. Girls were insisted to wash their hands every time, also care about 1-meter distance from one girl to another. Sanitizer, soap and water containers procured.

### **CHALLENGES:**

The increase of commodities price such as Maize, beans because not found easily etc.

### **WAY FORWARD/FUTURE PLANS:**

- To fund raise for our permanent building construction
- To develop staff training strategy
- Support and protect girls flee from FGM - 2020
- Conduct COVID 19 education in Butiama and Serengeti
- Request for Mattresses support from friends, good people

### **SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATION:**

- Welcoming ideas for fundraising to support construction of permanent buildings and VTC from friends, companies, Donors etc.

### **GREAT THANKS:**

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