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BRIEF REPORT ABOUT MUGUMU HOPE CENTER AND BUTIAMA SAFE HOUSE: FROM JULY TO AUGUST 2018:

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 Mugumu Hope Centre and Butiama safe house to protect girls fleeing from FGM and support women who have experienced gender based violence.

Activities and achievements

- **Schooling of girls whose reconciliation with their parents failed.**

Girls at primary school are 7 at house of Hope, secondary school girls are 10 at Hope center. 15 girls schooling at Primary school at Butiama Safe house, 2 girls in secondary school at Butiama Safe house.



Girls staying at Butiama Safe house and Hope center.

The current number of girls stay to House of Hope is 36 and 27 at Butiama Safe house. We have total of 63 girls in both centers.

- **Vocational training center**

Girls are continuing with their vocational class where they are learning tailoring skills, embroidery, entrepreneurship and farming. 19 in Mugumu Hope Centre and 13 in Butiama Safe House. 20 sewing machines and sewing materials purchased with support from Van door. Girls are making women hand bags, pauses and other products for sell.



Production of women hand bags, Aprons, table mats and pauses at our center.

- **Land secure of 20 hectors**
Hope for Girls and Women has managed to secure land of 20 hectors with
- **Workshops and Meetings:**

HGWT staff - Neema Meremo attended on the ‘Workshop on gender statistics to strengthen reporting to the 2030 Agenda for all’ which took place in Kigali, Rwanda from 8th to 10th August 2018. The aim is to identify new and emerging opportunities to fill in gender data gaps within the framework of tracking progress with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as Agenda 2063 of the Africa we want.

Neema Meremo attended the FOSS4G meeting and present the Keynote about fighting Female Genital Mutilation with Maps.

- **RAINDENCE FILM FESTIVAL:**

Raindence film show 2018

The documentary film of in the Name of your daughter will be shown in London end September to October 2018.

Basic needs such as food, medication clothes, etc. were provided to survivors.

Girls who are sheltered at both Mugumu and Butiama have been provided with basic needs such as food, clothing and medication. Total of 63 girls were protected at House of Hope and Butiama Safe house. [27 girls flee from FGM in June protected at Butiama safe house and 36 girls protected at House of Hope in Mugumu].

Visitors:

HGWT received visitors from UK, America and More than Drop center in Moshi

Janet Chapman from TDT, Miriam Mapanauta from GeoChicas in Mexico. Rebecca from Peru and James, Madeleine Ellis and Gavin Smith from Nottingham University in United Kingdom.

Nicola from More than Drop center, Irma Dubace from Swiss and other visitors from four seasons and Gurumeti.

Aid from and gifts from friends.

Butiama Safe house received aids from different friends, such as 2 bicycles, and one sewing machine.



Providing legal counselling to GBV victims.

HGWT provided legal aid and counselling to 8 women who were victims of GBV to demand for their rights from Machochwe and Nyakitono villages.

Agricultural project:

Vegetable production is processing well under our Bibi Shamba Mama Bibi – Emiliana Nyamanyi. Vegetables such Spinach, onions, tomato, eggplant, carrot and mchicha are found in our garden.



Emiliana Nyamanyi our Bibi shamba and girls at our garden

- **Cooperation from local stakeholders**

The Canadian Embassy through CFLI agreed to support the mobile film screening in Butiama district by donating Canadian dollar 20,000 for community intervention and transport costs to attend Zanzibar festival.



After meeting with CFLI with other partners in Zanzibar



During Zanzibar international Festival.

- UNFPA Support

UNFPA agreed to support HGWT with \$ 20,000 for organizational capacity building and Introducing Ushahidi system in Butiama District.

Challenges

- **Water problem**

This is in Butiama where there is no tap water in Kiabakari where the safe house is located. This forces girls to wake up in the wee hours of the night to go look for water and sometimes even after waking up that early end up getting none. The girls also end up fetching water from a nearby dam which is not clean and poses a great danger to their health and the health of the staff at Butiama Safe house.

- **Lack of transportation/Vehicle**

This has led to the difficult work during reconciliation and other outreach activities and not reaching girls who are at risk of being cut which leads to some girls being cut.

- **Inadequate school desks:**

The need for school desks, most of primary and secondary schools in Butiama district don't have enough desks, this leads to some students to sit down during their class lessons plus girls flee from FGM whom stayed at Butiama safe house while attending their studies to the ward secondary school.



Students at Kiabakari secondary school sitting down attending their lessons in the class found in Butiama district.

Way forward:

- Look for organizations and friends to help the organization drill a borehole in Butiama Safe house to help solve the water crisis.
- Fundraising or look for a donor to donate a land cruiser for the organization to ease movement of girls, staff and to help us rescue girls on time and reach community for awareness creation, more beds and bed sheets.
- Solicit funds to support school desks to schools in need in Butiama District.
- Fundraise to support community awareness creation on the effects of FGM and gender based violence in Butiama and Serengeti District.
- Implement community mobile film screening intervention in Butiama support from CFLI.
- Sharing district challenges with different partners to support these councils to find solutions.

Future Plans:

- Create awareness to the community on the effects of FGM and gender based violence through roadshows to 9 wards in Butiama District.
- Buying more sewing machines and materials for Butiama Safe House.
- Continue to support girls continue with their education and VTC.
- Conduct trainings to police gender desk, DED's Office (DCDO and District social welfare office on gender policy and the effects of FGM and other violence at Butiama district.
- Solicit funds to support the girls camp in 2018, where the cutting can be during school holidays as from June, September and December 2018.
- Solicit funds to support the construction of hope offices and new safe house, from good wishers.
- Participate in the Day of the African Child, Girl child etc.
- Fundraise for construction of friendly police gender desk offices, girls hostel and waste water truck in Serengeti and Butiama.
- Protect girls flee from FGM and gender based violence by providing safe place stay.
- Provide legal aid and counselling to women and girls experienced gender based violence.

Special Thanks

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