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Inherit Your Rights

PROTECTING & EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE!



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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR!



1600+ people

attended training on women's legal rights throughout the year with improved human rights awareness.



80 + legal rights advocates graduated

with over 75% now being in a position to advise and assist others in their community.



34 legal clients

assisted through our representation programs and legal aid.



56 broadcasts

on three different radio stations across Tanzania, reaching tens of thousands of people.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - HERI YA KRISMASI



Merry Christmas from the Inherit Your Rights team!

We've had an incredible year of training, radio broadcasting and legal aid in 2019. From July to Sept we trained 200+ women every month. Over 80 women and men graduated as Inherit Your Rights community legal advisors this year, bringing our total number of trained advisors to 153!

We've witnessed women rescued from domestic violence, girls protected from child marriages and women empowered to buy land and secure their title deeds. We couldn't have done it without the amazing work of our lawyers Winnie and Baraka, plus the support of our partners, our sponsors, our board, our volunteers and founders.

Your support, along with grants from Sunrise Rotary in Vancouver, LUSH, the Australian Volunteer Program and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, along with private donors, enabled us to produce some beautifully printed manuals, videos and other training resources.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

Seasons Greetings,

Judi Owens - Operations Director

MEET NEEMA: BEFORE & AFTER



Neema is the main character in our documentary on domestic violence. We were surprised to see her turn up at our community advisor refresher course. We didn't recognise the well dressed, radiant woman in front of us.

Imagine our concern given the fact that we were releasing the video that day to all our trainers as a resource to combat and increase awareness for domestic violence victims. To be clear, she had willingly agreed to be filmed and tell her story.

As we began to show the video, Neema collapsed on the floor weeping. She was overwhelmed with how her life had turned around. Her life on video, was one of despair and torment from an abusive husband. See [video](#) here.

The new Neema had a house, her children were safe and she had started a business. All of this has happened because of the care and influence of one of our Community Legal Rights advisors. She is a transformed woman.

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NO DESK, NO CHAIR? NO PROBLEM!



The women at Nyota Njema didn't let little problems like this stop them from completing their 8-week Legal Rights course and exam.

Although they had no flooring, no furniture and no lighting, these women were unphased by their physical surroundings and so grateful to be able to become advocates for their peers.

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HUSNA IS ON THE COVER OF OUR TRAINING MANUAL

Imagine Husna's surprise when she arrived at the refresher training for Community Legal Advisors and received her new training manual. There on the cover, looking back at her was her own image.

"Thank you so much for using my picture on the cover of this training manual! I am so honored and surprised!" said Husna.

Of course, Inherit Your Rights always gets written consent from our participants before each training, to take and use their photos.



In Tanzania, religious leaders are often one of the first places that women go for assistance if they have been beaten by their husbands. These leaders have immense influence and authority in the lives of their community. It was therefore groundbreaking when IYR trained a group of pastors and leaders, earlier this year.

"We feel very sad for some of the advice we have given previously to women who were domestic violence victims," said one pastor. "I didn't know the law and felt that the only advice I could give was to tell a woman to forgive and submit" After the training he said "This has opened my eyes"

RELIGIOUS LEADERS TRAINED ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS.



SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR



Training other NGOs about Child Protection

Inherit Your Rights Team recently had the honor of training Plaster House staff and equipping them with tools and skills to implement their Child Protection Policy.



Male leaders who advocate for women's rights.

One of our training documentaries features a Maasai leader who teaches the other men in his region to respect and love their wives. He models respect for his wife by sharing decision-making with her, within their home and farm. See video [here](#).



Women's Solidarity

30 women went to court dressed in black in support of a young rape victim, demanding that her case be heard - after being repeatedly postponed by the courts. They were successful and the judge agreed to hear the case.

Your continued support is needed to help educate, empower and represent women in need. Please give today by visiting [inherityourrights.org/donate](https://www.inherityourrights.org/donate)
Thank you as always for your support. Asante sana!

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