

HALF YEARLY REPORT 2019

Inherit Your Rights

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TRAININGS FOR 2019

2019 has been a year of strengthening our previous trainees and Legal Advisors. It's also been a year of making sure we comply with Government standards for NGOs within Tanzania.

We've had wonderful opportunities to educate and build awareness through radio broadcasting and legal aid in 2019. Over 56 trainings with 463 women and men experiencing face to face training. Many of those will graduate as Legal advisors.

We've witnessed women rescued from domestic violence and even made 2 documentaries about this. We use these in our training and they are powerful tools for building empathy as women identify with "Neema" a woman who has been rescued from domestic violence. see [here](#).

Our second video, also available for viewing on [Youtube](#) provides ways for women to respond to a Domestic violence situation.

We couldn't have done it without the amazing work of Winnie and Baraka our lawyers, plus the support of our partners, our sponsors, our board, our volunteers and founders. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

Your support means a lot. Already in 2019 we've been able to begin the process of establishing those paralegals as recognised Community advisors and resources.

We have decided to rename our paralegals "Community Legal Advisors".

This is so that we comply with new Government regulations that require Paralegals to have a level of education that our grassroots women don't have.

However, their authority as Community Legal Advisors lies in having achieved 75% in their rigorous IYR exams their personal experience of injustice and empathy for women in their community and their social position within their society.

If you'd like to support any of IYR initiatives please make a donation at inherityourrights.org/donate

We hope you enjoy reading about the victories and the challenges we faced in the first half of 2019.

Partnering together,
Judi Owens
Director of Operations

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Trainings in Masailand for 2019

Besides training our previous Legal Advisors we've expanded to partner with Umojaa, Watoto Foundation, Jobortunity who are NGO's that educate children and prepare them to be self sufficient adults. IYR has therefore had the privilege of teaching teenagers and school age children about the importance of human rights.

We've expanded our training from Arusha and Moshi region to Terat in Simanjaro region. Together with local government we've been able secure a training 60 masai women on a weekly basis for 8 weeks. This will start in July and continue through August and into September.

Some of the challenges we face if we train women in very rural areas is that a percentage of them do not read or write and our materials must also benefit them. With that in mind we've come up with a number of pictures, diagrams and photos that illustrate various human rights and are a starting point for discussion.

Another challenge we face is that during the wet season, the roads are not passable and training is restricted to drier months.

Some of our participants commented:

"THIS IS THE FIRST CERTIFICATE I HAVE EVER RECEIVED IN MY LIFE. I AM SO PROUD OF ALL I'VE LEARNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS."

"Today I have learned about the importance of protecting children, as a community, not just in the family"

"NOW I KNOW WHERE TO REPORT A CASE OF CHILD ABUSE"

"I learned that a woman can own land"

"I FINALLY FEEL SAFE BECAUSE I NOW KNOW HOW TO PROTECT MYSELF"

"Because of what I learned, I was able to open a case for my mother and help her tack back the land that was taken from her."

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE COURAGE TO REPORT AND KNOW WHERE TO GO"

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Radio Broadcasts and Legal Aid for 2019

Most of the radio broadcasts Inherit Your Rights are live and give opportunity for listeners to call in. This provides for some lively discussion.

Many of the male listeners will phone in with concern that Baraka's broadcast will cause chaos in the home and society especially if a woman is empowered economically. Up to 71% of the Tanzanian economy is provided by women entrepreneurs. However, most don't have control of the money they earn or decision making power about how that money is spent.

Suggesting women should be economically empowered often leads to a discussion about the importance of respect in the home for the head of the family.

Other subjects discussed this year during radio domestic violence, bride price, child abuse, divorce and land rights.

These are usually generated by the news stories in the media at the time and Baraka provides a legal basis for responding to the events. Here's a quote from a listener:

"BRIDE PRICE IS ONE OF THE KEY REASONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MARRIAGE. WHEN YOU PAY FOR A WOMEN YOU EXPECT OBEDIENCE. WHEN SHE IS DISOBEDIENT YOU WILL NEED TO BEAT HER."

Legal Aid in 2019 has seen a variety of cases from child abandonment, maintenance, inheritance and labor rights.

Many women have been assisted to file a case for receiving maintenance for their children after the father of the children finds a new wife.

Recently, one of the women who've been helped by IYR told us that because of what she learned she was able to stand up to her husband who was a captain in the army. She found out about her rights and responded after years of being beaten by telling him.

"This is a criminal offense. I will report you to the police". He was shamed into no longer beating her.

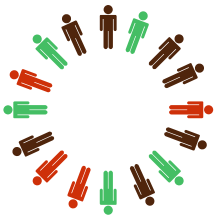
"I WISH I KNEW THAT INHERITANCE DISPUTES CAN BE SETTLED QUICKLY IN COURT INSTEAD OF TAKING YEARS OF FAMILY FIGHTING"

One religious leader said:

"As a pastor, we use the Bible to bring reconciliation. But I think we can also use the Constitution to help married couples to reconcile"

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the last 6 months we have been able to make significant progress in our mission of educating, empowering and representing women in Arusha so they can access and advocate for their rights. Learn more about our key achievements below.



463 people

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



60 paralegal graduates

Attended training on women's legal rights since January and demonstrated competence in understanding human rights.



16 legal clients

We have been able to assist through through our representation programs and legal aid.



23 broadcasts

On two different radio networks across Tanzania and reaching tens of thousands of people.

"I love my wife very much. This information about women owning land etc. I am going to take home to her so she can train other women about this."

- Pastor Filippo, 2019 training participant.



HIGHLIGHTS!!



2 new training videos made by skilled young Tanzanians about domestic violence to enhance our curriculum.



Delivery of programs: trainings, broadcasts, legal aid with 56 groups



IYR complies with Government regulations and receives certificate and permits to train about legal rights.



Community Legal Advisors have refresher training to strengthen their role in the community and update them regarding new laws.

Your continued support is needed to help educate, empower and represent women in need. Please give today by visiting inherityourrights.org/donate

Thank you as always for your support. Asante sana.

2019 is a year of more grants and financial support for IYR, for which we are grateful.
