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## Annual Report 2020



*Photo 1: Girls under NAFGEM support with Executive Committee members*

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## Acknowledgements

In 2020, NAFGEM Tanzania has celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> years of service to the targeted communities in Tanzania. The growth is very strategic starting moving from a single approach to more holistic interventions aimed at achieving sustainable socio-cultural transformation. The awareness on FGM, child marriage and GBV is high in most social groups. However, incidents are still prevailing from the need to facilitate change in the mindset of all community members from them to move away from the harmful traditional practices against women and children. NAFGEM Tanzania has always been ready and happy to lead the way through its various projects with interactive activities while the focus remains pushing forward and protecting the rights of women, children and youths.

The year was heartbreaking following the loss of our very close friend – Mama Angelika Dahlin who was always there to support NAFGEM's work. We join her family and friends in mourning the loss, also celebrating what she did to the girls and women in Simanjiro and Lekrimuni. Her memories will be there to stay in the minds and lives of all of us including the girls who regained life through her. May her soul rest in peace, amen.

With all the activities implemented by NAFGEM Tanzania, we wish to confess not to be alone in the process. We stood together with our supporters who held our hands all the way through. We thank NESDI, Network Rafael, Mattered Stiftung Frau, Mundo Cooperante, USAID/Pact Tanzania, the Rotary Club of Louis De Geer-Norrköping/Sweden, UNFPA Tanzania Office, USAID/NPI-Expand – Palladium and individual friends who valued our work most as we work together in addressing the needs of the marginalized women, children and youths.

Our heartfelt appreciations to the government at all levels from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Children, Gender and Elderly and its departments at district and ward levels, the Police Children and Gender desks as well as the Government Administration offices in the areas we operate in. We harmoniously worked together to achieve what is presented in this report, thank you.

Since it is difficult to mention all institutions and individuals who supported our course, kindly accept this humble note to be a sign of recognition and thanks. Let's continue to support one another since the work is far from over.

### **NAFGEM Tanzania Offices**

Six (6) NAFGEM Tanzania offices coordinate its activities in seven districts in Kilimanjaro and the six in Manyara regions. It also collaborates with likeminded partners in Arusha, Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Serengeti and Mara regions. With its headquarter being in Moshi - Kilimanjaro, there are 5 field offices in Moshi District Council responsible for the USAID Kizazi Kipya Project which will be ending this August 2021, Lekrimuni Day Care Center in Siha district, Amani Women Center – Orkesumet Simanjiro, Kibaya – Kiteto and in Katesh-Hanang.

## Sites Overview

### ▪ Moshi Headquarter and Safe Shelter

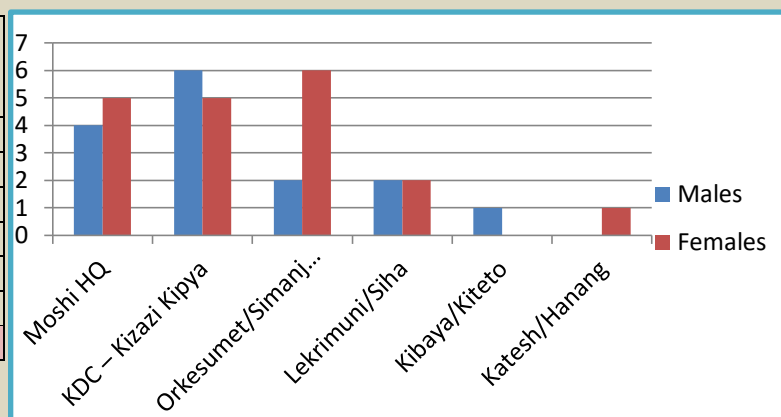
This is the main coordinating office located along Shanty Town/Bustani Alley - Home Street. Its coordinates all main functions of the organization being the Administration, Personnel, Finance and Programs. Nine (9) staff (4M, 5F) are managing the departments to support NAFGEM operations in all project sites. The NAFGEM office compound is rented from the Assumption Sisters also serving as safe shelter for girls in need for protection services. The premise where the office is situated has other services to protect and help girls to recover from traumatic experiences of FGM and child marriage.

Administratively, the office is responsible to all resource mobilization activities including the personnel, materials and funds to implement the organization projects.

In 2020, the NAFGEM Tanzania staff establishment was as in table 1 below.

Table 1: NAFGEM Tanzania 2020 staff

Office sites	Staff		Total
	Male	Female	
Moshi HQ	4	5	9
KDC – Kizazi Kipya	6	5	11
Orkesumet/Simanjiro	2	6	8
Lekrimuni/Siha	2	2	4
Kibaya/Kiteto	1	0	1
Katesh/Hanang	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>



All offices except the one in Kiteto have provisions for temporary safe space for survivors of FGM and child marriage. NAFGEM HQ having the largest safe shelter space, it is hosting 40 girls during school holidays many of them unable to join their families for fear of abuse.

- **KDC/Moshi District Council:** This is where the USAID/Pact – Kizazi Kipya office is located. It is found some few metres away from the Moshi-Dar highway and about 3 kilometres from the main office in Moshi town. The office is full equipped to support Orphans and Vulnerable activities including GBV prevention and responses in the 32 wards within the district. Communities practicing FGM are more with the Maasais on lower Moshi and a few families on the highlands of mainly Kibosho and Uru areas.
- **Lekrimuni/Siha district:** The site was established in 2007 with funds from Network Rafael and an NAFGEM friend Rosil. Apart from being the coordinating office in Siha district there are established services for children under 7 years as well as women and girls empowerment activities directly linked to the campaign to eliminate FGM and child marriages. Known as Ekenywa Women Centre, the land is owned by NAFGEM.



- **Orkesumet/Simanjiro (Amani Women and Girls Center):** Establishment of this center was from 2011 which came about after NAFGEM's entry through the Mama Mwema Group in Simanjiro. The facilities which are owned by NAFGEM in a 3 acres land, has a office, rooms for safe shelter, classrooms for daycare/kindergarten, tailoring and soap making units. Simanjiro office coordinates activities in the 4 wards of district
- **Kibaya/Kiteto:** This is an office coordinating activities in the district. Currently, the project is implementing activities in 5 wards to end FGM and child marriage.
- **Katesh/Hanang:** The office coordinates activities in Hanang district with the project activities in 18 wards to end FGM and child marriage.

## NAFGEM Projects Implemented in 2020

In 2020 NAFGEM Tanzania continued to implement project aimed at engaging communities in Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Tanga regions to end harmful traditional practices against women, children and youths. In so doing, the organization is using holistic approaches aimed at increasing knowledge on human rights, gender equality, implications of FGM and child marriages, available protection and other support services. The approaches maximize interactions leading to sustainable transformation in behaviour, attitudes and practices which affect women, children and the youths.

### Kiteto and Hanang/Manyara

Building community systems to protect women, children and youths against FGM, Child Marriages and other types of Gender Based Violence.

Activities under this project were implemented in Kiteto and Hanang districts with fundings from BMZ/Materra, a three years project which started in 2018 in 10 wards. Under the National Plan of Action to end Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC) guidance 13 protection committees were formed and trained being 1 at regional level, 2 districts and 10 at ward levels. Members trained were 311 (181M,130F) from mentioned sites and as defined in the NPA-VAWC. In their trainings emphasis was put on women, children and youths protection; human rights and their roles and responsibilities to ensure incidents of abuse against women, children and youths are eliminated in their communities.



Photo 2: Field Officer Training Child club members in Hanang/Manyara

clubs.

Children protection clubs were established in 24 primary and secondary schools in Kiteto and Hanang districts with 480 children, members of the

Children meet under their leaderships and with guidance from 2 trained teachers each. The clubs are forums for peer education, monitoring children welfare, dispelling and report risky situations to them and colleagues. Through the clubs, lists of 186 female genital cutters were identified and trained on the human rights of women and children, FGM and the existing laws against such practice. They will be engaged to identify alternative source of income which will be facilitated to achieve.

Local radio stations supported NAFGEM project activities by disseminating anti-FGM and child marriage messages to the local communities with an estimated coverage of 250,000 people north of the country.

### Simanjiro/Manyara NAFGEM Projects

Projects in Simanjiro district have been core in the anti-FGM and child marriage efforts in Manyara region. This is where intensive sensitization and awareness creation to various social groups, socio-economic empowerment of women and girls, support to girls' education, safe shelter and child safeguarding activities are taking place. The projects are supported by BMZ/Materra, ZONTA Cologne, Mundo Cooperante, Network Rafael and NESDI.

**a) Daycare/Kindergarten:** Three (3) classrooms are built and accommodated children aged 7 and below. The project which is funded by Mundo Cooperante – Spain provides the opportunity for children to socialize, play and learn the basics in reading, writing and counting. NAFGEM is using day care/kindergarten to pull in children especially girls who would have been without protection against FGM and child marriage. Two (2) teachers with Montessori skills have been hired to provide teaching and care to the children at the center.



Photo 3: NAFGEM Kindergarten teacher being close to the girls for support

In 2020, ninety eight (98) being 51 girls and 39 boys attended services at the day care/kindergarten. Out of them, 28 who were in the second year were promoted into class one in the neighboring government schools. The center was also used to promote nutritional status of the children by providing 2 meals and nutrition assessment of all children by the District Nutrition Officer. On other hand quarterly parents meetings were held with a traditional agenda on child safeguarding and ending the female genital mutilation.

- b) The Right to Be a Girl:** This project was implemented with funding from Mundo Cooperante through Girl not a Bride initiatives. In this project, girls in and out of schools benefited from girls rights and reproductive health education. In this program, 1500 girls who reached menarche received sanitary towels which was identified as an essential need to the girls.



Photo 4: Children forming a satellite center at Samaria Village

Satellite Child Protection Centers is among initiatives to bring together children from remote rural villages into bringing them together to socialize and learn Kiswahili, writing and counting. With this project, 4 centers are established and managed by trained volunteers from their communities. These centers are useful to children below 7 years who are at distances more than 5 kms from a primary school. Due to safety risks

it is evident that parents and/or guardians could not allow children to walk alone in the bushes to and from school. On other hand, lack of accommodation facilities deny children from far distances in accessing or attending school consistently.

- c) Safe shelter services:** NAFGEM Tanzania runs 3 safe shelters for girls survivors of FGM and child marriages. The three centers are in Moshi Municipal Council, Orkesumet/Simanjiro and Lekrimuni. In 2020, the centers provided protection to 10 girls at Orkesumet/Simanjiro, 45 at Moshi and none at Lekrimuni.
- d) Socio-economic empowerment to women and girls:** Extreme poverty among women is affects their abilities to take decisions beneficial to them and their children. This situation promotes the gender imbalance leading into potential risks to abuse of women, children and youths who are the most vulnerable social groups.

With this observations in mind, NAFGEM Tanzania engaged women into establishing socio-economic groups with three core functions being peer information sharing on developmental issues as women, peer psychosocial support and generating income in efforts to avoid male dependency. A variety of projects are implemented by NAFGEM Tanzania to empower women, contribute to raising up their self-esteem and building solidarity in eliminating FGM, child marriage and promoting girls' education.



- **Tailoring project for girls and young mothers:** Full fledged tailoring unit is established at Amani Center Simanjiro to provide an opportunity for girls out of school and young mothers to acquire vocational and livelihood skills. This unit is managed by a qualified trainer a beneficiary from the NAFGEM Tanzania support. In this unit, skills provided include:- life skills, business management skills, tailoring, batik and door mats production.

- **Twenty five (25) sewing machines** are used for the vocational training to out of school girls and young mothers mainly from the Maasai community. The tailoring course is offered for 3 months and support is offered to the qualified in initiating their business. During the training and even after, participants are also educated on their human rights, reproductive health and livelihood skills. This project is funded by Network Rafael and Mundo Cooperante whereas in 2020, forty five (45) girls out of 93 enrolled have qualified to do tailoring business. Some of them are still in Simanjiro and others have moved to other business centers to establish businesses. The same girls have the opportunity to learn other skills such as batik making and computer orientation. They also participate in liquid soap production training sessions, gardening and animal husbandry to expand their livelihood knowledge and skills.



Photo 5: Types of batik clothes produced by NAFGEM groups

- **Bracelets production:** Four groups of total 80 members are producing bead bracelets for sell locally and export to Spain. Minimum monthly production is at 1500 pieces with varied sizes carrying the four windows message campaigning in Ending FGM, Ending Child Marriages, Ending child pregnancies and Promote girls education. Apart from building up solidarity through peer education and counselling, the women groups have become great support to its members who are now the champions to ensure all women and girls enjoy their rights.



*Photo 6: Brighter faces of women group members who stood up to campaign against FGM in Simanjiro*



Alternative means of income to the would have been female genital cutters

Maasai women are excellent in beads handcrafts which is supported they can generate income for self sustainability and avoid male dependency. Their groups are made up of ex-female genital cutters, influential women and the ordinary ones who team up to campaign for their rights and the end to FGM and child marriage. Compliments to Mundo Cooperante and Friends.

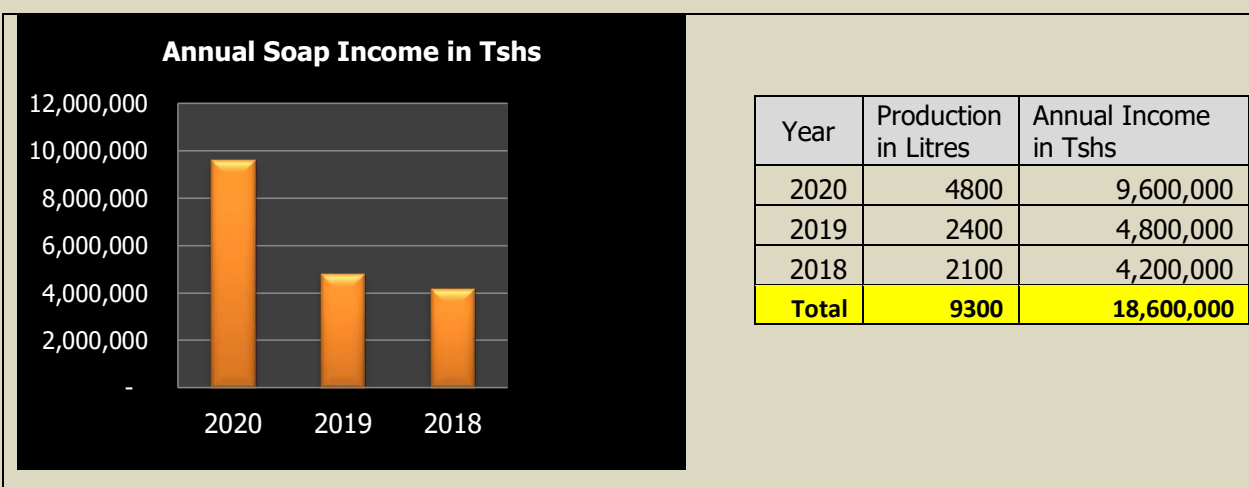




**Table 2: Summary of income from the bracelets**

Year of production	Number of women	# of Bracelets Produced	Total Annual Income in Tshs
2018	47	6,166	18,225,000
2019	47	4,745	19,212,000
2020	82	5,283	15,849,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>53,286,000</b>

- **Soap Making:** Women groups have also been trained to produce liquid and bar soaps which they use for individual and family hygiene as well as boosting their income. Selling the soap locally facilitates social interactions and community dialogues on women and girls' human rights including eliminating FGM and child marriages.



- **Milling machines:** NAFGEM Tanzania identified and organized training sessions to 40 ex-female genital cutters who were also traditional birth attendants. The training was focused on giving them adequate and factual information which would make them quit from the practices. The 4 days training resulted in a request for an alternative income as they were ready to immediately abandon the practice. With consultations they opted into operating joint maize milling projects and small shops for domestic supplies. A group of the ex-female cutters at Ilkujit received a donation from the Rotary Club of Louis De Geer – Norrkoping, Sweden for the maize milling machine. The house for the machine and its security is provided for by the women themselves. Another group of 20 women from Narosoito village was also opportune to have the support from Network Rafael for a milling machine. All the two projects are running well with an opportunity to meet regularly at the project site.

### Other vocational and livelihood skills projects to empower women and girls

- **Knitting and tailoring at Moshi**

With support from the Rotary Club of Louis De Geer - Norrkoping, a knitting and tailoring unit was established at NAFGEM Moshi Safe shelter. It provides an opportunity for girls survivors of FGM/child marriages and other types of GBV to acquire vocational and livelihood skills for them to overcome dependency which would have contributed into cycles of violence. The donation of 2 empty shipping containers created an adequate space to fix knitting, tailoring machines and a display space for the products.

A storage space was also created above the containers to ensure space is maximized as shown in the photograph below.



Network Rafael also donated 2 knitting machines which are used by the girls to acquire vocational skills during holidays. These activities keep the girls at the safe shelter busy being among efforts to promote psychosocial healing and rebuilding self-esteem.

In 2020, being the initial year of production year on sweaters, the team in Moshi under 2 young ladies beneficiaries of NAFGEM services was as in table 3 below:-

**Table 3: Sweater Production and income**

Size of sweater	Quantity Produced	Quantity sold	Income from the sells in Tshs	Schools which ordered sweater from NAFGEM expressed high feelings of satisfaction and readiness to buy more in future.
Small	200	150	1,500,000	
Medium	300	238	2,380,000	
Large	300	247	2,470,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>6,350,000</b>	

- **Tailoring unit:** Apart from the tailoring unit in Simanjiro, similar activities in small scale are also available in which a space has been created between the shipping containers. This is a space provided for the tailoring work but also display of the products by the women in Simanjiro and elsewhere with NAFGEM interventions. Apart from tailoring products, the space used for production and display of batik, soap, bracelets and candles as in indicated in table 3 below.



These products are made by a group of 250 Maasai women and girls most of them champions for the transformation over the harmful traditions especially the female genital mutilation, child marriages and other types of Gender Based Violence (GBV). The products are sold

locally by the women group members and profits used to improve their lives and that of their families.

Type of materials	Quantity sold	Income in Tshs
Cotton bags of various sizes for laptops, shopping, purses, etc.		6,000,000
Liquid soap	200 litres	400,000
Candles (different types)	150 pieces	900,000

**Table 4: Cotton bags, liquid soap and candles**

The production at Moshi has been for training of the girls at the shelter, quality control display and facilitate access to markets. As always, the key messages are abolishing FGM, child marriage and other types of GBV.



- **Gardening and livestock**

All NAFGEM Tanzania centers have introduced gardening and livestock keeping projects for education, promoting interests among the girls, women and community members who visit the centers. On other hand, products from these projects are used to support nutrition of the girls, women and girls.

The organization is also planning to introduce bunnies, strengthen the poultry unit and and keep other types of domestic birds such as ducks, guinea fowls and turkies.

**Table 5: Gardening and livestock**

Type of products	Quantity produced and consumed	Income in Tshs
Gardening (vegetables, fruits and bananas)	50kg of vegetables, 10 bunches of bananas and 20 pawpaws	185,000.00
Chicken and eggs	20 traditional chickens and 4 trays of eggs	96,000.00

### Moshi/Kilimanjaro NAFGEM Projects

The NAFGEM Head Office Coordinates all activities withing Moshi and where the organization has its presence in interventions without offices. Eversince its inception, activities have been identified, planned and implemented in collaboration with its members who are volunteers in relevant districts. The following are projects implemented directly through Moshi Office.

- a) **Girls' Scholarship Project:** Funded by NESDI, Network Rafael and the Tübingen Friends/Ingrid; girls from Maasai communities in Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro and Tanga survivors of FGM and child marriage are receiving scholarships to access education in various levels as in table 6 below. The demand for education support is increasing from all villages with NAFGEM interventions. However, the capacity is limited owing to the fact that costs for private schools are extremely high. The organization is observing a need to have own free standing school from kindergarten, primary, secondary and vocational training center. The idea is to have a multipurpose center which will certainly help more girls from the marginalized communities. On other hand, there is a need to establish girls' scholarship fund for support to the disadvantaged girls in marginalized communities.

By educating and exposing the survivors to open societies NAFGEM facilitates sustainable social transformation which will gradually change mindset of the girls in cementing on their refusal to abide to the harmful traditional practices of FGM and child marriages. They will have courage and louder voices calling for the elders to quit such practices.

**Table 6: Summary of girls' scholarships**

Level of education	Number of girls	District of origin	Total
Primary school level (Class 4-6)	8	Simanjiro	16
	2	Hai	
	2	Siha	
	2	Kiteto	
	1	Loliondo	
	1	Handeni/Tanga	
	2	Same	
Ordinary Secondary School (Form 1- 4)	1	Mwanga	17
	8	Simanjiro/Arusha	
	1	Kiteto	
	3	Hai	
	2	Siha	
	1	Moshi DC	
Middle level Colleges ( <i>Social Work, Rural Community Development, Veterinary Technician, Forestry, Science Teaching and Nursing</i> )	1	Kiteto	5
	2	Simanjiro	
	2	Siha	
University Undergraduates ( <i>BA-Social Work</i> )	1	Simanjiro	2
	1	Handeni/Tanga	
Post Graduate Degree ( <i>Masters in Applied Psychology</i> )	1	Loliondo/Arusha	1
<b>Total number of girls</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>41</b>

## **b) Kizazi Kipya (New Generation) Project in Moshi District Council**

This is a project funded by USAID through Pact Tanzania to address the needs of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in the 32 wards of Moshi District Council. In its 5 years from 2016, the project intended to reachout 25,600 beneficiaries mainly the OVC and their households. Since FGM, child marriage and other types of GBV increase risks to HIV transmission, this project contributed to the 90:90:90 international goal to ensure HIV testing is done, the sero positives begin ART immediately and compliance to treatment is maintained. The project is implemented by a team of 13 staff (8F,5M), 8 Data Entrants and 536 (F 412, M 124) trained Community Case Workers (CCW) at grassroots.

The project implemented the following activities in 2020:-

- **Strengthening household economic and livelihood** by empowering caregivers and parents of OVC. They were engaged into various project activities and through frequent home visits, the caregivers and parents developed ability to access basic needs and other essential services for the OVC and in respective household. In 2020, parents and caregivers 4672 (2754F, 1918F) were supported. Through them, 8619 (4187F, 4432M) OVC received services from the project.

Formation of 202 WORTH Yetu economic strengthening groups boosted the economic wellbeing of the targeted OVC families. Saving and the access to soft loans by group members have directly supported economic boost. All WORTH Yetu groups under this project are registered by the District Community Department a criteria fulfilled to enable them to have access to government loan.

- **OVC service and referral linkage:** Orphans and Vulnerable Children are at high risk for abuse including FGM, child marriage and other types of GBV. Through 536 (412F, 124M) trained Community Volunteers made to be Community Case Management Workers (CCW), the OVC are identified, case management plans were developed and home visits were conducted.

The project collaborates closely with 5 Low Volume Clinics for Case Treatments (CCTs) the Kirua Vunjo, Uru Kiaseni, Kahe, Himo and Umbwe Health Centers; and 5 High Volume CCTs namely Marangu, Kilema, TPC, Kibosho Hospitals and Mwika Health Centre. Two (2) Early Child Development (ECD) corners have been established out of the 10 Clinics. The corners are meant to occupy the children who are attending services at CCT.

- **Vocational training to youths:** OVC under 18 years who completed primary or secondary school education were identified and trained on preferred vocational skills as indicated in table 7 below.



**Table 7: Vocational training courses**

Type of Course	Sex		Total	All courses were conducted by Moshi Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) to meet national vocational skills standards. They were qualified, given certificates and startup kits to establish own income generating activities.
	F	M		
Welding and fabrication	0	27	27	
Catering	8	0	8	
Tailoring	42	0	42	
Plumbing	3	5	8	
Motor vehicle mechanics	1	19	20	
Electrical installation	0	31	31	
Computer application	0	1	1	
Pattern making (Carpentry)	0	7	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>144</b>	

- **Prevention and response to Gender Based Violence (GBV):** All project staff and volunteers are oriented on types of GBV and their roles and responsibilities to protect and respond to the needs of survivors. The reported incidents of GBV in 2020 are as in table 8 below.

**Table 8: Types of GBV reported to the KK Project**

Type of GBV	Sex		In collaboration with the Social Welfare Department and Police Children and Gender Desk, the survivors received needed support services.  On other hand, the project continues to empower the Community Volunteers to ensure all GBV incidents are well captured and documented.
	Female	Male	
Sexual Abuse	3	2	
Emotional Abuse	1	2	
Exploitation	4	8	
Neglect	43	54	
Physical abuse	8	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	

### Other Projects implemented in 2020

- COVID-19 Prevention:** When the COVID-19 pandemic was pronounced in the country in March 2020, NAFGEM took effective measures to ensure our beneficiaries and staff remained healthy. Prevention sessions and simple printed messages were disseminated. Also equipment for hand washing and materials for personal protections were procured and distributed in the project sites for immediate use. On other hand, activities which required group gatherings were avoided as much as possible. Funds for the activities were from NESDI, Network Rafael, Mundo Cooperante and the Rotary Club of Louis De Geer-Norrköping, Sweden.

- **NESDI COVID-19 Prevention Project** provided an equivalent of Tshs 19,460,000 to enable NAFGEM Tanzania in responding to COVID-19 prevention and responses to 20 girls in an additional safe house for the girls when the schools closed. The funds were used to ensure the Personal Protection Equipments (PPE) were available for the girls and staff for the four months of school closure. The support was also for food items, beds and the general running of the center.

During this period, 20 girls were cared for by a Social Welfare Officer who provided basic information on COVID-19, counsel, monitor and refer them for medical consultations when necessary.

- **Network Rafael COVID-19 project** was extended to 20 girls who were separated from those in the main safe shelter. A neighboring house was temporarily rented to accommodate them in efforts to ensure proper accommodation space and the living environment. The support was for rental, food items, medical services and tuition classes. In this new space, a Social Welfare took care of the girls day and night to ensure their health is well monitored and protected.

Hand washing stations were established in the safe shelter and interactions with visitors was restricted. However, the girls had the opportunity to communicate with their families through telephones at least twice a week. Activities supported by Network Rafael COVID-19 project costed the sum of Tshs 25,950,000/=.

- **Rotary Club of Louis De Geer – Norkoping – Sweden COVID-19 prevention Project:** The Rotary Club provided Tshs 54,867,925 which was used to establish play grounds for the girls in safe shelters at Moshi and Simanjiro. The sum was also used for renovation and maintenances of the safe shelters in Moshi and Simanjiro. In so doing, the girls stayed in a friendly and relaxing environment. They were occupied with meaningful activities which alleviated fear on COVID-19. Various sports activities were promoted also strengthening their vocational skills in tailoring, knitting and making bracelets.
- **Mundo Cooperante COVID-19 Prevention Project:** Provided Tshs 26,660,000 which was used to support the Right to be a Girl project beneficiaries in Simanjiro, Manyara. The sum was used for developing and printing COVID-19 prevention education materials including T-shirts with anti-COVID-19 messages for schools, hospital beds for the Simanjiro District Hospital, PPE materials for beneficiaries and 5 health facilities in Simanjiro.

- b) Empower 5 WORTH Yetu Group** under the Kizazi Kipya Project in Moshi District Council to produce COVID-19 prevention materials. This was a 6 months project funded by USAID through the NPI-Expand Program through Palladium. The groups focused on producing and selling non-medical cotton masks, liquid soap and used the Risk Community Communication Engagement (RCCE) strategy in reaching out the community with COVID-19 prevention messages.

- c) **NAFGEM Tanzania institutional capacity building** in campaigning against FGM and child marriage. The project is a one year project funded by UNFPA Tanzania Office with focus on training, improving networking, documentation and reporting of FGM and child marriage cases, and engaging in crossborder interventions.

#### **Meetings/Workshops and campaigns attended**

- Quarterly National anti-FGM Coalition meeting in Dar to strengthen collaboration. Memorandum of the coalition was finalized by all members during these meetings which NAFGEM Tanzania is the Deputy Chair.
- Tanzania End Child Marriage Network (TECMN) meeting organized by Child Dignity Forum who are the Secretariat. Two meetings were held in Dar-Es-Salaam the first being Solidarity for the African Women Rights (SOAWR) members to discuss and deliberate on the international, national and national instruments related to the Maputo Protocol. The second was on review and finalize a five years Strategic Plan for the network.
- Quarterly NPA-VAWC national level meetings on monitoring and evaluating the norms and values thematic area. Meetings held in Dodoma with coordination from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Children, Gender and Elderly.
- Validation meeting on a study on norms and values perpetrating FGM, child marriage and other types of GBV in Tanzania. This was a consultancy commissioned by UNFPA Tanzania office.
- Social Media management and message development: Training
- Commemorated the 2020 International Days: Zero Tolerance against FGM, Day of African Child, Women Day, 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Activities were organized in all operational areas with specific messages on promoting the rights of women, girls and the child at large.
- Promote youths confidence for employment after studies: NAFGEM was invited in a session at Mwenge University College to share experience on job seeking and/or creation after studies. Over 100 finalists at the university attended.



## Key Successes

- Anti-FGM, child marriages and other types of GBV prevention messages are disseminated in all social groups through various channels including local radios, meetings, public events, socio-economic groups and child clubs. With messages flooded in the community, dialogue is enhanced for the need to abandon such practices.
- Women and girls are increasingly being empowered and excited to transform their societies. Women in their groups are using the small incomes from their groups to change their houses, support children to school and improve basic services in their families which would have depended on men.
- Strengthened collaboration with like minded institutions including the local government, Police Children and Gender Desks and others Civil Society Organizations. This was enhanced during joint experience sharing meetings, joint field activities and free consultations on program issues.
- Safe shelter services are recognized and appreciated by the local governments and the survivors who are enjoying the services. Girls in the shelters have the opportunity to attend schools and colleges. During school holidays and due to precarious safety situations in their families most of them opt to stay at the shelters.
- Girls scholarships have increased with girls in higher learning institutions, advanced and Ordinary secondary schools, primary schools and kindergarten. They are expected to be fully transformed to become champions for change in their families and communities.

## Constraints

- Safe shelter space is limited despite of large demands for support. While fit families would have been a cheaper alternative, close monitoring is essential to ensure no abuse is extended to the survivor from the hosts.
- The NPA-VAWC committees which should be from the village level are not all established neither functioning accordingly. There is need to ensure sufficient resources are made available to the committees to have their capacities well built and supported to fulfill their responsibilities.
- Poor social economic status of women especially with the marginalized communities contribute to infringement of their rights. Often, lack of education and exposure to different type of communities leave them in a cage surrounded by cycles of violence.

- Limited program geographical coverage: North and central Tanzania have the highest FGM which is directly linked to child marriage and potential to other types of GBV. So far, lack of resources have limited NAFGEM interventions to some areas leaving large parts uncovered. On other hand, the ethnic groups across regional, districts and even the international borders humper the gains made by the organization.
- Changing tactics to ensure FGM continues. Some Maasai communities mutilate girls before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and celebrate later during boys circumcision ceremonies.
- The Corona outbreak brought in fear and limited interractions with beneficiaries in targeted communities including schools.
- Poor identification, documentation and reporting of FGM, child marriage and other types of GBV. Many times there are missing links from the survivor, relatives, the community and the service providing institutions like Police, health facilities, schools, religious institutions etc. In the photo below, NAFGEM was contacted by Police Children and Gender Desk to provide care and support to a survivor of FGM who was hospitalized with FGM related renal complications. The poor girl, 14 years old was forced into FGM with perpetrators who are at large for procecution.



### Way forward

1. Strengthen collaboration with likeminded institutions for synergy in addressing issues of women and children rights at all levels.
2. Support School Child Protection and support Clubs in disseminating anti-FGM, child marriage and child rights messages. Also identifying and facilitate services to children at risk or in abusive environment.
3. Develop and disseminate local radio education programs targeting children, women, men and community at large. Some of the local radios are ORS radio in Simanjiro district and Radio FM Manyara.
4. Identification and training of female genital cutters and traditional birth attendants on FGM and its effects to women and girls. Also, facilitate them to engage in alternative means of income generating activities.

## NAFGEM Financial Statements 1st Jan to Dec31st2020

Project Debtors/Creditors						
Year ended 31st Dec 2020						
Project Creditors						
Donor	Project	Opening Balance	Fund received	Fund Available	Expenditure	Balance
		TZS	TZS	TZS	TZS	TZS
Mundo Cooperante	Bracelets Project	9,965,039	25,792,324	35,757,363	24,589,457	11,167,906
Mundo Cooperante	Right to be a Girl	8,753,300	26,660,000	35,413,300	3,262,000	32,151,300
Mundo Cooperante	Kindergarten	50,590,353	0	50,590,353	40,468,216	10,122,137
Network Rafael	Office Running	24,288,868	2,782,600	27,071,468	11,477,102	15,594,366
Network Rafael	Mwanga/Same Project	7,906,100	0	7,906,100	0	7,906,100
NESDI	Girls Education Support	9,302,027	100,915,858	110,217,885	87,942,410	22,275,475
Materra Stiftung Frau	Hanang/Kiteto	(3,515,399)	97,968,543	94,453,144	81,771,264	12,681,880
Materra Stiftung Frau	Manyara Program	76,747,031	0	76,747,031	0	76,747,031
UNFPA - Capacity Build	UNFPA	0	68,925,820	68,925,820		68,925,820
USAID/NPI-EXPAND	COVID-19 Prevention	0	85,035,120	85,035,120	58,917,153	26,117,967
NAFGEM Friends	Gender Research	16,555,019	0	16,555,019	0	16,555,019
NAFGEM Friends	FGM Campaign	4,079,650	0	4,079,650	0	4,079,650
NAFGEM Friends	Mfuko	17,070,562	16,174,194	33,244,756	7,758,362	25,486,394
		<b>221,742,549</b>	<b>424,254,459</b>	<b>645,997,009</b>	<b>316,185,965</b>	<b>329,811,044</b>
Project Debtors						
Network Rafael	Girls Education support	64,150,457	35,763,536	99,913,994	101,366,068	-1,452,075
RC of Louis De Geer	RClub of Louis De Geer		10,878,926	10,878,926	15,333,615	-4,454,689
Network Rafael	Lekrimuni Day Care	3,759,231		3,759,231	19,761,184	-16,001,953
USAID/Pact -TZ	Kizazi Kipya	(10,612,511)	566,433,666	555,821,155	565,326,246	(9,505,091)
Materra Stiftung Frau	Media Engagement	(5,489,800)	0	(5,489,800)	0	(5,489,800)
				0		0
		<b>51,807,378</b>	<b>613,076,128</b>	<b>664,883,506</b>	<b>701,787,113</b>	<b>(36,903,607)</b>



### Summary of Donors' Support for 2020

Sn	Donors	Project title	Location	Remarks
1.	Network Rafael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' education support,</li> <li>Lekrimuni day care/kindergarten</li> <li>COVID-19 Prevention</li> <li>Women economic empowerment</li> <li>Organization support</li> </ul>	Moshi and Lekrimuni	Girls education support continues
2.	Mattera Stiftung Frau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kiteto and Hanang FGM and child marriage prevention</li> </ul>	Kiteto and Hanang districts/ Manyara	Ending 2021
3.	NESDI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls' education support</li> <li>Safe shelter support</li> <li>COVID-19 Prevention</li> <li>Institutional administration support</li> </ul>	Moshi and Simanjiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Girls education support continues</li> <li>- Administration support continues</li> </ul>
4.	Mundo Cooperante	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bracelets</li> <li>Right to be a Girl</li> <li>Decreasing FGM</li> <li>Daycare/kindergarten support – Orkesumet</li> </ul>	Moshi and Simanjiro	Ended in 2020
5.	USAID/Pact Tanzania	Support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children	Moshi District Council	Ends in August 2021
6	USAID/NPI Expand-Palladium	COVID-19 Prevention in 5 wards	Moshi District Council	Ends April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
7.	Rotary Club of Louis De Geer - Norrkoping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maize milling machine –Ex-FGM cutters</li> <li>Empty shipping containers and installation</li> <li>COVID-19 Prevention</li> </ul>	Moshi and Simanjiro	Ended
8.	NAFGEM Tanzania Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-FGM and child marriage campaigns</li> </ul>	Kilimanjaro and Manyara regions	On going
9.	UNFPA Tanzania	Organization Capacity Building and COVID-19 Prevention	NAFGEM operation sites	On going

## Events in Photos captured in 2020



WORTH Yetu Group member educating fellow members on COVID- 19 protection – funded by USAID/NPI-Expand/Palladium



NAFGEM Team (Honoratha – Program Manager and James – Case Management Officer) – motivating youths at Mwenge University College on creativity and employment skills after studies





Re-integration of girls in their families – a joyful events facilitated by NAFGEM staff





*Team building exercise by NAFGEM Tanzania office and field staff*



*Girls at Moshi NAFGEM safe shelter strategizing together during school holiday*







At NAFGEM safe shelter – girls who would have been married are happy and safe

