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LOOKING BACK - LOOKING FORWARD

Merry Christmas from the Inherit Your Rights team!

We've had an incredible year of training, radio and tv broadcasting and legal aid in 2018. In October alone we trained over 250 women, boys and girls. Over 90 women and men graduated as Inherit Your Rights community paralegals this year.

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 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 along with new grants from Sunrise Rotary in Vancouver, the Australian Volunteer Program and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade mean that we'll be adding the following initiatives

to our basic programs of training, broadcasting and legal aid, in 2019:

1. Equipping our paralegals to effectively support their communities by providing them with a Community Paralegal Handbook, a toolkit of resources and provide refresher training and networking
2. Developing a curriculum for illiterate women who attend our trainings.
3. Delivering tailored community paralegal training to women in rural Maasai communities outside of Arusha.

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

We hope you enjoy reading about the victories and the challenges we faced in 2018 and we look forward to sharing more stories with you in 2019.

Seasons Greetings
Judi Owens
Director of Operations

MERRY CHRISTMAS - HERI YA KRISMASI



Christmas in Tanzania is a time of celebration and relaxation for many families. One young woman has a little more to celebrate this Christmas and has certainly earned a little relaxation. Anna always wanted to be a lawyer. Unfortunately her family couldn't afford to support her through the years of study and she assumed her dream would never be realised.

Anna was really excited to find out about the work community paralegals are doing and that she could do the eight week training for free. In October Anna qualified as an Inherit Your Rights Community Paralegal achieving the highest examination results in our program so far! We congratulate Anna on her impressive score of 97%. Now a 'barefoot lawyer' supporting other women in her community using the skills and knowledge she acquired Anna told us, "In one way or another the paralegal training from IYR has helped me to know human rights and how to help women, widows and children. I might not know the sections of the law but I can advise on the procedures to dow and where to go for help."

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EDUCATION THAT EMPOWERS A COMMUNITY

Esther plays a key role in her community. She runs an orphanage, a hospice and assists her husband in his church. She is also an IYR community paralegal helping other women to know and achieve their human and legal rights. We appreciated Esther's work this year in setting up training for women from two communities in Arusha and Marangu.

Esther's knowledge of the law and her compassionate heart mean she is a particularly active and effective community paralegal, here are just a few of examples of what she has achieved:

- Ester provided refuge for a woman and her children to avoid the forced marriage of one of her young daughters.
- Esther assisted a woman who discovered that she had purchased land that had been sold to four other people. The woman took part in IYR training and with the knowledge and confidence she acquired and with the help of Esther she extricated herself from this deception and was able to get her money back for the land.

Esther recently told us, "we have found that we are now training even the government workers on legal procedures in cases of abuse and injustice within our community."



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RADIO & TV SHOWS THAT EMPOWER A COMMUNITY



Our radio and television programs this year covered many topics from both customary and statutory perspectives. These included family violence, children's rights, and how women, and their husbands and fathers, can protect women's access to property through inheritance.

Interactive radio broadcasts are a great way to hear and talk about, and begin to challenge, the traditional beliefs that enable, and sometimes promote, the inequitable treatment of women. For example, following an information session on physical, emotional and financial abuse given by Baraka in November, several male listeners rang in to check with him whether various actions of theirs, to their wives or children, actually constituted abuse or violence.

We thank the local and national broadcasters who so generously provide free programming and air time to IYR: Sunrise Radio 94.9 FM, Radio 5, TripleA, Habari Maalamu, Idea Radio, Mega FM 92.5, Sky TV.

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LEGAL AID THAT EMPOWERS A COMMUNITY

Our legal aid service supports women through challenging and heart wrenching situations. Recently IYR assisted a woman whose husband attempted to have her imprisoned on a charge that she had illegally withdrawn her children from school. The charge was made after the woman, with her children, had escaped the family home because of domestic violence. The husband wanted her back in the house.

Police arrived at the human rights training IYR were conducting and attempted to take the woman to jail. IYR lawyer Winnie intervened protecting the woman from ultimately being forced back to her village where she would have been beaten for running away. Winnie advocated for the woman to the village leader, presented evidence that the children were actually attending school and threatened the husband with a charge of abandonment as he had never financially or physically supported his family. The village leader supported Winnie's case and today the woman is living freely and peacefully making a living for herself and her children.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the last 12 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.



1547 people

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



88 paralegal graduates

Attended training on women's legal rights throughout the year and demonstrated understanding human rights.



24 legal clients

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



123 broadcasts

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

"This year I became a paralegal with Inherit Your Rights. I will use this knowledge to empower other women and build a stronger community"

- Esther Lyimu, 2018 paralegal graduate



GLOBAL GIVING TO EMPOWER WOMEN

We were pleased to be accepted in November to join international online Global Giving Accelerator program.

To become a permanent Global Giving partner, IYR must raise \$5000 by 31 December 2018 from 40 donors for a special project. As a Global Giving partner IYR will have the ongoing opportunity to build our support base with access to donors from over 170 countries.

Our Global Giving Accelerator Project will train 50 additional women to become community paralegals like Ester and Anna.

A donation of \$10 or \$15 really will make a difference to us in this campaign. To donate before 31 December or to find out more, please have a look at this link:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/>

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.
