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# Inherit Your Rights

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM INHERIT YOUR RIGHTS

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## OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

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Since Inherit Your Rights was established in 2011, our policy has been to educate, empower and represent women and children facing injustice & abuse in their communities. Despite the challenges that 2020 has brought, such as COVID-19 and Tanzania's general election, we were able to work seven months of the year, conduct many radio and TV broadcasts, and incredibly, reach more than 3,000 people. We are celebrating!

Inherit Your Rights has a small but mighty team. We were able to reach goals beyond our expectations this year. Inherit Your Rights was able to carry out trainings for many different groups this year, including community leaders, church pastors, women's groups, college students, schools, and we're looking forward to making an even bigger impact in 2021 with your support.

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## NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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We would like to introduce to you Winnefrida L. Manyanga, an Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania, as the new Director of Operations for IYR. Winnie has been working for Inherit Your Rights since 2013 - she is the product of our former Legal Fellow project, whereby she received a loan to attend Law School and worked with us as a paralegal so that she could gain practical experience working to help communities and represent women in need. We are all extremely thankful for Winnie's commitment to IYR and her passion for women's rights, and we are proud to have Winnie now leading our team.

Congratulations Winnie!

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## COVID-19 TRAININGS

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Much of our work training groups of women and community leaders involves a 'public gathering', and so COVID-19 has presented a huge challenge this year. Despite this, thanks to the amazing support of the Segal Family Foundation, we have been able to visit nine wards in the Arusha region to train women & their communities on health & sanitation, and ways to protect themselves against COVID-19. Practicing social distance, we have conducted trainings on how to maintain good health and protect others in the community. More than 1,000 women have attended our Covid trainings on health and women rights. With the support of the Segal Family Foundation, we have also been able to donate soap and maize to the women who have participated in our trainings. These women, often from very rural communities, have also had the opportunity to learn about Inherit Your Rights and the services we offer to anyone in need.



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## SUPER WOMEN STORIES

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Our incredible team has empowered many women this year to stand up for their rights & obtain justice. Inherit Your Rights' free legal advice service is an invaluable support to women in the Arusha region. One woman was able to obtain justice for her daughter who had been abused by her father for 3 years. Another woman in the Maasai community was able to obtain justice from her husband whom she was separated from for 5 years after experiencing terrible domestic abuse. She was pressured into reconciliation by her clan leaders, and not given the right to be heard at the clan meeting. Supported by Inherit Your

Rights' lawyers, she had the courage to take the clan members to the Gender and Children Desk at the Police Station and obtain justice due to the abuse she had suffered. One lady was able to obtain justice for her daughter who was impregnated by a bodaboda (motorcycle) driver. Another woman was appointed the administrator of her husband's estate, instead of her brother-in-law, before the court of law. All these women participated in IYR's women's rights trainings, and with guidance from our lawyers were empowered to take a stand for their rights.

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## OUR NEW PARTNERS

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In February, we are looking forward to working with our new partner, e3EMPOWER, to educate more girls about their rights. We are expecting to reach more than 600 girls across five secondary schools, training them on issues of children's rights and empowering girls against domestic violence and early pregnancy. The project is expected to run for three years, and we are looking forward to contributing towards changing lives for the next generation.

We are also looking forward to working together with MEDtrip Volunteer. This partnership will give us the opportunity to receive new volunteers who can work online to contribute to our work, and physically join us in Arusha once the travel limitations of Covid decrease. We are hoping to receive volunteers who are experienced social workers and experts in grant application fundraising and communications.

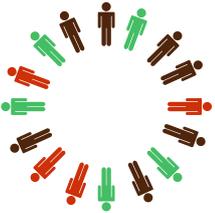


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## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

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This year we have been able to make significant progress towards our mission of educating, empowering and representing women in Arusha so that they can access and advocate for their rights. Learn more about our key achievement below:



3,816 people trained about their legal rights



30 community advisors completed training and graduation



37 people accessed legal aid



29 radio broadcasts and 8 television show appearances focused on legal rights



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## COUPLES TRAINING

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With the support of our partner, Hand in Hand, we were able to provide training to men and women on the issues of inheritance, wills, matrimonial properties, marriage, domestic violence and children's rights. Men who were able to attend our trainings came to understand the value of women in the community, and also learnt about the importance of writing a will to protect the interests of their wife and children. Furthermore, men had the opportunity to learn about the effects of domestic abuse and the right of a family to live in peace and harmony. During the training, many men came forward wanting to write a will. We are looking forward to holding more couples' trainings next year if we successfully obtain a donation from the Rotary Club.

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## THANK YOU

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When we started, Inherit Your Rights focused solely on protecting women's rights to own land and widows' rights to inheritance. As the years have passed, demand from participants in our trainings has seen our curriculum develop into 16 topics! We also continue to grow our children's rights program, and currently educate students at schools & colleges with a curriculum of 9 topics. We look forward to reaching and educating more men and women and children about women's and human rights in 2021. This simply would not be possible without the support from our donors, stakeholders and wonderful team at Inherit Your Rights. We thank you for your support. God bless you all. Asanteni sana.



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