



TCRF Update *Flash*



September 2018 - April 2019



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TCRF Chairperson

A message from the **TCRF Chairperson**



It is now more than six months since we met in Morogoro on the 3rd to 5th of September 2018 during the UNCRC Learning Event, the time at which I was officially handed over the leadership of TCRF. Again I thank you all for entrusting me with the leadership role. I therefore encourage everyone, in all our work, to continue aiming higher and meaningfully support the network with ideas, resources and time to ensure that we sustain our efforts. We have accumulated credibility of which we are all obliged to maintain the positive and safe growth of our children.

Let's increase our credibility as CSOs, legitimacy and genuineness, therefore at the end of the day we can look back and be inspired and be proud of the positive impact we have made to children, their families and community in general.

Now lets me share some update made as from September 2018 to date April 2019 of which more details will be shared during an incoming Annual Meeting.



1.0

Changes within TCRF Management

Leadership

New TCRF Board Chairperson, Ms Edna Kamaleki (Adv) and Director of LECRI Consult was elected by very powerful and dedicated board members to take on mantle leadership of TCRF .

Programme Management

TCRF initiated two posts; Programme Manager and Accountant who will be supporting the Sauti Yangu Project. The recruitment process is ongoing.

Policy

TCRF Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures were revised, the draft will be shared during Annual Meeting.

2.0

UNCRC Learning Event

TCRF held the event in Morogoro on 3rd to 5th September, 2018 which was attended by 80 TCRF members. The event focused on discussing UNCRC Reporting Process and Law of the Child Act, 2009. The session was co facilitated by Jones John (Consultant) and Edna Kamaleki (Adv).The meeting proposed and adopted number of key issues including actively engagement of TCRF members into UPR process, continuation of capacity building of TCRF members and secretariat.



Participants of TCRF Annual Meeting



3.0

Participating into Commemoration of Child Rights Day, November 20, 2018

TCRF in collaboration with GNRC actively participated in commemorating Child Rights Day. The theme was **“Ending Violence against Children”**, *Stop Stigma and Discrimination against children with Albinism*. The event took place in Dodoma City. TCRF shared the policy context analysis on the Violence against Children in Tanzania during the forum



She shared an experience as a Chairperson of TCRF and Expert on Child Rights Matters



Children who actively participated in the Child Rights Event; and shared the key message on importance of protecting children with albinism.



4.0

Sauti Yangu Project

TCRF initiated the Project in 2018; and this year 2019 TCRF were entrusted again by Child Korea Fund to continue with another phase of the project. The chairperson signed the Project Agreement on 6th March, 2019. The total agreed amount for the project is Tsh. 416,430,936





TCRF Secretariat, Chairperson and Delegates from Child Fund Korea

5.0

Project for advocating improving system on reintegration of Children and Youth Living and Working on the Street

TCRF was engaged by Railway Children Africa under financial support of DFID to coordinate the implementation of the project which aims at advocating for improving systems and mechanisms for reintegration of Children and Youths Living and Working on the Street. This project was implemented in collaboration with the Department for Social Welfare. The first phase which ended in April 2019 supported the finalization of the Reintegration Guidelines. TCRF will continue with the second phase of the project. The PA was signed by the Chair Person on April 2019. The proposed and agreed amount is Tsh. 62,290,400



6.0

Coordinating TCRF CSOs to participate into preparation of 6th Alternative Report to UNCRC

This year again we have initiated the process of preparation of the Alternative Report to the UCRC, of which the state report will be due in January 9th, 2020. The process involved different stages; First stage was to conduct Technical Committee Meeting held on February 2019 to develop road map. The second stage was to convene the technical committee to develop Data Collection Tool for both Children and CSOs. The next step is to convene the CSOs National Consultative Forum for tool dissemination. The whole process was supported by Save the Children International. TCRF is in the process of looking for more funds to support the process.





7.0

Working with the Government and participating into different Government Forums

TCRF is keeping on maintaining strong and positive relationship with the Government. TCRF is still a member to the National Coordination Committee for the Implementation of the NPA VAWC, which meets quarterly.

TCRF actively participated in the National Multispectral Early Childhood Development Stakeholders' Forum on 3rd through 4th December, 2018 held in Dodoma organized by (MOHCDGEC) in collaboration with the Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) and Children in Crossfire.

Recently TCRF participated in the launching of the New National Board for Coordinating Non-Government Organizations. The event officiated by the Minister of (MOHCDGEC) .The event gave an opportunity to CSOs, including TCRF to share some recommendations which will improve working relationship between NGOs and the new elected board.





8.0

Participating into International CSOs Forum and Network

TCRF was also represented in the 13th & 14th CSO Forum to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The forum was held in November 2018 and March 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Also TCRF hosted and participated into Eastern African Child Rights Network in December 2018 which was held in Landmark Hotel, Dar es Salaam. TCRF networked very well and gained more CSOs experiences from different parts of the world.



9.0

Participating into advocating for protecting a child against abuse

TCRF also has been taking a role on following up some suspected child abuse cases reported by public. In March 2019, the majority complained about the contents within video clip on Nakosa Raha Mrembo which was circulated widely into social media. TCRF noted 2 children were involved and participated into that clip.

TCRF issued a letter to BASATA requesting a legal action to be taken against those who involved the children to produce that song and take further measures of stopping circulation of the video. BASATA convened a meeting with TCRF and discussed the way forward.

Further TCRF issued a statement to the public which condemned the act of killing of children that happened in Njombe Region. TCRF will continue to work closely with other stakeholders to ensure the child protection.





We appreciate everyone who has committed to submit their membership subscription fee, and today we have registered 86 organizations that have paid their fees. This is not a small number at all.

It means a lot in terms of ownership and sustainability. A polite reminder to those who are still in the process of making payment for 2018 to kindly do so.

Membership fee for 2019 is coming into effect again as agreed. This is to officially inform you that you can now update your information and pay your 2019 annual fees from May 2019. Membership fee has not changed so far as you agreed, whereas local Organizations will be paying Tanzania Shillings 100,000/- and International Organizations will pay United States Dollars US\$100.00 or equivalent in Tanzanian Shillings each year. For issues related to membership or fee kindly contact the TCRF secretariat for more details. We do not accept Cash, only through Bank transfer/ deposit or TiGO Pesa.

The secretariat is organizing an Annual Membership Certificate and will be rewarded to all members who have paid their fees. More details will be posted on the websites and automated email to be sent to those who have registered.