



MenEngage

working with men and boys for gender equality

Tanzania

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MET PARTNER ORGANISATIONS:

- 1.Children's Dignity Forum (CDF) – Secretariat;
- 2.Tanzania Women and Children Welfare Centre (TWCWC)
- 3.Dogodogo Centre;
- 4.Centre for Widows and Children Assistance (CWCA);
- 5.Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA);
- 6.Plan International Tanzania;
- 7.Hope 4 Young Girls Tanzania;
- 8.Makangarawe Youth Information and Development Centre;
- 9.Baba Watoto Centre;
- 10.Safety Kwanza Tanzania;
- 11.C-SEMA;
12. Wote Sawa;
- 13.Tanzanian Men as Equal Partners in Development (TMEPID);
14. African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN Tanzania);
15. Wadada Centre;
- 16.Bright Jamii Initiatives;
17. Hekima;
18. Community Aid Initiative (CAI);
19. Gender and Adolescence Initiatives (GAI);
- 20.Tatu Project;
- 21.Priority for Entrepreneurship Network (PEN Tanzania);
- 22.Youth of United Nations Association of Tanzania (YUNA Tanzania);
- 23.LECRI Consult;
- 24.Morogoro Saving the Poor Organisation (MOSAPORG);
- 25.HEAL (Health |Empowerment | Aid | Light) International;
- 26.Ekama Development Foundation;
- 27.Wote Initiative for Development Empowerment (WIDE);
- 28.Hope Centre for Children, Girls and Women in Tanzania;
- 29.Transformative and Integrative Bold out for All (TIBA);
- 30.Organization for Peace and Consensus Building (OPCB);
- 31.Community Volunteer Services Tanzania (CVS Tanzania);
32. Comprehensive Support to Persons with Disabilities (COSUPED); and
33. Viola Orphans Foundation.

NETWORK'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Capacity building trainings to MET member organizations on engaging men and boys in addressing patriarchal norms, gender inequality and promoting active engagement of men and boys in positive parenting and improving health and well-being of women and children;
- Advocacy meetings with government and religious stakeholders to seek a collective voice to promote a movement of men and boys engaged in and working towards gender equality, questioning violence and non-equitable versions of manhood;
- Community mobilization events on attitude clarification and attitude transformation among men and boys have been carried out. Through their engagement, men and boys have been able to challenge practices constraining women and girls' rights, and conservative agenda that prevent girls and women's increasing their actual access and use of sexual and reproductive health services and
- Engagement of media to reach more people and make concerns of men engage public. Through engagement of media (mainstream and social media), MET has been able to educate, promote policies and advocate for change on the local and national level on gender equality and the status of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) in Tanzania.

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INTRODUCTION

MenEngage Tanzania (MET) is an umbrella network that brings together more than 30 partner organizations that engage men and boys in achieving gender equality, promoting women and children's rights, promoting Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) at all levels across the country. The network was established in November 2014 following series of consultative meetings between the network secretariat (Children's Dignity Forum) and Sonke Gender Justice.

MET is a member of the MenEngage Africa (MEA) which is a regional network of MenEngage Global Alliance, and is made up of 22 country networks spread across East, South, West and Central Africa, with over 300 non-governmental organisations at grass-root, national and regional levels. MEA members work collectively toward advancing gender justice, human rights and social justice in key thematic areas, including SRHR, GBV & HIV prevention, child rights and positive parenting and in promoting peace on the continent.

OBJECTIVES OF MET:

The primary objective of MET are:

- To promote inter- and intra-network collaboration between MET partner organisations on issues related to engaging men and boys for gender equality, health and human rights;
- To improve capacity of MET partner organisations to engage men and boys for gender equality, health and human rights;
- To strengthen coordination among MET partner organisations, government, development partners and stakeholders at all levels; and
- To mobilise constituencies of MET partner organisations for common advocacy goals.

MET APPROACH AND ACTIVITIES:

MET affirms that its work with men and boys stems from and honours the pioneering work and ongoing leadership of women's rights organisations and movements. The network stands in solidarity with the ongoing struggles for children and women's empowerment and rights. By working in collaboration with women's rights organisations and movements in changing individual men's attitudes and practices, and transform the imbalance of power between men and women in relationships, families, communities, institutions and the nation.

MET member organisations believe that to achieve transformative and sustainable social change around gender inequalities, a broad range of social change strategies from small-scale interventions to systemic, large-scale, and coordinated action must be implemented to achieve gender justice.

How we work in advocating for gender justice and transformation:

