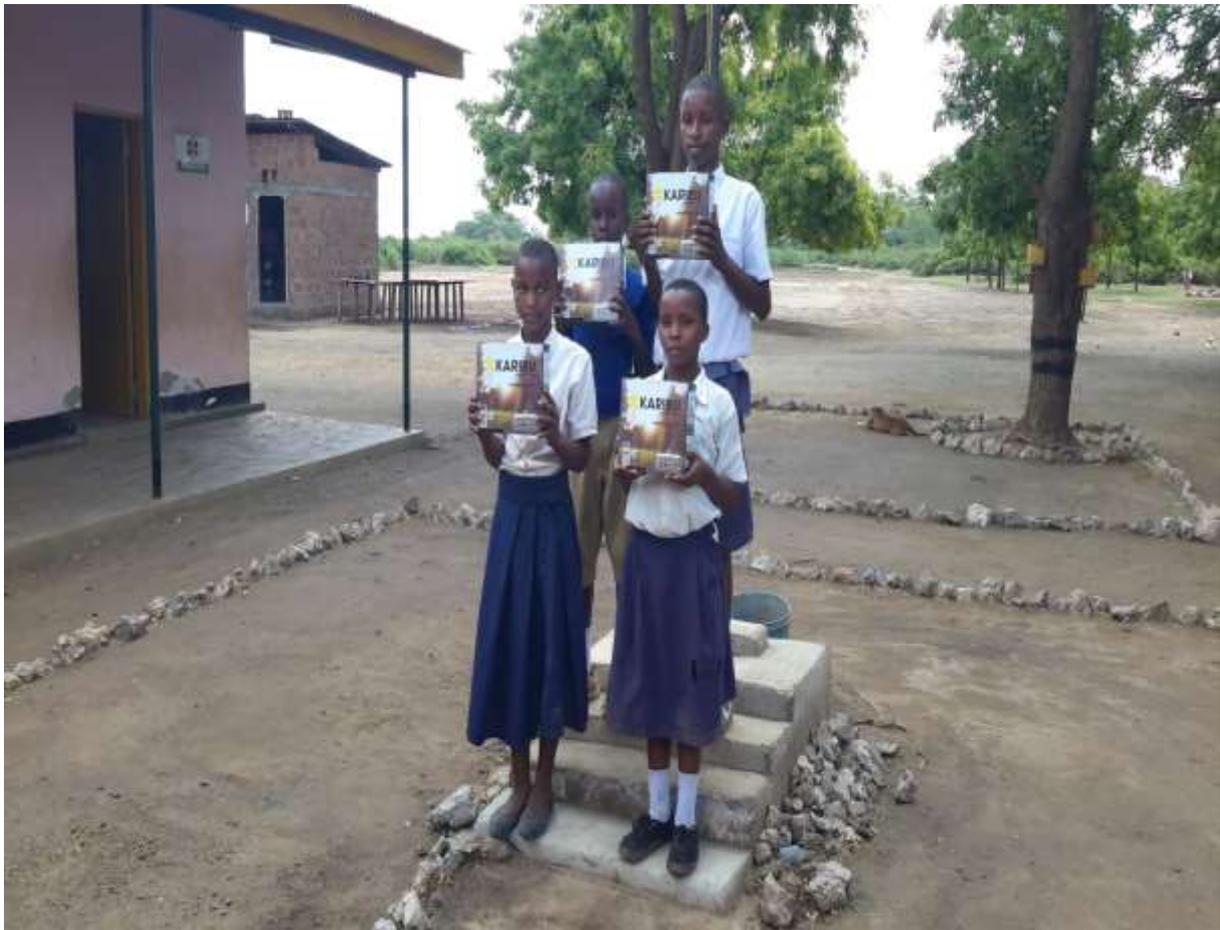


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Message from Chair of the Board

Once again, a year has come to a close, and it is a great moment to share with our friends, supporters and collaborators the various activities, events, milestones, challenges and shortcomings which came our way this year. The year 2017 has been a dynamic year at Elimu Mwangaza, but we remained stable with greater energy, renewed zeal and commitment. Our togetherness has strengthened our determinations, and we have turned challenges into opportunities for growth and a brighter future. Reflecting back gives us strength to look forward for the year ahead of us. We wish to express our great thanks to all who have supported our work. Without your continued support, much of what we have planned and attempted to do this year would have been impossible.

What became important to us in consolidating our learning in year 2017 was an understanding of where we could achieve the biggest impact on the lives of at risk and vulnerable girls and boys in our target community of Moshi urban, Moshi rural and Same districts. For example, we have realised we need focus on invisibility of girls and young mothers on the street where there is less intervention of other NGOs. We recognized that majority of girls and young mothers are facing extreme violence beyond our expertise. Thus we had referred them to other service providers. In order for us to include them as well we revisited our current knowledge and we wanted to establish an intervention which will service the needs of invisible and at risk girls and young mothers in the different context.

We concluded that our focus should be directed towards;

Provision of direct services: Education, vocational trainings, school sponsorship, economic empowerment, other livelihood opportunities and psychosocial support for vulnerable girls and boys on the street and in the community. Tailor-made interventions will be developed depending on the uniqueness of children's cases.

Prevention programmes. Awareness creation, trainings, meetings, campaigns, establishing /strengthening community based child protection mechanisms and systems and supporting schools to form child protection policies and procedures/codes of conduct. We will work with children and identify appropriate interventions depending on the available infrastructures and resources.

Target groups: Invisible girls on the street (selling plastic bags in market places, begging, sex workers, loitering¹), school and out-of-school children, parents, religious leaders, teachers, leaders and government departments.

The mini-study conducted this year, and our work with girls, boys, teachers, social welfare officers, police and local leaders in the target communities has informed us to focus our work on prevention and response. Our radio programmes proves that direct services for vulnerable girls and boys are needed, as well as prevention programmes.

¹ Mkombozi (2014). Study on invisibility of vulnerable girls in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions.

Our commitment to realize the prevention and response approaches will depend on the solid interest and partnership of donors and supporters. Despite the efforts of working direct with children in schools, the organization has realized that there is a significant population of vulnerable girls and boys out-of-school and on the streets and in the communities. The organization therefore needs a strategic approach to reach them and sound interventions to change their lives. The vulnerability of girls and young mother who may have been suffering equal or a worse degree of marginalization is not fully explored. Therefore, Elimu Mwangaza proposes special programmes to capture the missed and invisible groups of girls and young women on the streets, in dysfunctional families and communities.

Moving forward, we will strike a balance between a need based approach and a rights based approach to ensure that no child is left unattended. It is our expectation that, these two approaches will complement each other and address the problems of stand-alone interventions. Although we have been focusing on direct services and prevention work this year, the financial resources have been holding us back.

As an organization we extend a hand of welcome to others who have heard or read about our great work of promoting the rights of children in Tanzania. We welcome those who may find time to visit and learn about our work, and reflect and plan with us. Our Strategic Plan 2016-2020 details the focus of our work, including improving quality education in primary schools, and promoting child protection and child participation.

Deo Stanley Mosha

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background, appearing to read 'Deo Stanley Mosha'.

Chair of the Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year 2017, Elimu Mwangaza worked hand in hand with children, teachers, parents and local government officials in Moshi Rural and Moshi Urban. We continued to follow up children's rights clubs in ChemChem Primary school. The organization also formed 4 other children rights clubs in Magereza, Shirimatunda, Soweto and Karanga primary schools. Children have gained confidence and were able to report some cases of abuse to their teachers. We also supported 47 school children at ChemChem Primary school to access school materials such as uniforms and exercise books. The school materials were financed by Backlays Bank, Moshi branch. The results of school materials were a reduction in children's drop out and reduced stigma from other children.

The Rotary Club of Moshi with a support of Wheelchair Foundation,UK extended to Elimu Mwangaza 5 wheelchairs worth 1 million TZS (about 332 pounds) each. The wheelchairs were then distributed to 5 children in Rau, Moshi urban. We also received solar lamps worth 1 million TZS (about 332 pounds) from the Rotary Club of Moshi which we distributed to vulnerable children at ChemChem Primary school in Moshi rural. The school and the village are not connected to a national electric grid. Solar lamps are expensive and they are the best gift you can give to vulnerable children to enable them to study and complete their homework at night. Some of the children use kerosene lamps which are unsafe, polluted, and inefficient. This support extended to them will address these problems of clean energy.

From January to December 2017, we were offered 12 free radio sessions of a maximum of two hours duration each (1 session with New Life Radio Network Foundation – Boma, Hai Tanzania and 11 (eleven) sessions with Radio Sauti ya injili in Moshi. Each session of one hour costs around 200 USD. Overall, the 22 hours aired per year costs 2,400 USD which were in kind contribution of Radio Sauti ya njili and New Life Radio Network Foundation in recognition to our capacity and contribution to end child abuse. We have received an average of 20 calls and 100 messages per session and in total, we have received approximately 120 phone calls and 600 messages were received. This indicates the enthusiasm of community members on the need to improve child protection services and address child abuse. The messages we received from the radio programmes raised issues ranged from poor parenting, unreported cases of girl child pregnancies, neglect and a heavy burden to grandparents to take care of their grandchildren in the impoverished families

The organization was invited to collaborate with a Catholic Church, Grail Sisters in Mwangaza District, to address issues of early and forced marriages in Emuguri Village in Same district. The village has a population of 1,213 and the inhabitants of this village are Maasai tribe. We held the first meeting with village leaders, school committees and representatives from the village. Major issues raised were early and force marriages, Female Genital Mutilation, poor school infrastructures such as inadequate classrooms, lack of houses for teachers, poor enrolment of girls and lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services for girls. Since teachers don't have houses they travel approximately 7kms to school every day and this has been a long standing struggle

In September 2017, Mr. Michael Reuben Ntibikema and two youth volunteers, Musa Mwamasika and Willson John Massawe attended a forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to attend the forum on Youth Participation in Research on Sexual Violence.

The Sexual Violence initiatives(SVRI) brought together over **500** researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence. The forum has enhanced our knowledge and skills on the importance of research and we will conduct small pieces of applied research each year to build evidence and develop benchmarks for implementation.

We have also networked at local and international level. At local level we networked and collaborated with government department in Moshi Urban and Moshi rural in different events. The organization also networked with Parenting in Africa Network (PAN)-Tanzania Chapter, Tanzania Child Rights Forum and Tanzania (TCRF), Child Marriage Network (TECMN) and other like-minded organization in Moshi during events such as 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign and the Day of African Child.

We are entering a partnership with FTK a Dutch organization in Moshi rural that focused on poverty eradication. The organization is interested in working with Elimu Mwangaza in the area of child protection and they are ready to commit financial resources for research and implementation of child protection work. Follow up meeting will be conducted in January, 2018.

We have acquired memberships of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and the Alliance for child protection in Humanitarian Action. We will maximize the use of opportunities for knowledge acquisition, challenging our assumptions and improve programming and actions.

Overall, in 2017 we have made great progress in achieving of our strategic objectives on the area of education, child protection and child participation. The government has given us a friendly working environment to do our work without financial commitment though. However, financial resources were the main challenges that have been holding us back the whole year, and we were not able to implement most of our activities as indicated in our strategic plan 2016-2020.

1.0 About Elimu Mwangaza

Elimu Mwangaza Tanzania (Previously known as **Elimisha Pamoja Tanzania**) is a non-government organization which was established in January 2014 and formally registered on 25th September, 2014 under the companies Act, 2002, with registration no.111579. According to NGO Act of 2002 and government instruction since November, 2016 the organization was re-registered to operate at National level under the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, elderly and children with registration no **ooNGO/0008929**. This was a requirement of the government, that all NGOs should be registered under the same Ministry for easy coordination, regular support and monitoring.

The objectives of the organization are to promote quality education, respond to child abuse, create awareness in the communities on children rights, violence against children and strengthening reporting mechanisms, facilitate the creation of self-employment by starting development activities to family to ensure children's livelihood and empower children with disabilities and their families.

The organization is governed by 5 bodies of Directors with diverse experience and professionals such as, advocates, teachers, media, and Social Work/Sociology and community development person. The role of the Board is to govern the organization's vision and mission and provide guidance on Policy matters, examine income and expenditure and recommend to Annual General Meeting. Elimu Mwangaza is managed by the Executive Director who is a secretary to the board and responsible for strategic direction of the organization. In total the organization has 3 full time staffs and 1 part time Accountant.

1.1 Vision

A Tanzania where all children have access to quality education, protection and participation

1.2 Mission

To stimulate and Promote Quality Education, Protection and Participation of children through Capacity Building, Awareness Raising for children, families and Communities

1.3 Organization's Core Human Rights Values

1. Compassion
2. Commitment
3. Non-Discrimination
4. Transparency
5. Trust
6. Accountability
7. Respect

2.0 PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT FOR 2017

The sections below will address each strategic objective in line with the activities implemented and outcomes achieved. For consistency and quality assurance, we work in line with our strategic plan as a road map, but where necessary some modifications have been made to strengthen our work in order to maximize impacts.

Strategic Objective 1: At risk girls and boys to have access to quality education and child protection services.

Our education programme focuses on improving accessibility and the quality of primary education in Moshi, Tanzania. We have learned that school drop outs and truancy for both girls and boys are the result of poverty, poor infrastructures and insufficient teacher-parent collaboration. Our monitoring work suggests that corporal punishment is still a problem in all 5 schools we work with. Parents see very little value in educating their children, and sometimes children have been forced to work in farms or to take care of their siblings. Therefore to increase access to quality education and child protection to at risk girls and boys our organisation did the following;

2.1 Direct provision of School Materials to Vulnerable Children – Moshi Rural

We have offered 47 vulnerable children of ChemChem Primary School in Moshi rural with school uniforms and exercise books. The provision for these school materials was extended by Backlays Bank, Moshi Branch for a second year. ChemChem Primary School in Moshi rural has shown a reduction of truants and drop outs due to access to school materials. The organization did not have regular visits to the school due to challenges in financial resources to cover the costs of hiring a car. It is unfortunate that, the school is not accessible by public transportation and is around 50 Km away. To address the challenge of transportation, we worked through phone calls, which was often not an effective means of monitoring progress of children.

2.2 Provision of Solar Lamps to Vulnerable Children - Moshi Rural

We have also provided solar lamps to vulnerable children in ChemChem Primary school, with generous support of the Rotary Club of Moshi. The same children who benefited from school materials were also supported with solar lamps. The school and the village are not connected to a national electric grid. Solar lamps are expensive and they are the best gift you can give to vulnerable children to enable them to work and complete their homework at night. Some of the children use kerosene lamps which are unsafe, polluted, and inefficient. This support extended to them will address these problem of clean energy.

In their own words:

“I am very happy to get a solar lamp, it is always dark at home and I live with my grandparents who cannot afford clean energy. I will now spend more time studying in order to pass my examinations; I want to be a Lawyer. I love Elimu Mwangaza and congratulations for supporting us.” A female student, ChemChem Primary School Moshi .”



Photo: Some pupils from ChemChem Primary School who have benefited from solar lamps from Elimu Mwangaza with the generous support of the Rotary Club of Moshi, Tanzania.

Source: Field Work (2017)

2.3 Direct support for children with disabilities – Moshi Urban

To recognise the 100 years of the Rotary Foundation “Doing Good in the World”, the Rotary Club of Moshi handed 5 out of 100 wheel chairs to children with disabilities from Rau. The donated Wheelchair was received from Wheel Chair Foundation UK. Elimu Mwangaza was provided with 5 wheelchairs for children with disabilities worth 1 million TZS (about 332 pounds) each. Parents of the benefited children have been struggling to take their children to school and the support extended improved the transportation of these children. The event for donating wheelchair was done by the Regional Commissioner for Kilimanjaro Ms. Anna Mgwira.



Photo: Upendo Ramadhani (right), the Director of Programme during the distribution of the wheelchairs to children at Building a Caring Community (BCC) center in Rau, Moshi

Source: Field work (2017)

Despite the support to children with disability, the demand is higher than supply. Therefore, more efforts and support are still needed to support children with disability.

Strategic Objective 2: To strengthen the capacity of girls and boys to reduce exposure to risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.

To achieve the above strategy, our organisation did the following:

2.4 Establishment of Children's Rights Clubs - Moshi Urban

In 2017, we made significant progress by establishing 4 children's rights clubs in Moshi urban at Soweto, Shirimatunda, Magereza and Karanga Primary schools. The children's rights clubs have given children a forum to discuss issues that affect their lives as well as their rights to participation. We continued to assess how the project impacts the lives of children. The outcome of the project indicates that children have increased knowledge and confidence and that they are able to take action and report to a teacher or a neighbour when they feel that there is a likelihood of a violation of their rights. Teachers have also reported that the clubs have improved students' behaviour.

Our monitoring work suggests that children rights should be established to other schools, and the time for child rights club meeting should be extended. Children proposed exchange visits with other schools for experience sharing on children rights. Moreover, children suggests that the clubs should be established to target out of schools children as well so that they can also

access information on their rights and responsibilities. Also it will be easy for them to seek support when they face abuse.

We will conduct a follow up study in July/August 2018 to measure quantitative and qualitative changes against baseline data. Our field officer faced challenges working with Magereza Primary School: there have been administrative problems in terms of scheduling time that is suitable for children's rights clubs and this has consequently affected our interventions. Working with the other three schools was easy, and we experienced maximum support from the administration. Next year, we will continue working with all of these schools and we will organize sessions with teachers to maximize the protection of children.

Elimu Mwangaza has continued to build the capacity of children in ChemChem Primary School in Moshi rural, so that these children can know their rights, manage their own club and take action. The organization puts children at the centre of interventions. As a result, children in ChemChem are now better able to protect themselves against violence, abuse and exploitation. They have been able to identify and report to their teachers when other children do not attend school.

2.5 Establishment of a Radio Programme – Moshi Urban

Radio spread the information to a wider community within a short time. In year 2017, we were approached by two radio stations: Radio Voice of Gospel (Radio Sauti ya Injili) in Moshi and New Life Radio Network Foundation – Boma, Hai Tanzania. The organization was approached due to its experiences and skills in child protection. We are proud to report that, all the sessions we had were exciting and informative, and this is evident from phone calls and messages we received during and after the radio programmes.

From January to December 2017, we were offered about 12 free radio sessions of a maximum of two hours duration each (1 session with New Life Radio Network Foundation – Boma, Hai Tanzania and 11 (eleven) sessions with Radio Sauti ya injili in Moshi. Each session of one hour costs around 200 USD. Overall, the 22 hours aired per year costs 2,400 USD. The organization extends special thanks to the Management of these two radio stations for these offers. Ms.Upendo Ramadhani (The Director of Programme) and Mr. Michael Reuben Ntibikema (The Executive Director of the organization) were the main speakers at all sessions but at different times.

Our radio programme educated the community on child abuse, access to child protection services, parental roles, sexual abuse against girls and the role and responsibilities of Local Government officials in supporting vulnerable children. In one of the sessions, we disseminated the results of our baseline survey on knowledge, attitudes and practices on children rights. We were also offered time to air a session on the results of the forum on the drivers of sexual violence against girls held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil in September 2017. We also spoke about how the forum made a positive contribution to the organization and the value of the forum in our local context.

We have received an average of 20 calls and 100 messages per session and in total, we have received approximately 120 phone calls and 600 messages were received. This indicates the

enthusiasm of community members on the need to improve child protection services and address child abuse. The messages we received from the radio programmes ranged from poor parenting, unreported cases of girl child pregnancies, neglect and a heavy burden to grandparents to take care of their grandchildren in the impoverished families. The programme suggests that poverty is one of the risk factors for child abuse. Phone calls and messages of child abuse, violence and exploitation were reported from Rombo, Same in Kilimanjaro and Arusha districts.

As a result of the radio programmes, we realized that there is a need for programmes to support vulnerable children through direct services (response) and prevention. The organization feels that radio programmes have been helpful in raising awareness and understanding the real need of the community.

2.6 Preventing and Eliminating Early and Forced Marriages against Girls – Same District (New Target District)

The organization was invited to collaborate with a Catholic Church, Grail Sisters in Mwanga District, to address issues of early and forced marriages in Emuguri Village in Same district. The village has a population of 1,213 and the inhabitants of this village are Maasai tribe. We held the first meeting with village leaders, school committees and representatives from the village. The aim of the meeting was the familiarization and preliminary information collection from the village. Major issues raised were early and force marriages, Female Genital Mutilation, poor school infrastructures such as inadequate classrooms, lack of houses for teachers, poor enrolment of girls and lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services for girls. Since teachers don't have houses they travel approximately 7kms to school every day and this has been a long standing struggle. A total of 10 (6 males and 5 females) participants attended the meeting.

The meeting revealed that there are only 74 (36 male and 28 female) students in school, while the majority, about 200 girls of school age are out-of-school, either not enrolled, married or have dropped out . The village and the school face multiple challenges that need systemic efforts and strategic approach and collaboration to solve them. Overall issues of focus include child protection, quality education (direct support to children from poor families, teacher training and better school infrastructures), clean water supply and sexual and reproductive health education for nomadic girls and young mothers.

Moreover, there are no classrooms for early childhood education: children study under a baobab tree. There are more than 50 children in early childhood education who face various challenges. For example, during the rainy season, they do not attend school. They also travel long distances from home to school and have no access to educational materials and qualified teacher to teach them early childhood education.

The challenges identified need long-term commitment and government efforts, especially commitment concerning financial resources to maximize impact.

Some parents do not prioritize education and they normally say ***“I cannot give all children to a school, I need some children to stay at home to help me with chores”***

- ***“ (A male parent community member-Emuguri village).”***

We plan to conduct a mini-baseline study to identify drivers of early child marriages. The baseline study will build evidence and inform our programming. The process for the baseline will start in January 2018 by preparing a research protocol/concept note and tools for data collection. We expect to share the research protocol/concept note and tools with some experienced researchers in Universities and NGOs for more support and quality assurance.



Photo: Mr. Michael Reuben Ntibikema, the Executive Director, during a first meeting at Emuguri village in Same District.

Subject to financial resources, we will then carry out strong campaigns after the baseline in Emuguri village and would welcome any organizations which would like to join hands with Elimu Mwangaza. Through the campaigns, it will be possible to inform many girls, young mothers, their peers and parents about girls' health and human rights. We will then organize a follow-up study to determine the benefits accrued in the following year.

The organization will use theatre, songs and personal testimonies to raise awareness of the plight of early and forced marriages and Female Genital Mutilation. We will invite different groups of people to join the movement. We will also pilot the use of "the Story telling: Tapping the Power of Narrative," which is a methodology learned from Rio de Janeiro Brazil during a Sexual Violence Initiative Forum. We will need some partial funding for resources to the study, because we have expertise in research and we will start some preliminary work which does not need funds.

Strategic Objective 3: To empower parents/guardians with accurate knowledge to provide adequate care and protection for their children.

The above strategic objective was achieved by doing the following:

2.7 Parenting in Africa Consultative Meeting - Tanzania Chapter, Moshi Urban

In year 2017, we hosted a quarterly chapter meeting on skillful parenting in Moshi, Kilimanjaro. We are the members of Parenting in Africa Network (PAN), with headquarter in Nairobi. Tanzania's parenting chapter is a part of Parenting in Africa Network and the meeting aimed at giving a space to members to share their experiences on skillful parenting. The meeting was funded by the Parenting in Africa Network (PAN) and coordinated by Tanzania's Chapter Chair, C- Sema Tanzania. Some organizations with active programmes which engage parents, such as Save the Children, Investing in Children and Society (ICS), shared their experience, their success and challenges. Our meeting suggests that all organizations who are under Tanzania's chapter should continue sharing tools, experiences and skills in order to engage parents.

We learned that there is a relationship between parenting and child protection. In a family where parents have changed their attitudes and perceptions, children will feel happy. Children have great access to schools when parents are willing to pay the school fees and contributions. Tanzania chapter is very important for the organization to grow and develop programmes. Since we do not have specific programmes for parenting, we will mainstream awareness on parenting during meetings with parents on child protection.

Due to geographical locations and lack of financial resources, we missed several linking and learning opportunities. All the meetings were very strategic in terms of building the organizations' capacity.

Strategic Objective 4: To strengthen the capacity of communities, as well as formal and informal child protection structures, to prevent and respond to violence, abuse and exploitation of girls and boys.

2.8 District Level

We collaborated with different organizations at district level through meetings and in one on one consultations. The organizations include Tanzania Women Research Foundation (TAWREF), TUSONGE Community Development Organization, Action for Justice in Society (AJISO), Kilimanjaro Women information Exchange Consultancy (KWIECO) and Network Against Female Genital Mutilation (NAFGEM). Through this collaboration, we have learned about research, programming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. With TAWREF, through their annual stakeholders meeting, we learned about their programme for supporting vulnerable children with basic services and construction of houses for poor families.

2.9 The Day of African Child – Moshi Rural

The Day of African Child was commemorated in Moshi, and we were invited by the Moshi District Council to collaborate in the preparation and with logistical support. Children, adult and non-government organizations participated. Children performed drama and songs to raise their voice on their rights. The Day of African Child offered an opportunity of sharing and exchanging experiences on the care and protection of children. The Guest of Honor handed exercise books to children from poor families. Out of them, 50 children were from ChemChem Primary School, the school we work with. Due to a very difficult geographical location and costs, children from ChemChem Primary School could not attend the event. However, even the river they were supposed to cross was full of water and not passable at that time.

Although we have not received any funds from the local government authority to support our program, we are happy that the whole year we have received support through offering permission letters and inviting us to attend events. The government has provided us a friendly environment to operate in the district.

2.10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign– Moshi Urban

At the heart of Moshi Municipal, we commemorated the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Elimu Mwangaza was selected to present a paper on the “ **Relationship between Gender Based Violence and Poverty and its Impact at Family Level**.’ The paper was presented by the Executive Director of the organization. The event was held on November 25th, 2017, in Moshi Urban and was organized by Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange and Consultancy Organization (KWIECO), an organization that deals with human rights and access to justice for women and children. The event had a turn up of around 300 people, including children and adults.

The two events have linked the organization to other collaborators and the government departments who work together to promote human rights. The Guest of Honor was the Regional Commissioner, Ms. Anna Mgwira, who commended the work of civil society organizations in the efforts to bring social changes and address social norms that put women and children at risk.

We are proud to share that the two events were successful and we learned on the status of gender based violence, what has been done and what we need to do as organizations. It is the start of a journey guided by our shared values. We will continue collaborating and work tirelessly to turn the money entrusted to us into meaningful social change.

2.11 Partnership at International Level

In February 2017, Elimu Mwangaza (Previously Elimisha Pamoja) received confirmation that it is a member of the Secretariat of Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children. This is an opportunity to have international publicity, and get access to global efforts and initiatives to end violence against children. One of the benefits of this partnership was having access to information about the Conference in Rio de Janeiro, and its call for applications. The forum in

Rio de Janeiro in Brazil was announced through the global partnership communication where we applied and were fortunately selected. We are maximizing the interaction with international alliances in order to learn about best practices and tools and to act locally.

Concomitantly, we have extended our network to a wider international level with Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action as a general member. Elimu Mwangaza received a confirmation letter on November 7th 2017 after fulfilling the criteria for membership, such as having an organization child Protection Policy and registration. The alliance offers an opportunity for child protection resources ranging from minimum standards for child protection and child safeguarding standards and how to implement them. To qualify as a member, we submitted our child protection policy. Our philosophy is to maximize the use of opportunities that come our way for knowledge acquisition, challenging our assumption and improve programming and actions.

Crosscutting Themes

3.0 Research and Development – Moshi Urban

Field research was conducted in March 2017 in Shirimatunda, Soweto and Karanga wards located in Moshi, Tanzania. The survey covered 332 children in Shirimatunda, Soweto, Karanga and Magereza primary schools. The main empirical contribution of the survey is the evidence on the knowledge, attitudes and practices on children's rights. The survey shows that the main violence type children face are is sexual violence. It was revealed that there is a close association between poverty and sexual violence against girls. This problem mostly affects girls from poorer families. Still majority do not report violence due to fear and low knowledge of children's rights.² We will continue using these findings for programming and for sharing the results with other stakeholders when we get the opportunity.

3.1 Sexual Violence Research Initiatives (SVRI) – Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

In September 2017, Mr. Michael Reuben Ntibikema and two youth volunteers, Musa Mwamasika and Willson John Massawe attended a forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Five organizations were selected to attend the forum on Youth Participation in Research on Sexual Violence: Elimu Mwangaza, Tanzania, African Community Publishing Development Trust (ACPDT), Zimbabwe, PARCES (Peers in Action Research Against Social Exclusion), Colombia, Centro de Defesa dos Direito da Criança edo Adolescente, Brazil and Uganda Youth Development Link- UYDEL. We were funded by OAK Foundation through SVRI, South Africa.

² Elimu Mwangaza(2017), Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Study ,Moshi,Tanzania

The Being Heard Project - *Being Heard Young Researchers SVRI Participation in 2017* was a collaborative effort involving SVRI and the International Centre. The “Being Heard” project sought to gather a more in-depth understanding of the most appropriate approaches to facilitating young persons’ participation as researchers, as forum participants and as future leaders in efforts to reduce violence against children and the toll it imposes on the lives of children and their families.

The SVRI brought together over **500** researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world who are working to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence.

Elimu Mwangaza had the opportunity to present the survey involving youth researchers. We shared participatory methodology and tools which we used for data collection. We had equally the opportunity to interact with other international and local organizations from across the world during other research session presentations on youth participation and sexual violence study on girls and women.



Photo: Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Right: Mr. Michael Reuben Ntibikema-Executive Director, Elimu Mwangaza. Left: Willson John Massawe (Youth Researcher, Elimu Mwangaza Tanzania) and middle; Musa Mwamasika (Youth Researcher, Elimu Mwangaza, Tanzania).

Source: Field Work (2017)

The forum has enhanced our knowledge and skills on the importance of research and we will conduct small pieces of applied research each year to build evidence and develop benchmarks for implementation. The organization intends to also strengthen a research unit which will plan and conduct research. The research unit will improve the health of the organization, document evidence, produce reliable data and increase its publicity at an international, national and local level. To realize this, we need more fundraising skills to be able to set strategies and goals to hit fundraising targets.

3.2 New Partnership with FTK- Moshi rural

We started developing a partnership with FTK a Dutch organization in Moshi rural. It is an organization that is interested in working with Elimu Mwangaza in the area of child protection. The organization is interested to commission Elimu Mwangaza to conduct research and awareness campaigns on child protection in ChemChem Village. The proposal was sent to FTK Kilimanjaro detailing the approach and methodology on rolling out child protection and we received a positive response from the Management of the organization and the Executive Director.

FTK is a non-governmental organization registered in Tanzania and is a joint initiative of the Dutch FEMI Foundation and TPC Company Ltd. The organization envisions flourishing communities in Lower Moshi void of poverty and despair: Communities where all, men and women, young and old, have access to basic health care, education and opportunities to be productive and earn a livelihood for themselves and their families, and to do so in a self-sustaining and environmentally sustainable manner. FTK Kilimanjaro is committed to – and dependent on – developing partnerships with other stakeholders, including other NGOs, government authorities, the private sector and communities³.

FTK is interested to work with Elimu Mwangaza in the area of child protection. The organization is interested to commission Elimu Mwangaza a research and awareness campaigns on child protection in ChemChem Village. The proposal was sent to FTK Kilimanjaro detailing the approach and methodology on rolling out child protection and we received positive response from the Management of the organization and the Executive Director.

In 2018 we will meet and plan with the FTK Management on the nature of relationship and expectation of each partner. We are hoping that, as the result of the meeting we will develop a partnership agreement with milestones, deliverables and logistics.

3.3 Networking and Collaboration – National Level

Elimu Mwangaza is a member of Tanzania Child Rights Forum (TCRF). TCRF is a platform with open membership and committed to credibly support the fulfilment of children rights in Tanzania. The organization has also joined Tanzania End Child Marriage Network (TECMN), a network of Civil Society Organizations CSOs working together to end child marriages in

³ www.ftkilimanjaro.org

Tanzania. The network also campaigns the amendment of the Marriage Act of 1971 of Tanzania which provides that a female can get married at an age of 15 years if the parents or guardians consent. Under special circumstances, a court can give consent for a girl of 14 years to get married.⁴ Men, on the other hand, can only get married at the age of 18 years.⁵ The Law of Marriage Act treats people under similar circumstances in a discriminatory way.

The organization learned a lot from networking. It learned that how to access resources on child marriages and about regular communication on the work of the network. Despite the opportunity for linking and learning, the organization has not been able to attend meetings organized by Tanzania End Child Marriage Network (TECMN) due to geographical locations and a lack of financial resources to cover costs for travel and other logistical requirement. Most of our contributions have been done online, but it was difficult to attend strategic meetings.

3.4 Fundraising and Communication

Fundraising

The organization is happy to have acquired some local resources from Backlays Bank to support vulnerable children in ChemChem Primary School in accessing school materials. The bank has been supporting the organization since 2016 to 2017. Children from ChemChem Primary School have also accessed solar lamps through the generous support of the Rotary Club of Moshi. As mentioned earlier, 5 children with disabilities from Rau ward in Moshi received wheel chairs through the Rotary Club of Moshi which was donated by Wheel Chair Foundation, UK. Through radio voice of gospel, we got free time to raise awareness on children's rights.

This year, we worked hard for fundraising through different calls for proposals. Despite the efforts made, some of the eligibility criteria from donors affected our efforts. Most of the calls for proposals have had criteria that we do not meet. While the vision, mission and strategic objectives meet the criteria, some donors are often very strict in terms of the system we need to have in place. One can conclude that the funding environment for small charities faces some challenges.

However, we need more strategic efforts for fundraising to get more resources for programmes. The fundraising front is an area of concern. Some possible ideas may include collaborating with interested overseas partners, identifying networks of overseas volunteers who will promote Elimu Mwangaza's work, or seeking local organizations interested in becoming partners for the implementation of specific elements of larger programmes and the development of joint funding proposals. Other ideas including soliciting an experienced volunteer fundraiser with a track record of developing fundraising strategies. To realize this, we need the good will and interest of different local and international partners, and financial resources to cover the costs for developing a fundraising strategy. Moreover, we need to test the effectiveness of these ideas in a challenging fundraising context.

⁴ The Law of Marriage Act of 1971

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3.5 Communication

This year we continued to receive support from a volunteer with skills in website development and management. Moving forward from 2018, we need to profile our information and produce communication materials with clear messages. The organization will also improve the information posted on the website and other documents so that they are up to date. Furthermore, the exchange visits to other organizations may help us learn communication strategy.

3.6 Our Volunteers

Volunteers have increasingly contributed to social change. Beatrice Honory, student of Moshi Cooperative University, Willson John Massawe (high school student), Consolatha Wilhemi Tarimo (high school student) and Musa Agustino Mwamasika (Social Worker) contributed to make our baseline study a success. We also thank the same group for working with children rights clubs in Moshi urban and Moshi rural. Lilian Daud Mbwambo and Consolatha also contributed to the administration of the organization and the school clubs. Thank you all!

Consolatha Wilhemi Tarimo left the organization in July 2017 to join a High School where she is studying Language, History and Geography, and her future plan is to become a Lawyer to support children and other vulnerable groups' access justice. We wish her all the best in her studies and we hope that her dream will come true. Other volunteers are also still in schools and Universities. Willson John Massawe is in high school pursuing chemistry, biology and geography. He wants to become a medical personnel. Beatrice Honory is in her final year at Moshi University of Cooperatives pursuing a Bachelor of Community Economic Development. They are still interested in volunteering with us when they have time, but also to work with us in the future.

Special thanks also go to Amy Porter, PhD from the USA for the time she dedicated in editing our baseline study on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices on Children's Rights. Her inputs on the report were useful and had made our study of good quality. We felt that we need to engage other experts on our baseline to make it a document that is reliable for us and other stakeholders. We thank you so much!.

We also extend our gratitude to Ellen Hagerman of Sexual Violence Research initiatives (SVRI) and Sexual Rights & Diversity Programme Manager at HIVOS South Africa for coordinating our trip to Rio de Janeiro Brazil. She was tireless in ensuring that we get all what we need for the trip. We equally thank the SVRI team and OAK Foundation. We also real appreciate Ms. Victoria Schalewska, a Lawyer from McGill University | Faculty of Law in Montreal Canada, and Ms. Enitha Msamba a Lecturer of Moshi Cooperative University in Moshi, Tanzania for editing this annual report.

3.7 Visitors

Many friends visited Elimu Mwangaza this year, both from a local and an international level. However, it is difficult to list them. We thank you for showing interest and we look forward to receiving more friends for the coming year.

Thank You!

Elimu Mwangaza would like to thank the following individuals, institutions and organizations for their support

Organizations and Institutions

Backlays Bank, Moshi Branch, Tanzania

Rotary Club of Moshi and Wheel Chair Foundation, UK

Sexual Violence Research initiatives, South Africa and Oak Foundation

Radio Voice of Gospel, Radio Sauti ya Injili, Moshi, Tanzania

New Life Radio Network Foundation, Boma, Hai Tanzania

Individuals

Amy Porter, PhD - Senior Program Manager, Performance Evaluation, Social Impact, USA

Ms. Victoria Schalewska - Lawyer from McGill University | Faculty of Law in Montreal Canada

Enitha Joel Msamba - Lecturer, Moshi Cooperative University, Moshi, Tanzania

Ellen Hagerman - Sexual Violence Research initiatives (SVRI) and Sexual Rights & Diversity Programme Manager at HIVOS South Africa

Masanja Robert - Assistant Lecturer, Mwenge Catholic University, Moshi, Tanzania

Deo Mosha - Journalist, Radio Voice of Gospel (Radio Sauti ya Injili Moshi, Tanzania).

Leah Kituma - Journalist, New Life Radio Network Foundation –Boma, Hai Tanzania

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