



**REPORT ON THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE IN UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE IN ARUSHA**

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INTRODUCTION

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence every year from 25th November to 10th December, nine Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) which are [Deploy and Nurturing Gallery \(DNG Tanzania\)](#), [Women's Economy and Gender Support \(WEGS\)](#), [Vision for Youth \(V4Y\)](#), [Health Integrated Multi-sectoral Development \(HIMD\)](#), [Hands for Children and Women in Tanzania \(HACHAWOTA\)](#), [Friends of Kids Speak Out \(FRIKISO\)](#), [Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanzania \(ELCT\)](#), [Elle Peut Naidim \(EPN\)](#) and [Tumaini Jipya – New Hope](#). Those nine CSOs form a coalition known as MKUKI Arusha and campaigned to end gender-based violence in higher education institutions. MKUKI Arusha is a Network Against Gender Based Violence (NAGBV).

The campaign was launched at Arusha Technical Colleges (ATC) by guest of honour honourable John Mongella Arusha Regional Commissioner, represented by Monduli District Commissioner Honourable Frank Mwasumbe. Then, follow the 16-day activist campaigns at the ATC, Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA), Institute of Livestock Training Agency Tengeru (LITI) Arusha campus and JR Institute of Information and Technology in succession from 28/11/2021 to 10/12/2021 through dialogues with students.



Honourable Frank Mwasumbe Monduli District Commissioner on behalf of Reginal Commissioner Hon John Mongela (not in a picture), deliver speech during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).

PARTICIPANTS

The participants of this campaign were students from Higher Education College and Universities, Institutions Management and Student Representatives, Government Officials, Community Representatives.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

- To raise awareness to the students about gender-based violence to stop it.
- To observe the understanding of students about gender-based violence, its form, causes, impact and suggestion to stop the acts.
- To emphasize on reporting of gender-based violence acts to student in universities and college.

LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN

The campaign was officially launched by the Monduli District Commissioner Mr. Frank James Mwasumbe on behalf of Arusha Regional Commissioner Mr. John Mongela on 27 November 2021 at Arusha Technical College at a short workshop which was held on 27/11/2021 from 3.30 am to 6.00 am. On his speech he congratulated the NGOs on their effort against gender-based violence in collaboration with others partners in educating the community about their responsibility to end gender-based violence and expecting to get more information about gender-based violence acts in college and universities after the end of 16 days of activism.

Also, He emphasized that the disclosure of information to a whistle-blower was a matter of policy, stating that a large number of victims of sexual violence who report such incidents often begin to disclose such information to loved ones, such as relatives and friends, before going to the security services to report, therefore he has instructed the public not to disclose to anyone before and after going to report allegations of sexual violence to help maintain confidentiality. He also emphasized the need to continue providing education on gender

mainstreaming education from primary school to university level.

MKUKI -Arusha was represented by **Ms. Joyce Mwangi** Chairperson of the coalition, On her speech after listening to an audio of a victim of Gender Based Violence in one of the college in Tanzania she welcomed the member of MKUKI-Arusha to greet the audience and express the theme of the campaign which stated that: **“Stop Gender Based Violence In Colleges: Be Part Of Change” (Komesha Ukatili Wa Kijinsia Vyuoni: Kuwa Sehemu ya Mabadiliko)** and gave out the situation of gender based violence in college and universities.



Ms Joyce Mwangi chairperson of MKUKI Arusha, during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).

GREETINGS FROM STAKEHOLDERS;

- **Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau” (PCCB).**

Ms Florence Mwita, a PCCB Officer-Arusha on her greeting she insisted that PCCB looks more sexually corrupt and the biggest challenge has grown is secrecy, cowardice, silence, for fear of how society will see him especially for boys and girls and its effects have grown to be huge for those concerned with society. In response to these challenges PCCB has continued to provide education, encourage reporting, talk to officials, receive information and monitor it.



Ms Florence Mwita, share insights of sexual corruption during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).

- **POLICE, Gender Desk Section ACP Temu**, Gender Desk Department, sexual violence is causing serious harm to college students including failure, unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, dropping out of college and even sometimes deaths, through the gender desk have set up special centres and units to report incidents of sexual violence including gender desk at each police station, social welfare unit and special centre for victims of sexual violence at Mount Meru One Stop Center which is specifically for people who have experienced sexual violence.

She also stressed that the police have made great strides in protecting journalists from sexual violence, including the establishment of Amani centre that specializes in protecting vulnerable journalists and has continued to work with the PCCB to investigate and encourage parents and the community at large to provide reports of sexual violence.



ACP Temu present GBV cases during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).

- Regional Youth Officer Mr Japhet Kurwa**, Youth Officer- Arusha, violence does not have to be the only issue, sexual corruption is also violence and has serious consequences especially when the college is used for it contributes to producing unqualified professionals who fail to fully and serve the community and this slows down development in society and government efforts in development.

The health effects of sexual violence are also serious, for example, unintended pregnancies, psychological problems, and sexually transmitted diseases, so this campaign is very effective for college students in eradicating sexual violence in colleges, especially sexual violence against female students who are the biggest victims of the problem.



Mr Japhet Kurwa during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region

Ms Faustina Nilan from ELCT (KKKT), representing the religious group, sexual violence, especially sexual violence in colleges, is the result of moral degradation in society which is what drives these acts to occur in society, so she urged the government, students and society at large to strongly condemn these acts as it is against morality in society fearless reporting, strengthening the upbringing of children, responsible leaders and action should be taken against those found guilty of acts of sexual violence.

She also commended MKUKI-Arusha for their efforts in coming up with this campaign which will bring about significant changes in society especially in terms of eliminating sexual violence in colleges and strive to reach more colleges as the need for this education is very high.



Ms Faustina Nilan MKUKI member from ELCT, during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).



Mr Nhojo Kushoka MKUKI Arusha member from DNG Tanzania perform his role as MC, host the event during launching 16-days of activist campaign again GBV in Arusha region at Arusha Technical Collage (ATC).

DIALOGUES AND DISCUSSIONS OPENING SESSION

The aim of these sessions was to create awareness to the participants about the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in college and universities that participated in this campaign.

From each visited College and University facilitators from MKUKI-Arusha facilitated the dialogue by starting by making a short introduction of the members of MKUKI-Arusha Coalition and the organization that form the network and its objectives and then elaborated to the students about the aim of the 16 days activism campaign against gender-based violence by theme of the campaign which is **“STOP GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN COLLEGE: BE PART OF CHANGE”**.

After the introduction the facilitators explained to the students about gender-based violence so as to create awareness about the topic before going forward with the dialogue to avoid confusion during the discussion and then small papers were distributed to the participants to fill and get their awareness and understanding about the topic and the response were used as a starting point of the dialogue. These below are the raised issues from the dialogues and the suggested solution discussed to stop gender-based violence:

FIRST DIALOGUE -28th NOVEMBER 2021 DIALOGUE AT ARUSHA TECHNICAL COLLEGE Issues Raised and Challenge

From the dialogue based on the response from written papers distributed and opinions from the students several issues were raised about Gender Based Violence in college were most of the student responded and agreed that sexual violence is one of the dominated gender-based violence in their college which happens between student themselves and between students and lecturers and this happens due lack of code of conduct from teachers, poor upbringing from parents and guardians, student

insecurity and self-esteem, student irresponsibility, poverty, globalization, peer pressure and bad influence and lack of proper reporting of sexual violence.

Proposed Solutions by Students

- Establishment of a gender desk in colleges
- Seminar to continue create awareness to first year students about sexual violence
- Coordinate and manage programs that aim at eliminating sexual violence in colleges.
- Seminars should be offered to trainers to reduce sexual violence
- To impose severe punishment on the perpetrators of acts of violence.



On the picture are participants from Arusha Technical College and facilitator from MKUKI-Arusha Ms. Joyce Mwangi discussing about Gender based Violence.

SECOND DIALOGUE 01st DECEMBER 2021 DIALOGUE AT JR INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Issues Raised and Challenge

From the dialogue based on the response from written papers distributed and opinions from the students several were raised about gender based violence in the college were most of the student from the JR Institute of Information Technology the responded that gender based violence has great negative impacts on their studies causing a lot of disturbance during their studies were some of them have been experiencing sexual violence from their colleague and from lecturers the most mentioned cause of these were misconduct by students and staff, lack of confidentiality during reporting, poor

monitoring of cases of sexual violence, lack of channel to report sexual violence act, and students poor dressing habit. During the dialogue one the student said that; “sexual violence which occur in college is the result working code misconduct of college staff and students hence everyone follows the code of conduct there will be no more or reduced number of sexual violence in college”



On the picture are participants from JR Institute of Information Technology participating on Gender Based Violence dialogue

Proposed Solutions by the students

- Encourage reporting on sexual violence
- The establishment of a special club for issues of sexual violence
- Regular seminars and debates on issues of sexual violence
- The existence of confidentiality of persons who provide and receive reports of acts of sexual violence
- Focus on dress code for girls and reduce inappropriate practices by teachers as well as students
- Avoid bad influence groups that may lead to sexual violence acts.

THIRD DIALOGUE 03rd DECEMBER 2021 DIALOGUE AT INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANCY ARUSHA (IAA)

The students from the Institute of Accountancy Arusha managed to come up with different forms and causes of gender based violence that takes place in their university apart from sexual violence were the few mentioned ones were; unfairness in performance results that leads students to find themselves subjected to sexual violence,

failure to hear their complaints about sexual corruption, poor economic conditions leading to sexual violence, drug abuse, oppressive laws that do not provide equal rights, betrayal in love, misuse of social media which are used to manipulate the victims, unethical dressing code is an abuse especially to men.

During the dialogue one the student said that; “sometimes the lecturer may hold your results and treated you unfairly in the results as the way to get the chance have sexual intercourse not only the also fellow students may use the trick of helping on study and use that opportunity to abuse female students”



On the picture are participants from Institute of Accountancy Arusha participating on Gender Based Violence dialogue

Proposed Solutions by the Participants

- There is a need to balance between human rights and ethics in order to end gender-based violence
- Establishment of strict laws against perpetrators of gender-based violence
- Establishment of Gender Based Violence Clubs in every college
- Establishment of gender desk in colleges
- Education about sexual violence should continue to be provided more in colleges and primary schools.

FOURTH DIALOGUE 7th DECEMBER 2021 DIALOGUE AT THE INSTITUTE OF LIVESTOCK TRAINING AGENCY TENGERU (LITI), ARUSHA CAMPUS

From the dialogue based on the response from written papers distributed and opinions from the students several form of gender based violence were mentioned such as rape, sexual corruption, beating, abusive language, academic bullying, inappropriate clothing, sexual reproduction, were one of the students said; *"Sometimes a teacher uses the power he has to force a student to have sex with her to enable her to succeed and if she refuses then the teacher threatens to discontinue or giving a supplementary so many of the students find themselves in a difficult position to refuse so they agree to be subjected to sexual intercourse"*



On the picture are participants from Institute of Livestock Training Agency Tengeru (LITI), Arusha Campus participating on Gender Based Violence dialogue

Proposed Solutions by the Participants

- Establishment of gender desk in colleges
- Provide contact numbers for reporting on acts of sexual violence in colleges
- Regular seminars and debates on issues of sexual violence
- Emphasize on confidentiality of persons who provide and receive reports of acts of sexual violence
- Student organization should provide adequate co-operation when it comes to issues of sexual violence

GENERAL OUTCOME

- We managed raise awareness on gender-based violence to students in college and universities were after

the dialogue their level of understanding about gender-based violence was improved these was observed through the question that were asked by the students.

- The campaign shows that sexual violence is the most experienced gender-based violence that takes parts in university and college compare to other types of gender-based violence.
- Campaign shows that the silence of the victims of gender-based violence is among the perpetrators of the continuation of gender based in college.
- Lack of proper information about gender-based violence is problem to most of the students at college and university thus most of them do not have the right information about the acts of gender-based violence.
- Secrecy and proper place to report gender-based violence acts is still a challenge most of the college do not have the right channels where students can report violence acts and still be safe with the information that they handled.

CHALLENGES

- We did not meet the visited number of college and university due to limited time and university schedule.
- In most college and universities, the level of confidence among the students to experience their ideas was a challenge hence needed a lot of time building their confidence.
- Most of students and community at large they do not have exposure in various issues related to sexual reproductive health education and how to build up their career.
- We did not meet an expectation number of the participants.
- Dialogues were more of a one-way communication due to limited time.

SUGGESTIONS

More education about gender-based violence to the students is still needed hence most of them lack enough proper information about the issue in order to stop the violence. There is a need to establish clubs and desk that will give student a space to not only discuss and learn more about gender-based violence but also to report the act of any

gender-based violence that they experience.

MKUKI-Arusha should outsource for more resources (funds) to fund the campaign in order to be able to reach a greater number of participants and even go to the primary school's level and secondary schools.

Photos



MKUKI Arusha members in the 16-days campaign preparation meeting



MKUKI Arusha members after press conference



16-days of activist campaigns against GBV