



Facilitating Women Participation in Vision 2050 Development Process

Women Fund Tanzania Trust (WFTT), in collaboration with TGNP and WildAF, has organized a national convening to raise awareness of the process drafting process and collect women's views to be incorporated into the new National Development Vision 2050.

The national convening came as a result of consultations, engagements, and mobilizing efforts facilitated by WFTT, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to ensure that women are aware of the process and participate fully in sharing their views.

The main objective of the national convening, held at the TGNP was to create common understanding on the National Development Vision and its contribution in the development of women, presenting an analysis of the National Development Vision 2025, its achievements, and shortcomings in the overall context of gender issues and women's rights.

The convening brought together participants from all regions of Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, including representatives from women's groups/networks (WCEL, MKUKI), knowledge centers, WFTT grantees, the National Planning Commission, NBS, and the media.

During the opening of the convening, Gemma Akilimali, a member of the coalition & TGNP Board Chair emphasized that an inclusive national economy is what will bring true development, and no nation can claim to have progressed, while a large group of its people is left behind in important processes.

"As we deeply reflect on this Vision 2050, we must critically examine the existing gaps, particularly in ensuring that the nation truly progresses with positive development that can move the country forward,"
-Gemma Akilimali, A member of the Coalition

Speaking on behalf of TDV drafting Committee, Dr. Florens Turuka appreciated the coalition for inviting them to participate in the convening. He emphasized that their aim in participating is to hear women's views directly and understand what needs to be done to implement Vision 2050 effectively.



Dr. Amina Msengwa (TDV drafting Committee Member) speaking during the Convening

Key Highlights from presentations

During the convening, three presentations were made, including, **"A Comprehensive Analysis of the National Development Vision 2025 from a Gender Perspective"** by Lilian Liundi, **"Implementation of Vision 2025: Outcomes and Gender Gaps"** by Rose Marandu, and **"The National Development Vision 2050 We Want,"** by Anna Kulaya

Presenting on the implementation of Vision 2025, Rose Marandu, the Executive Director of WFTT, emphasized that before discussing the National Development Vision 2050, it is important to review Vision 2025, question how it was implemented, and identify its shortcomings.

Regarding women's demands in the new 2050 Vision, Anna Kulaya stated that women need an inclusive and participatory process to ensure that the 2050 Vision is gender-sensitive. For it to be gender-sensitive, the opinions outlined must be considered in the preparation of this vision so that they can be reflected in all areas.

"As women, we believe that we cannot be a nation of peace and stability if women, girls, children, and people with disabilities are being physically, sexually, psychologically, and economically abused and degraded. We also demand that by 2050, the implementation of the 2050 Vision should be guided by a system that uses sex-disaggregated data to direct the country's social, political, and economic orientation," she said.

On the other hand, Lilian Liundi insisted in her presentation that the development vision of any nation must be inclusive. "We demand that the 2050 Vision must be gender-sensitive and derived from substantial participation of women and men, regardless of their differences," she added

The participants also had the opportunity to share their views to be included in the vision through discussions held in groups and presented at the main plenary.

They also expressed their appreciation to the organizations that facilitated the convening.

"I truly appreciate all the organizers. In our rural areas, we only heard about this vision and didn't realize it concerned us. We thought it was just a government thing... but through this convening, I now understand the vision well and the importance of women participating to give their opinions. I will educate my colleagues and ensure they provide their opinions through the various methods we were directed, including these questionnaires,"

Representatives from the National Planning Commission also guided how citizens could give their opinions on Vision 2050. At the end of the convening, participants were given copies of questionnaires to collect opinions, which they could take to their localities to ensure more women have the opportunity to provide their opinions. The goal is to ensure that the process of gathering women's opinions continues to reach more women, especially those in marginalized areas.



Representatives from Dira Taskforce presenting a printed questionnaire to Dr. Turika from National TDV Committee



WildAF ED, Anna Kulaya presenting during the Convening.



Participants sharing their views during the Convening



Filling questionnaires during the TDV Women Convening



Questionnaires distribution



Women from Ngokoro ward, Shinyanga filling TDV questionnaires

Amplifying Women's Voices in TDV 2050

Women Fund Tanzania (WFTT) has continued to collaborate with Women's Rights Organizations (WROs) to ensure that women, especially at community level, have the opportunity to have their voice heard and added into the National Vision 2050.

The support includes facilitating various platforms to reach women and enable them share their views, which will be included into the new Vision 2050.

The approach was part of the way-forward actions agreed upon by stakeholders coordinating the gathering of women's opinions for the TDV 2050. They agreed that each organization should continue using their women's networks at community level to raise awareness and encourage them to share their views for the TDV 2050.

To implement this, WFTT facilitated the printing of questionnaires provided by the Planning Commission for collecting opinions. The decision to print hard copies and distribute them came after stakeholders realized that relying solely on digital methods could exclude a large group of people, particularly women, who might face technological challenges.

The printed questionnaires were distributed to representatives of various organizations who participated in the National Women's Convening on TDV 2050, held in Dar es Salaam. These representatives then distributed the questionnaires to women and coordinated the collection of their opinions in their respective areas.

Some organizations that successfully used their platforms to coordinate and support women in sharing their opinions include, Jukwaa la Wanawake na vijana Chamwino, Tumaini Jipya la Wanawake Kilwa (TUJIWAKI), Sauti ya Wanawake Mafia (SAWAMA), Wasaidizi wa Sheria na Haki za Binadamu Nyasa, Elimisha Mbeya, Kishapu KC

Sauti ya Pamoja Wanawake Singida (SAPAWA), Light for Domestic Workers (LDW), KAHAMA KC, WOIC Ifakara, WAJIKI (DSM), Kipunguni (DSM), Mimutie (Loliondo), Tree of Hope (Tanga), Eagle Group (Namtumbo), Sawau (UkErewe), and others..

Use of Community Radios

To increase awareness and participation of women in the process, WFTT also facilitated WRO representatives to conduct radio programmes using community radios in their localities. The radio programmes focused on educating community members about TDV2050 views collection process, the importance of women participating in sharing their opinions, and the proposed methods for submitting views, including using mobile networks (*152*00#), the Dira portal, and printed questionnaires.

Some of the community radio outlets used included DIZZIM FM (Morogoro), Unyanja FM (Nyasa), Mashujaa FM (Kilwa), and Bomba FM (Mbeya), etc



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Views from Women

Some of the views and demands from women in the community were:

- The existence of specific laws recognizing domestic workers as a formal sector and protecting them from gender-based violence (GBV), as well as effective strategies to eradicate child labor in this sector.
- High-quality and adequate health services for women, especially safe childbirth, to reduce maternal and child mortality.
- Availability of affordable health insurance for all to reduce disparities in services between those with financial means and those without.
- Protection, especially for children, quality education with outcomes for youth to reduce employment issues and build a strong economy for all.
- Effective strategies to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, such as promoting and supporting ecological farming practices that protect the environment.
- ICT education should be taught from early levels in all public and private schools, with policies in place.

During the process of supporting women to share their views, a major challenge shared was that of limited understanding among women and the community at large about Vision 2025, which is ending, and the preparation process for Vision 2050 and importance of their participation "We don't follow much about these things and these development plans because we know they are government issues and do not concern us," commented a woman from Chamwino.

The use of technology also posed challenges, especially for those without smart phones, making it difficult to complete the process due to issues with internet access, among other factors.

WFTT facilitated the printing and distribution of 2,000 questionnaires, which were distributed to over 20 WROs. These organizations used the questionnaires to coordinate and collect women's views in the regions of Ruvuma, Singida, Pwani, Mbeya, Morogoro, Shinyanga, Kigoma, DSM, Dodoma, Tanga, Arusha, Mwanza, and Mbeya.



LDW facilitating domestic workers to share their views for TDV 2050 in Morogoro

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- A woman from , Chamwino



Views collection from Ukerewe Mwanza



Young women for Shinyanga DC filling TDV questionnaires



Sauye ya Pwani Women in Singida after shared their views

 **2,000** Copies of questionnaires distributed

 **20** WROs used the questionnaires 13 regions



Learning from Chadron's hope foundation, one of WFTT new grantee

Resourcing Women, Girls, and Children Rights Initiatives in Tanzania

As part of its Strategic Plan (SP) mandate to ensure that women, girls, children, women's rights organizations (WROs), grassroots groups, and movements are empowered and resourced, WFTT has awarded funding to more than 80 organisations.

The funding is aimed to facilitate implementation of various projects, while at the same time helping the beneficiaries to effectively carry out their work, shift power dynamics, and drive meaningful transformation. The funded projects are being implemented across the regions of Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kigoma, Kilimanjaro, Pwani, Mtwara, Mwanza, Ruvuma, Singida, Tanga, and Zanzibar.

The projects cover a wide range of thematic areas, including violence against women, girls, and children; women's political participation and leadership; economic justice and sustainability; environmental justice and gender; feminist research and documentation; sports, popular art, and culture; promotion of reproductive health rights; and movement building and strengthening.

Before issuing the grants, WFTT conducted Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) exercise for a few new organizations that had never received funding from them. The main objective of the exercise was for WFTT to have a better understanding of these organizations, familiarize with their work, assess their capacities, and determine the support they need to successfully implement their proposed projects.

During the OCA process, several gaps were identified, including limited understanding of the feminist approach and the intersectionality of issues and expected outcomes, lack of key guiding policies (particularly in child protection), insufficient knowledge in programming and advocacy, and challenges in institutional capacity such as inadequate working tools and limited financial management skills. Additionally, many organizations struggled to design interventions that could bring about transformative change in their communities.

Before the projects began, an orientation session was held for all new grantees to build their understanding of the processes and procedures related to project implementation, compliance issues and expected outcomes. The funded organizations have already started implementation in the respective areas.

Every year, WFTT calls for proposals for the promotion of women, girls and children's rights in Tanzania. The applications fall under three categories of small, medium and large (strategic) windows.

80+

Organisations
awarded funding



Community session at Ilola ward

Unleashing Community Potential in Ending Violence Against Women and Children

WFTT has empowered Shinyanga communities to develop and implement solutions through projects tailored to their unique contexts, ensuring sustainability both during and after the projects' lifespan.

This is because addressing violence against women and children is a multifaceted challenge that demands innovative and community-driven solutions. Community prototypes—tailored models and practices designed to address specific local needs—can play a crucial role in creating safer environments and fostering a culture of respect and support.

To ensure effective implementation of prototypes at community level, RAFIKI SDO, through its project "TUWALEE" that is funded by WFTT, is working to amplify community voices. This effort challenges harmful traditions, norms, and values that perpetuate violence and promotes those that support well-being.

Some of the approaches used in the project include empowering women and girls, promoting child participation, and engaging men in the process.

As part of its implementation, the project recently conducted positive parenting sessions for parents and guardians, as well as male dialogue sessions for fatherhood discussions.

These sessions were aimed at reshaping community attitudes and perceptions regarding parenting and family care. This intervention contributed to a prototype called, "Fostering Positive Family Relationships," which envisions increasing family time among members as a way to nurture the younger generation.

It seeks to revive the old Sukuma custom known as "**Shikome**," which traditionally brought families together to discuss their lives and plans.

So far, the sessions have reached 118 women, 92 men, 90 young women, and 60 young men across seven villages in the Ilola and Usule wards in Shinyanga DC

The sessions has helped participants to gain a deeper understanding of their roles in ensuring the well-being of their children, leading to a noticeable reduction in violence at home and within the community.

Some noticeable changes include improved parent-child communication, decreased family conflicts, and less harsh discipline toward children. For instance, some households now hold family meetings to address conflicts, and children have reported these positive changes during their Junior Council sessions in schools.

Additionally, there has been a marked increase in male involvement in child-rearing. Men are now more actively participating in parenting tasks, such as accompanying their wives to clinics during pregnancy.

"Previously, I avoided walking with my pregnant wife to the clinic because I feared mockery from other men. The parenting sessions opened my eyes to the importance of family time and care. Now, I proudly support my wife and take joy in our shared responsibilities." explained Shida Doto, session beneficiary

These positive outcomes highlight the transformative impact of community-driven prototypes in addressing violence against women and children. By fostering engagement and commitment at local level, these initiatives are making meaningful strides towards safer and more supportive communities.



Reached across seven villages in the Ilola and Usule wards

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Dira 2050 itimize maono kuwapa wanawake bora aliyokusudia

Na Mwandishi Wetu

RABBI Begamni Mlupa ni mmoja wa viongozi wa wanawake wa Tanzania...



Wanawake wanaoamini marafiki wakati wa kongamano la kuchejua maoni ya gawansi dira mpya 2050. Picha: Mwandishi Wetu

Wanawake wanawakulu maoni kati ya kongamano la kuchejua maoni ya gawansi dira mpya...

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Tume Uratibu Dir, sikieni jambo la wanawake hawa

Na Mwandishi Wetu

TUNARUBHA dira ya mwendeele ya tafa kabla ya kufika 2050...

Wanawake wanawakulu maoni kati ya kongamano la kuchejua maoni ya gawansi dira mpya...

LA KITAIFA LA WANAWAKE KWENYE DIRA



Dr. Aminia Mwanjira kutoka Tume ya Mipango na Uratibu wa Dira 2050, akirunguza wakati wa kupokea maoni ya wanawake Picha: Tume Mwandishi Wetu



Mwenyekiti wa JUWAZUA, Salima Haji Sadat.

Wanawake wanawakulu maoni kati ya kongamano la kuchejua maoni ya gawansi dira mpya...

ELIMU NA MWANDISHI WETU DIRA 2050

Wanawake wakataakupewa 'lifti' usawa kijiinsia uwe taa kuiongoza nchi

Yajayo kila kitu ni 50/50 wasisikie vifo vya wazazi

ATIKA kongamano la kucha maoni ya kuchejua maoni ya gawansi dira mpya...



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Some of participants during national convening to raise awareness of the process drafting process and collect women's views to be incorporated into the new National Development Vision 2050.



Youth group presenting their views during the convening



Facilitating group discussions to collect views for 2050 TDV



Mobilising women to participate in sharing their views for TDV 2050 at Rufiji District



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