

WFTT 2024 Milestones: “A year of Progress”



BACKGROUND

In 2024, WFTT continued to deliver on its mandate by implementing key interventions aligned with its strategic plan (2021–2025) in line with its theme of Shifting Power Collectively: Providing Funding to Women, Girls, and Children in Tanzania. Efforts Herstory focused on resourcing grantees, partners, and movement actors to implement activities that build their organizational effectiveness through capacity strengthening (e.g., training and learning support), convening, research, documentation, and celebrating women's contributions through initiatives like the celebrations. These efforts have significantly contributed to the following major milestones in 2024.



Empowering Women as Traditional Leaders in Maasai Communities

Through WFTT support, Mimutie Women Rights Organization, a grass roots WRO in Ngorongoro succeeded to convince maasai elders to institute six Maasai women to become traditional leaders (Ingaigwanak) for the first time, marking a historic step for gender equality in the Maasai community. This transformative milestone reflects a significant cultural shift toward gender equality.



Women's Voices in the TDV 2025 Development Process

WFTT collaborated with WCEL, MKUKI, and TGNP to ensure marginalized women's participation in shaping Tanzania's Vision 2050 (TDV 2050). Also, the engagements resulted to appointment of Professor Ruth Meena, (member of women movement) to the TDV Committee within the Planning Commission, adding critical women's voices in the national committee.



Advancing Accountability in Combating Sextortion

WFTT supported the Anti-Sextortion Coalition through providing thought leadership, and mentorship and collective organizing. These collective efforts successfully influenced parliamentary committee members to remove Section 10(b) from a proposed amendment bill under the PCCB Act, which would have penalized victims of sextortion. This major achievement strengthens the fight against sextortion in Tanzania.



Securing Extended Maternity Leave for Mothers of Premature Babies

WFTT, through the Mtoto Njiti Campaign and SRHR Coalition led by Doris Mollel Foundation, advocated successfully for extending maternity leave for mothers of premature babies to six months. This milestone was publicly announced by Vice President Hon. Dr. Philip Mpango during Workers' Day on May 1, 2024.



Shaping National Priorities for Children's Rights Protection

Working with Ministry of Community Development, gender, women and special groups, WFTT collaborated with other Children Rights stakeholders to shape Tanzania's pledges for the First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children in Bogotá, Colombia. A notable commitment includes a \$100 million investment to promote positive parenting and family care through establishing 1,000 parenting groups, ensuring transformative support for children and families.



Recognizing Women's Contributions to Leadership and National Development

WFTT, in collaboration with the HerStory Coalition, secured government commitments to highlight women's leadership contributions. Key achievements include plans for the construction of the Mwami Ntare Tereza II Museum in Kigoma and the establishment of regional museum, creating spaces to honor women's legacies and inspire future generations.