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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021

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# About C-SEMA

C-Sema derives its name from a Kiswahili term, 'Sema' which literally means speak. It is built on the foundation of Civic-Driven Change brought about by Children. This concept revolves around the belief that children are powerful agents of social and economic change. Empowering children to make this change and break the cycle of poverty means making them aware of their rights and responsibilities, and equipping them with the tools to demand and put those rights into practice. Broadly, our work involves awareness-raising, prevention, and advocacy to promote the protection of children's rights. We are committed to creating and maintaining a caring and protective environment for children, which promotes our base values of preventing and addressing child abuse and exploitation in Tanzania.

We strongly condemn all forms of child abuse and exploitation; within and outside C-Sema. In our work we interact with children both directly and indirectly. Our efforts ensure that mechanisms are in place to raise awareness, aid prevention, encourage reporting and ease response.

- Indirectly - through the child helpline calls, where we receive information about suspected, witnessed or alleged abuse of children reported by children themselves and concerned adults.
- Directly - through awareness-raising outreaches in schools, referrals to service providers, media work and group advocacy activities in Junior Councils and during activities to commemorate the Day of the African Child.

# Our COMMITMENT

C-Sema upholds highest ethical, operational, legal and safeguarding standards, to ensure that everyone working with / for us treats each other and the children, youth and communities we work with, with dignity and respect; that we act in a way that supports safe and inclusive workplace and that all the violations of our PSEA Policy are appropriately addressed in a timely manner.

# Our VISION

A Tanzania where the rights of every child are realized.

# Our MISSION

C-SEMA is a not-for-profit organisation established to promote and protect children's rights.

# Our VALUES

C-SEMA is guided by 4 key values;
LOVE, AUTHENTICITY, DUTY and LEARNING

# Abreviations

LGA- Local Government Authority
SWO- Social Welfare Officer
ECD- Early Childhood Development
CHL- National Child Helpline
MHPSS- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
VAC- Violence Against Children
GBV-Gender-Based Violence
VAWC- Violence against Women and Children
OCSEA- Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
IVR- Integrated Voice Recording
SGBV- Sexual Gender-Based Violence
ASRH- Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health
MACS- Making Catholics Schools Safe
C4C- Citizens for Change
WLAC- Women Legal Aid Centre
KUWAZA- Kuzuia Udhalilishaji Wa Watoto Zanzibar
UNFPA- United Nations Populations Fund
UNICEF- United Nation
DC- District Council

# Note from CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I want to begin by thanking my Board of Directors and all the members of the Management, Staff and Volunteers for the support they daily-afford me to lead this astounding organisation.

Over the past 10 years C-Sema has given children and young people platforms for their voices to be heard. We work to end historical traditions of violence against children and young people. And most of all, we've been a powerful force in efforts to amplifying their voices in Tanzania.

Last year, C-Sema raised approximately 1.0 billion TZS, thanks to the incredible generosity and funding from our donors. That's a demonstration of our capability in delivering results; and an expression of the confidence our supporters have placed in our work.

Throughout 2021 we received an estimate of 1.0 million contacts at the National Child Helpline, a core strategic program here at C-Sema. When you break these numbers down, you realise that we serve 3,579 calls

everyday. This also means that a child could potentially be in need of urgent help 3,579-times every-day in Tanzania, according to our statistics.

Unfortunately, these are not just numbers, behind every call is a real child; a young person; or their family reporting that somewhere in our peaceful country, a child could potentially and genuinely be looking for some form of help.

We are therefore in constant need of professional call attendants in the areas of social welfare, nutrition, mental health, justice, early childhood development, and sexual reproductive health to attend these calls 24 hours every day.

If you would take a dive into our strategic plan 2021 - 2025, you will find a document that presents programming and execution of a framework geared towards making a difference in child welfare, children and young people's health care, early childhood education well as mother-child nutrition not forgetting parenting in Tanzania.

In 2021, C-Sema was formerly registered with the Registrar of Societies in Zanzibar to deliver services in Zanzibar. We first set foot in Zanzibar back in 2015 and have since been pioneering child developed work within the perimeters of our core organisation's mandate that focuses primarily on six result areas. Child Protection, Skillful Parenting and Positive Discipline, Maternal and Child Nutrition, Early Childhood Development (ECD), Adolescents and Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH), and a need to grow our institution, Organisational Development.

In 2022, we are keen to raise more strategic core funds to invest in hiring new team leaders and professional volunteers for our Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar call centers. The rest of the resources shall be invested in demand creation for the Helpline services in Mainland and Zanzibar.

Kiiya JK

Chief Executive Officer
**C-Sema**

# 2021 IN A GLANCE

In 2021:

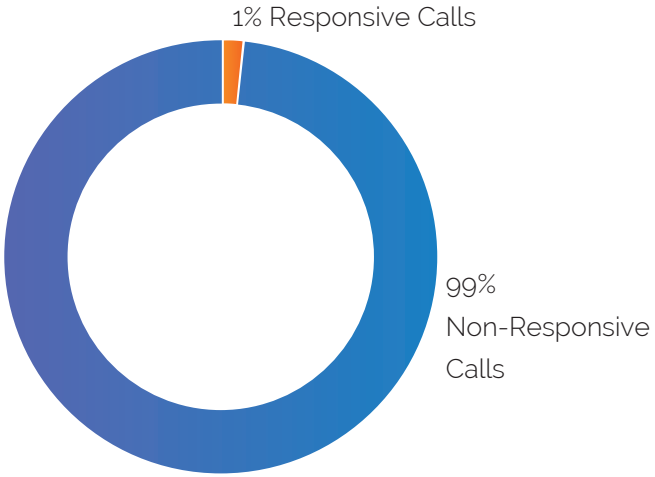
**958,668**

**Total Contacts Received at the 116 National Child Helpline in Mainland**

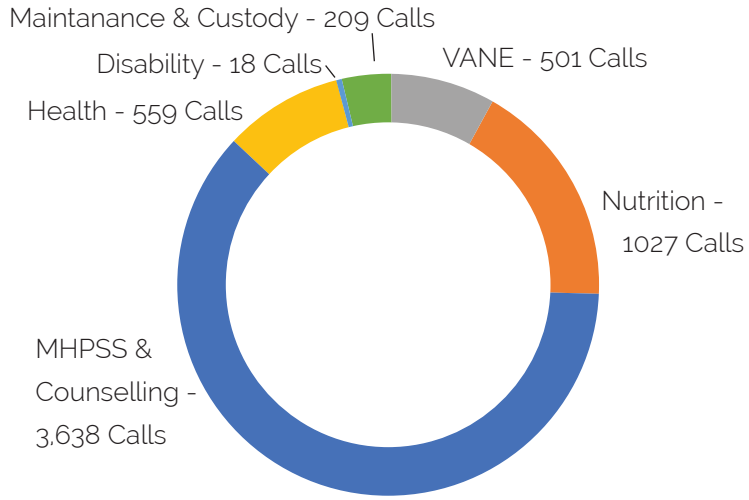
# The 116 NATIONAL CHILD HELPLINE

Take a deepdive into 2021 National Child Helpline stats, generically presented down-below.

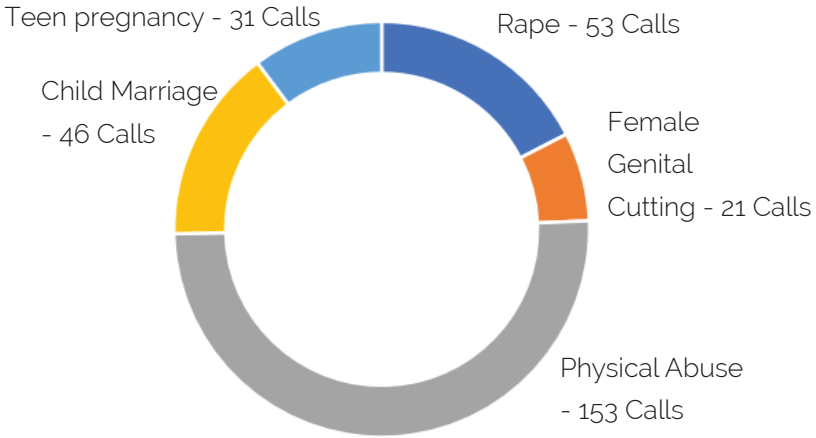
In 2021, the National Child Helpline received a total of 958,668 calls out of which: 720,158 were responsive calls i.e., cases that were received with immediate action; and those that were served through our Interactive Voice Response (IVR). 238,510 were non-responsive calls i.e., calls that were received without immediate action.




**Fg1: National Child Helpline received in 2021**




**Fg2: General case categories for year 2021:**




**Fg3: Alarming trends in year 2021**

## 116 NATIONAL CHILD HELPLINE REFRESHER TRAINING TO COUNSELORS IN PROVIDING GBV REFERRAL SERVICES.

As part of maintaining a cadre of well-informed counselors, C-Sema conducted periodic quarterly refresher training and Case Management Review audits on SGBV and ASRH and Stress Management Sessions for Counselors and Staff. In 2021 we reached 138 counselors (78 females and 60 males) counselors.
The training had two main sessions, session one for day one which includes different topics such as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), Adolescences Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH), C Sema thematic areas as well as Selfcare strategies that were the end of session one and between both sessions' counselors were given a chance to share their ideas and ask questions as well.
The objective of the Training was;

- Brief description of case management review on Sexual Gender-Based Violence and Adolescence Sexual Reproductive Health.
- To understand how to manage the case based on Sexual Gender-Based Violence and Adolescence Sexual Reproductive Health reported on Child Helpline
- Brief knowledge regarding case management and awareness-raising concerning monthly report writing.

# 2021 AT A GLANCE

**11,562**

People

Our '#Malezi' Social Media Advocacy Campaign Reached

# MAKING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *Safe*

In 2021 C-Sema partnered with Porticus Foundation to support a study to understand the prevalence, nature and drivers of violence in Catholic Church schools in Tanzania.

The role of C-Sema was to work closely with Citizen for Change (C4C) to co-design the research questions and contents. This task helped to ensure that the research meets international ethical and Tanzania child protection standards. C-Sema worked with C4C team to co-design research tools.

C-Sema also worked with another Porticus partner, Women Legal Aid Centre (WLAC) to consolidate child protection formal and informal referral structures so as to create a comprehensive VAC victims referral directory. This was meant to ensure that the reported cases from the MACS schools were able to be referred to appropriate child protection service providers within the child protection system of the country for redress. This was conducted via one online technical meeting and two physical meetings to review and understand both directories developed by the two organisations.

We were also able to digitize the C-Sema's excel based referral directory. C-Sema developed an online platform to ensure that the directory is available and accessible online. This was an improvement from the previous excel based directory used by counsellors at the 116 National Child Helpline in both Mainland and Zanzibar. The two directories are now available online for authorised access for public-good-use and were also used by C4C in designing their research respondents.

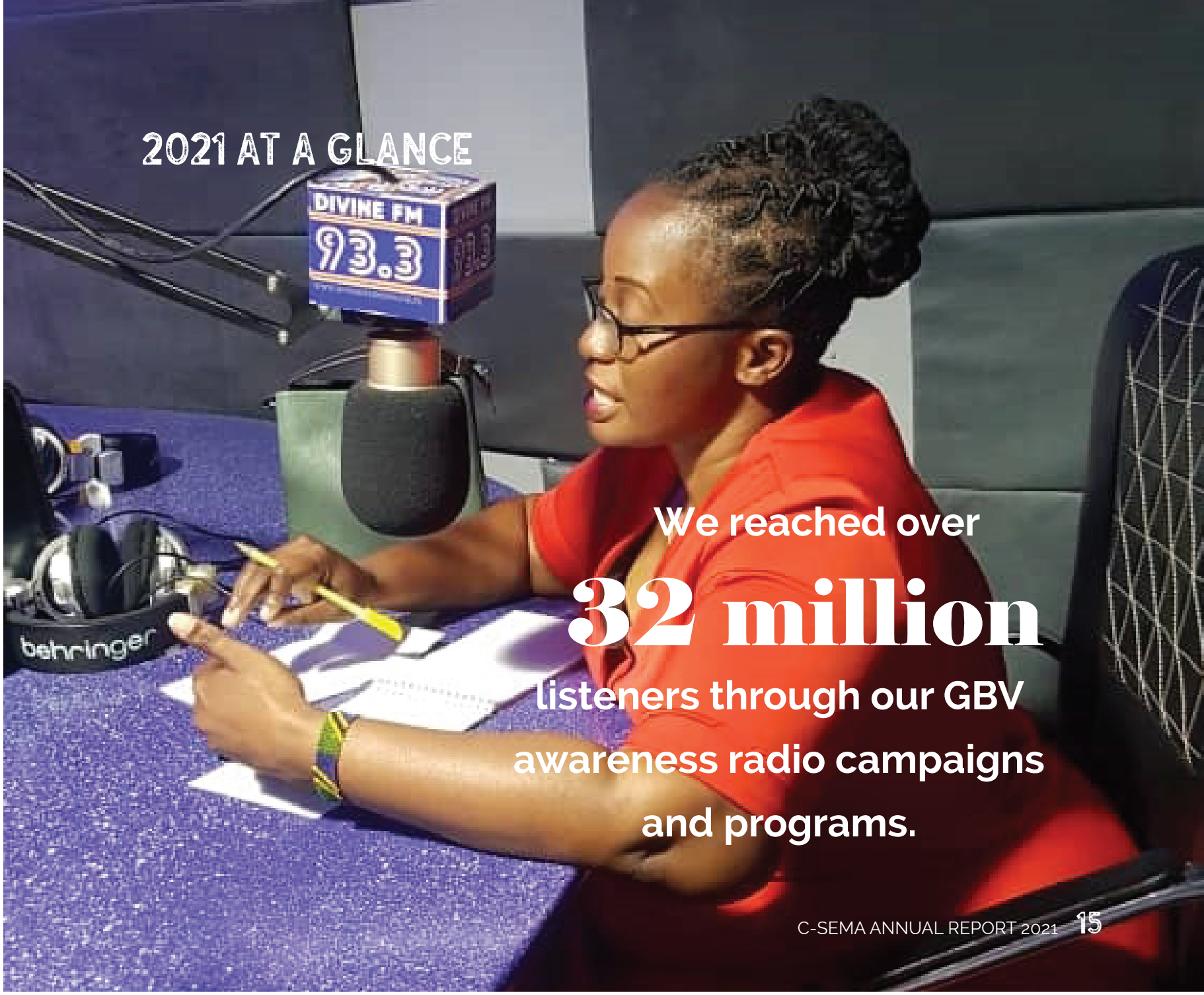
The digitised referral directories developed by a consultant Jamii Designs can be accessed by registering and being approved by following this links;

i. http://providers.sematanzania.org/login
ii. http://providersbara.sematanzania.org/login

The digitised referral directories have been incorporated into the National Child Helpline MIS system with has a robust firewall system. All MACS project schools can have access to the directory especially head of schools and designated teachers by registering as users and this will allow them to access the platform from any device that can connect to the internet.

The Mainland and Zanzibar directories have 3,749 and 922 service providers, respectively.

# 2021 AT A GLANCE




We reached over

**32 million**

listeners through our GBV awareness radio campaigns and programs.

# Mfanyakazi PROJECT

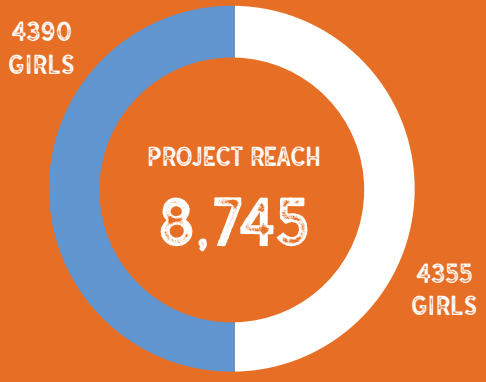
C-Sema is implementing a project in Singida Region called 'Mfanyakazi'. The goal of the MFANYAKAZI project supported by BRIS is to contribute to eradicating child trafficking for domestic work and strengthening the child protection system in Singida Region of Tanzania. Moreover, the project focuses on strengthening capacity & linkages between C-Sema, the allied service providers, and actors in Singida Region to prevent and respond to cases of child trafficking for domestic work as well as raising awareness among children and community members in preventing, detecting, and reporting cases of child trafficking for domestic work.

**In 2021, as its second project year we worked**

**4** **Primary Schools**

**1** **Secondary Schools**

**in Ilongero and Mgori ward Singida District Council**




**During this outreach we recorded an increment of**

**↑ 86%**

**in the understanding of VAC and the drivers of Child Trafficking for domestic servitude.**

## IMPACT

The baseline data was 48%, which shows that the school outreach activities have been effective in raising children's awareness and have turned students into ambassadors for other children. For school outreaches, we used School Clubs called "JUU club" as an approach to interact with children.

The method gave an opportunity to children to be as ambassadors in schools and in the community. It also involved the provision of material support for learning even after the end of the project for sustainability purposes.

As part of the awareness of the project C-Sema partnered with Standard Radio FM in Singida Region in conducting radio dialogues, Standard Radio is a local radio that has estimations of reaching a population of 6 million people with coverage of 4 regions (Tabora, Manyara, Shinyanga and Singida). We held 10 successful 30-minute live programs and live Q&A interactions with listeners in Standard radio. The radio shows turned out to be well-suited for addressing child trafficking matters in the community and give room to people to participate in giving advice and air their opinions on the way forward to combat child trafficking in their areas.

We also used community dialogues as an intervention method within the communities to address the root causes of child trafficking and it brought us closer to the communities and helped build synergies between the children and key frontline service providers and among children themselves. These dialogues also contributed to uncover challenges in the community that need prevention and response.

"Child trafficking for domestic servitude has been among the contributing factors for domestic violence to children, despite that it deprives them of their right to an education but also perpetrators use the chance to abuse them sexually, physically, emotionally." – Mr. Raphael – District Social Welfare Officer

We held 4 community dialogues in the 2 wards and they truly helped to address community perception on VAC especially Child trafficking for domestic work. The community dialogues are meant to spark and ignite family and community level discussions on the drivers and push and pull factors of child trafficking for domestic servitude. We are happy that we receive texts and calls during the radio programmes conducted by our radio partner form the communities we work with, indicating that indeed there has been ignition of dialogues on the problem of child trafficking I the communities.

As part of ensuring that we reach the project's goal, we facilitated an Inter-school sports bonanza at Ilongero ward as a means of getting children from different areas together to learn how to spot and report violence against children (VAC) and we wanted these children to interact and have fun together as well. We also took the opportunity to build the community's awareness on The National Child Helpline (116) as a reporting mechanism for VAC cases including Child Trafficking

# 2021 AT A GLANCE

We reached over

**14,000**

school-going children through our GBV and VAC school awareness program.

for domestic work since most of these cases either go unreported or are solved at the Homefront.

The 2-day tournament dubbed 'The Mfanyakazi Cup 2021' involved 5 primary schools; Ilongero, Mwakabiji, Mwahango, Madamigha, and Sekou Touré primary school who got together to compete for it. It took about 6 matches and the children were ecstatic, genuinely thrilled and definitely played to win, which was a sight to see. The participation and collaboration between teachers and government officials made the event easier to implement for the community and children had gone without interactive sports events like this one for so long, hence their enthusiasm.

The Bonanza brought in the district's Sports, Arts, and Culture Officer who passionately spoke on the importance of sports for children in the community but also how best parents could take point in getting to know their children's hobbies and talents. The Regional Social Welfare Officer (RSWO) Ms. Shukrani Mbago gave a heartfelt speech on the importance of community and positive, constructive parenting with her slogan "Child at first sight" reminding us to always put children first.

It was wonderful to watch the winning team take home their cup while the rest of the children in the other teams (1st and 2nd runner-up) received branded team jerseys and soccer balls. The children were happy to receive their prizes from the different esteemed guests and were inspired to work even harder not only in their academics but also in developing their talents.

We strongly believe that this event was fruitful and the children, as well as the community, were empowered to protect each other for they now know what mechanisms to use in order to do so. The essence of the sports bonanza was to use the event as a crowd puller in the community and use the opportunity to create awareness of the 116 National Child Helpline and the importance of reporting VAC cases occurring in the community to the nearest child protection service providers.

# Realizing Gender Equality through
# EMPOWERING WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS PROJECT

C-Sema is implementing 3 years Joint Programme called "Realizing Gender Equality through Empowering Women and Adolescent Girls" financed by KOICA and supported by UNFPA and UN Women. The direct beneficiaries of the program are 2,350 women and adolescent girls and 6,000 male and female residents of villages in the Districts of Ikungi, Singida Region and Msalala, Shinyanga Region. The Programme aims to contribute toward advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls in Shinyanga and Singida Regions by strengthening the social and economic status of women and adolescent girls.

**Radio Programmes on GBV/VAC in Msalala District Council.**

In 2021 we managed to host 21 people who participated in the 16 radio programs, of which included representatives from LGA office, religious leaders and UNFPA focal person on lake zone project activities. More than 26 jingles and 3 radio programs were aired via Devine FM radio, and Kahama FM, and based on media coverage we were able to be heard over a population of about 7 million people in the remote areas of the five Western regions of Shinyanga, Simiyu, Tabora, Kigoma, Mwanza, and Geita and in a total of 17 districts. We had UNFPA representatives, religious leaders from Shilela ward in Msalala District and other LGA officers from different cadres from the Msalala DC.

The radio programmes are part of the awareness campaign for the programme with the objective of increasing the awareness of the 116 National Child Helpline in reporting GBV incidences confidentially but also used as a platform to raise awareness of the negative impacts of GBV in the community explaining how it affects the community in diverse ways including economically socially and emotionally.
Speaking during one of the radio programmes Mr. Lusajo – a community member invited as a guest in the programme shared some of the initiative and strategies they have initiated to assure a child is protected, and kept safe in Runguya community. He said "in our ward

We reached over

# 25,000

youth through the Sexual Reproductive Health BOT on services received at Youth Friendly Centres.

by using Sungusungu, village chairperson and VAWC Committees together we stand and fight all sorts of injustice including child marriage, teen pregnancies and school absentee's''. when a case of these scenarios mentioned we assure the perpetrator has no way to turn or manipulate any of these institutions, because we share information openly and thus it makes it easy to put perpetrator to custody and for the law to take action accordingly. ''This has helped a lot and reduced a number of cases in our community because now people are aware of the consequences but also have an understanding of women and children rights in their community.''

On another account 2 community elders and influential people; Mama Maria and Mzee Kifutumo are our core influential elders in Msalala Community, from Segese Centre and Runguya ward. But also, are the active members of VAWC Committee in District level. Mama Maria has been currently appointed to continue serve as an elderly representative to her ward committees and village council. They have an important role and respect in their communities thus majority listened to them. In most of the sessions they attended their discussion focused on the role of elders and influence to end GBV in their community.

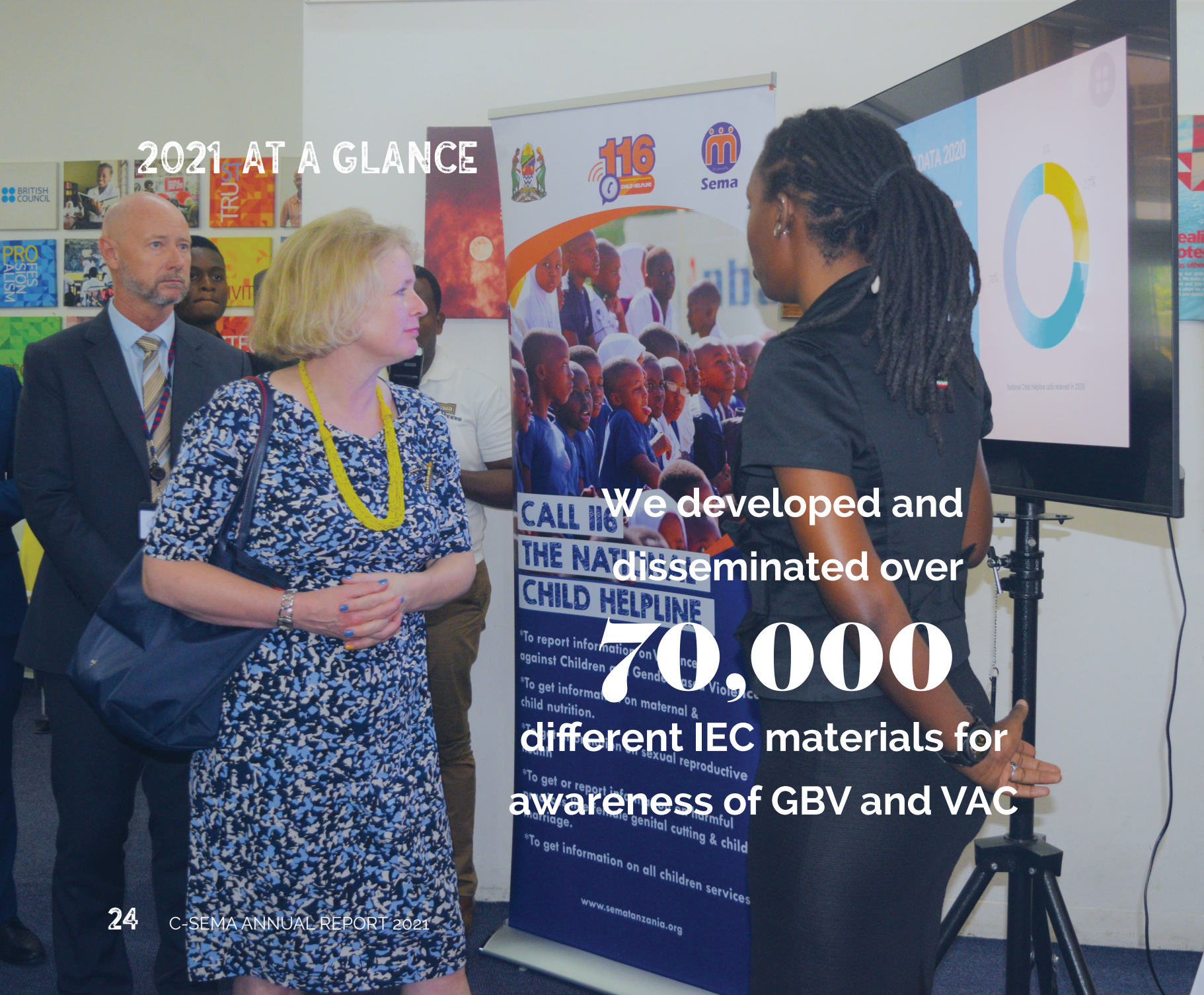
During various discussions Mzee Samson Kifutumo mentioned that despite being an inspiration to many men in the villages, still there are some challenges that came along with their role. He said in our community, elders have the majority vote. Elders are meant to be obeyed and respected, with this great responsibility most of our age mates and due to various other reasons, abuse this power by participating or initiating some of practices that have negative results to women and young girls. Mzee Kifutumo shared her personal experience while he was growing up and said ''back in the days even the women themselves believed their lives matters only for men's existence. They have been brought up that way since young age, they witness from generation to the next, and all the practice, rules and traditions have been enforced by Men, so there was consideration for women welfare at all, women where just as subjects to a man property, and he would have decided to choose to treat her anyhow he sees fit. but it is more of a relief to these currently years though the situation is still there but you cannot compare to how it used to be.

As one of the listeners identified as Senso William from Nyakato asked why men in their community especially elderly men tend to like to wed small girls? Mama maria respond to this question by sharing her experience as well. It was marked as sign of strength and wealth, because this young girl will bring more children to the family, and more children it means more man power, and wealth thus some of them will be wed for a number of cattle, but also having enough people for farm activities and animal grazing as we know Sukuma are good with keeping cattle and other domestic animals. She also mentioned that by doing so was to prove himself worthy as a man that he is still active and he has secured for his land and his people to kept his legacy strong. But things have changed now and life isn't the same anymore as how its used to be, now our children are sent to schools and even when a case like this happened people are willing to share the information or report to the authority, and this is after seeing and understandings the impact of marring a child at a young age. Some have lost their children during pregnancy times and labor process.

## IEC MATERIALS DEVELOPED

As part of our awareness campaign of the programme we also designed, developed and disseminated IEC materials to be used for awareness in the communities in Msalala DC on the negative impacts of GBV and Child Marriage. We developed Roll up Banners that were used every time whenever we have an outreach program but also to be used by LGA officials whenever they have an outreach session in the villages. We also developed 700 posters and 250 Stickers with messages on GBV and Child Marriage that will be disseminated in collaboration with other IPs implementing the project in Msalala and the LGAs during several activities and outreach sessions. 1,000 wrist bands and 250 bottles branded with 116 child helpline messages were designed and developed and disseminated to create awareness of the 116 National Child Helpline.

# 2021 AT A GLANCE




We developed and disseminated over

**70,000**

different IEC materials for awareness of GBV and VAC

# 16 Days of Activism MSALALA SHINYANGA

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence was launched on the 25th of November, it is a global campaign dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of violence, particularly on women. The campaign kicks off on the 25th of November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10th December, Human Rights Day. These dates were chosen in order to symbolically link violence against women with human rights issues. In particular, this campaign emphasizes the fact that violence, in any form, is a violation of human rights.

In commemorating the 16 days of Activism in 2021, C-Sema visited 3 schools to specifically hold dialogues with male students from Nyikoboko, Segese, and Ntobo Secondary school in Msalala. We managed to reach 325 boys in form 1-3 in all schools. Our dialogue focused on how they view the situation of women and girls' rights and empowerment and suggest what can be done in order to reduce the number of young girls and women being the most victims of GBV.

During the discussions, the Boys mentioned that most of the issues presented are true, including girls having more house chores than boys regardless of the fact that they were both in school.

"For Sukuma people, a male child being found in the kitchen is like the mother of that family has completely failed to put her house in order." - Adam, from Nyikoboko Secondary school

This is rooted in outdated traditions and customs that perpetuate the prevalence of GBV.

**What can be done:**

The Boys suggested that more awareness is needed on the matter and stressed that more clubs be formed where both boys and girls could share ideas and experiences as well as learn about their personal biological changes, sexual reproductive health rights, and how they can help each other reach their full potentials. They also discussed gender roles and how some of them limit and perpetuate violence against women.

# 'KUWAZA' Project

-Sema is implementing the KUWAZA (Kuzuia Udhalilishaji wa Watoto Zanzibar) Programme which is a three-year multi- component VAC prevention and response intervention funded by the Oak Foundation. Implemented by three partners (Pathfinder International Tanzania, ActionAid Tanzania, and C-Sema), the KUWAZA program aims to reduce sexual violence against children (SVAC) in Unguja North, Zanzibar. KUWAZA is a collaborative community-based program with interventions aimed at various segments of the community including children, parents, teachers, religious leaders, and community leaders.

In 2021 we were able to conduct visits in 10 schools to spread awareness on violence against women and children. 4,635 students, 25 teachers, and 7 parents were reached including 2,434 girls and 2,201 boys (Students reached directly), 13 female and 12 male (teachers reached directly), and radio stations were empowered with the knowledge on GBV prevention and the work of the national child helpline. 626 GBV Campaign communication materials were disseminated in each school visited including 116 posters, 145 Sema Magazine,110 (116 stickers), and 252 (116 flyers).

C-Sema was able to run and facilitate media campaigns on SRHR across Tanzania's mainland and Zanzibar. In 2021, we were able to reach a wider audience through offline/ mainstream media specifically community radio stations in Zanzibar with content that was disseminated on social media and jingles that were aired on different radio programs. Also, through the Mrejesho platform, (a youth friendly BOT) we were able to establish adolescent-led quality assurance mechanisms for SRH Services-Demand Creation for Youths in Zanzibar. The idea was to identify the proportion of adolescents that agree on the quality of adolescent responsive SRHR and nutrition information and services at the facility and community levels. Our target was to support the functioning of the E-platform established and to increase its engagement within the community.

Our team visited two radio stations in Zanzibar (Micheweni, Chuchu, and ZBC FM) and the jingles had gained over 10 million listeners with 108 spots played.

Chuchu FM played14 spots while Micheweni played 72 Spots and ZBC played 22 spots. Micheweni FM continued to play the jingles even after the assigned dates, and this was because of the influx of special requests given by the listeners who still needed that particular education to be given out in their communities.

All this implies that despite the work that has been done, there is still a need to raise more awareness on matters relating to GBV, SRHR, and child protection in general. People are still in need of information; this is observed by how radio jingles were requested to continue being aired on radios despite their allocated time being complete.

# Malezi Online ADVOCACY

Protecting Children in the digital world, while at the same time allowing them to unlock opportunities to learn and express themselves is a major challenge of our time. That being said, the digital space can also be a platform for parents or parents to be to learn about parenting.

Through our social media platforms we talk about everything parenting, we assure parents that there is no such thing as perfect parenting and offer them ways of which can improve their relationships with their children and better their parenting skills.

## SOCIAL MEDIA INSIGHTS 2021

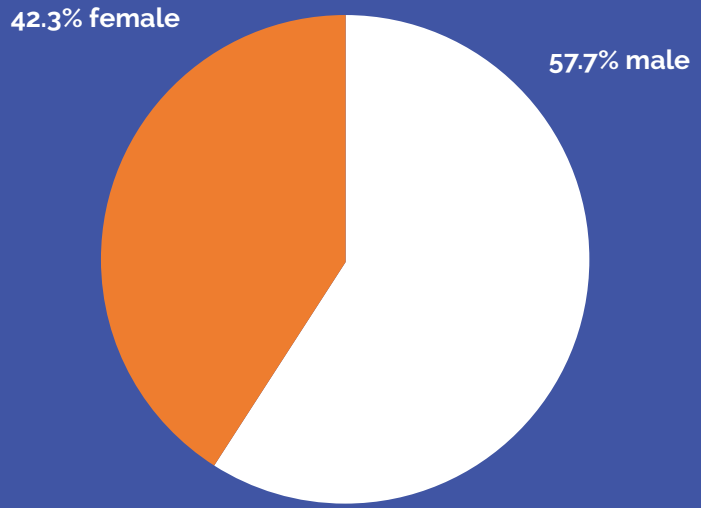
C-Sema has social media accounts across all leading networks of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These accounts represent work we do in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

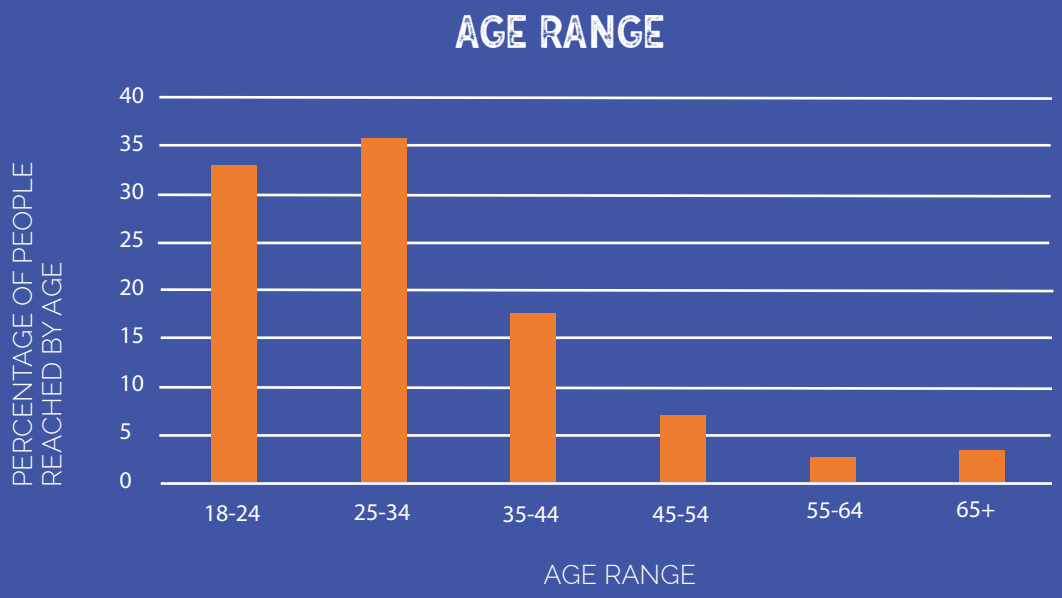
### GENERAL SOCIAL MEDIA VISITS

People Reached:

**342,739**

### GENDER






**MONTHLY CONTENTS INTERACTIONS ≈ 1,414**

**MONTHLY PROFILE VISITS ≈ 1,749**

**Top location ≈ 93.5% of our visits are Dar es salaam residents**

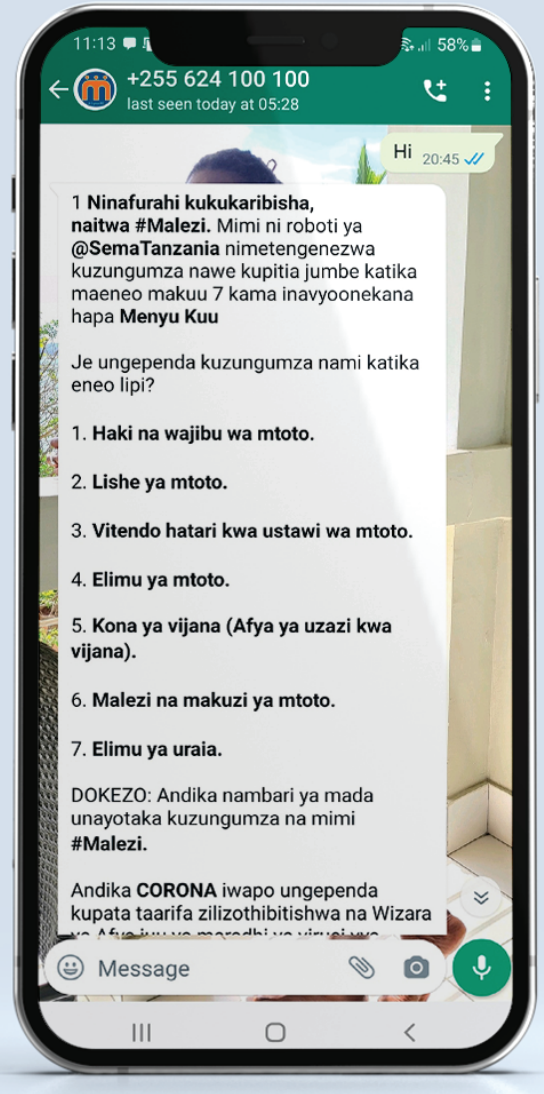
# WHATSAPP BOT

We also use our Malezi BOT to reach people who don't have access to social media. The bot offers parenting advice ranging from pregnancy to childhood development and up to parenting adolescents. The BOT proved to be essential and beneficial during the pandemic, parents were able to access valid information via the bot and wade through those unprecedented times.

We also use the stories obtained from the helpline dubbed as 116Stories to share relatable stories of brave children to spread awareness on key issues that take place in society and also to inspire others to speak out when they witness any kind of injustice done to a child. The stories are also meant to encourage children themselves to speak out for themselves through the Helpline.

## MALEZI BOT

OFFERS PARENTING ADVICE AS A WAY TO REACH PEOPLE WITH NO ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA



# 2021 AT A GLANCE

We have reached over

**500**

community members through our 'community dialogues' approach

## A CASE STUDY OF 116 STORIES

# STORIES FROM MAINLAND

The helpline received a call from a woman reporting her neighbor for living with a 12-year-old girl as his wife. Mama Huruma, (not her real name) stated that the young girl had passed her primary finals but her parents, not believing that a girl should get an education, married her off instead of taking her to school. Immediately after speaking to the caller, our Helpline counselor contacted the Social Welfare Officer (SWO) of the area where the girl resided to substantiate the claims raised by the woman.

The SWO verified that the accusations were indeed valid and proceeded to take action towards getting her out of that situation. The Social Welfare Officer contacted the police through the Gender Desk and arrested the girl's husband. A few days later we received a call from the Social Welfare Officer that the girl was enrolled at a school and will be in foster care as she continues with her education.

Early marriages are the kinds of marriages where one or both partners are under eighteen years of age. These acts are unacceptable not to mention illegal and they deny girls their right to quality education and freely live their lives.

**ON AVERAGE, 2 OUT OF 5 GIRLS WILL BE MARRIED BEFORE THEY REACH 18 YEARS IN TANZANIA.**

Let's follow Mama Huruma's example. Don't stay silent when you learn that a child in your neighborhood/community is being forced into marriage.

# 2021 AT A GLANCE

We trained over

**873**

professionals on GBV, VAC and OCSEA

## A CASE STUDY OF 116 STORIES

# STORIES FROM ZANZIBAR

During the continuation of the national campaign on protecting children against child sexual abuse and violence in one of the primary schools in Unguja, our team provided education on issues about GBV and SGBV. After the training, one student, an 11-year-old girl Amne (not her real name) spoke up on acts of abuse that are rampant in the community for she was also a victim of those acts.

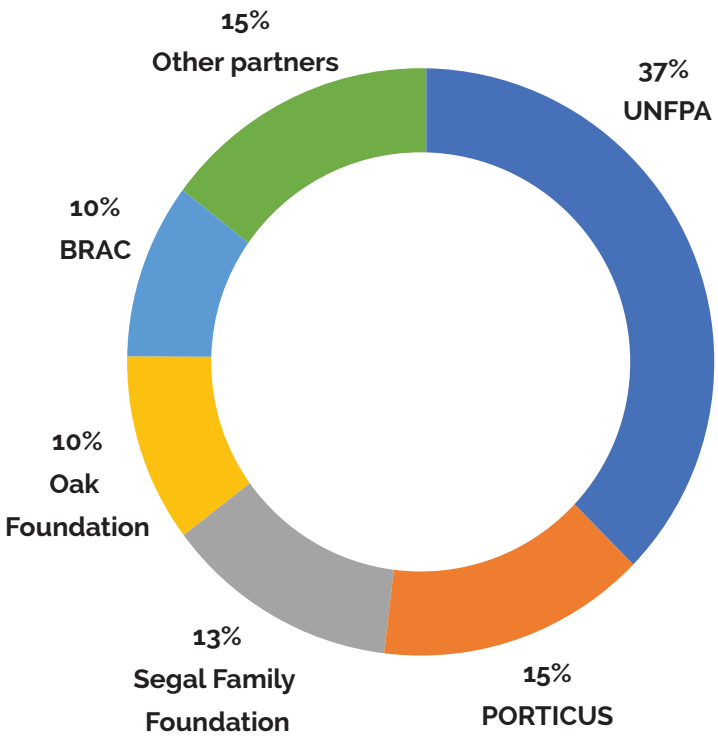
At the end of the campaign, our CHL counselor asked Amne to stay behind and asked her if she was willing to tell her story, with little hesitation the young girl agreed. The counselor assured her that what they would talk about would remain private until she was ready to publicly speak about it.

Amne stated that when she was 9 years old, she was living with her mother and stepfather. Amne's mother usually went out to look for firewood in the forest to sell and when she was away, her stepfather would call her into his room, undress her, and start playing with her body. He did this several times and threatened to kill her if she dared to tell her mother or anyone else. In fear, Amne did not tell anyone. The abuse continued and escalated to repetitive rape and Amne suffered this torture up until she got the courage and decided that enough was enough. Amne sought out a friendly woman who lived nearby her house and told her everything that her stepfather had done to her. The woman was appalled and immediately reached out to Amne's mother, sat her down, and told her what her daughter had endured. Distraught that her daughter had suffered at the hands of a man she trusted under her roof, she went to the police and reported him. He was charged and convicted as a child sex offender and is now serving his sentence in prison

The counselor praised Amne's bravery and resilience and assured her that when she was ready, we would help her tell her story to help other young girls and boys not be afraid to speak out when subjected to violence and abuse. Amne's dream is to become a lawyer to fight for children's rights and to help other young girls and boys who face acts of sexual abuse.

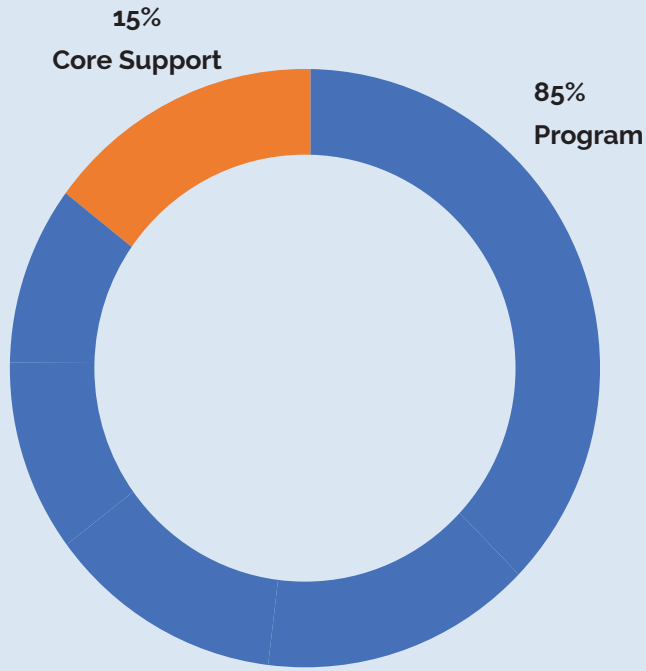
# FINANCIALS

Grants recieved in 2021 were 931,661,847/=




Fg 2: Grants recieved in 2021 in percentage

How grants were spent




Fg 3: How grants were spent

# C-SEMA 2021