

# *The Community Voice*



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# 2020 Highlights of our CC Stories

- The period January to June 2020 saw a stalemate in CC activities at due to the Covid 19 pandemic which caused. The stories covered the following areas:
- The Jan to June quarter was marked by celebration of International Women's Day, under the theme: **"I am Generation : Realizing Women's Rights"**
- Ccs that participated were, in Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, Kenya and South Sudan: Friends of Community Health (FCOH) and Latter Glory of Religions in Busoga continuing with addressing VE radicalization,
- In Rwanda, The Reseau Culturel SANGWA CC had moments with a small group of community members, and in Burundi, Women of Peace and Advocacy in Burundi had time to celebrate women from all walks of life and amplify their positions in all circles.

In Kenya, Undugu Family of Hope took to the creativity of sports to engage the girl child into keeping fit to for healthy lives, and **Wipe my Tears Foundation** in South Sudan took to the campaign for implementation of **35% Affirmative Action for Peace and Development"**.



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**Our CCs made relevance during the Covid 19 Pandemic:**

**In Uganda, Restoring and Empowering Communities (REC)** used different strategies including the use of the social media, community outreach to offer services like tele-counselling, social media parenting tips, sharing, reach out phone calls, sms and referral. **Prometra Uganda** made visits to the prisons and supplied food stuff as well as planting trees to protecting nature **Undugu Family of Hope** based in the Kibera slums of Kenya has always been instrumental in the lives of children and families living in the slums. Their big hearts was also witnessed during the Covid 19 lockdown where they have created awareness about the Corona virus, its mode of transmission and prevention through face book live shows. **Fire Women Association** in Bukavu-DRC has also stepped up their efforts in supporting families and communities affected by Covid 19 by supplying them with food relief, masks and other essential items.



# 2020 Highlights of our CC Stories

- ❑ Restoring & Empowering Communities (REC) contribution in the fight against Covid 19
  - ❑ Peace and Action Worldwide
  - ❑ Undugu Family of Hope's Peace Day Celebrations
- ❑ IDEA Rwanda's Efforts in Combating Covid 19
- ❑ CACOPA's story on Women's Rights in the face of African customs.
- ❑ Rural Development Ministries (RUDEMI) CC in Kenya braced for peace during Covid 19.
  - ❑ Mother Earth Network CC-Kenya in an environmental campaign in the wake of Covid 19.

- ❑ Golden Women Vision in Uganda managing Covid 19 economically.
- ❑ Karambi Group of People with Disabilities social empowerment actions.
- ❑ Interfaith Youth for Change in Burundi mentoring young peace builders.
- ❑ Welcome to our New members to the URI-GL r network
- ❑ We have had 2 CCs joining the URI Great Lakes Network; Morogoro Saving the Poor Organization (MOSAPORG) and Pink Hijab Initiatives both from Tanzania.
- ❑ We were also joined by a new contact person for Kenya, Edward Amaya and he is already connecting with our membership in Kenya.

# IDEA Rwanda helping People to become Friends with Nature



For years now, Initiative for Development and Environment Awareness (IDEA-Rwanda) is gradually building a mark in creating safe and environmentally friendly communities working with both young and old people to connect them with their nature, a resolve that ensures a collective effort for everyone.

This time, after the approvals from Gishwati Mukura National park approved with UNESCO, IDEA Rwanda started to support the surrounding community of this park in this case to resolving conflict between people and Nature. With 13.000.000 Rwf from RDB, they were able to support these local people to have sustainable environmental and Conservation awareness. In the pictures, “We are building Furnace which will be used as a cooking stove to reduce the harsh human activities like people who fire woods from the forest. The project will benefit more than 100 lives near this forest, who will now have a modern kitchen to also help in the reduction of carbondioxide.

Shared by Patience Sumbusho

Biodiversity  
Green Food  
Nutrition Fruits  
Trees



1 Episode

**It's all about  
Connect Children  
with nature**

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*Gishwati Mukura national park  
Community project*



# Welcoming Pink Hijab Initiatives to the URI Network



INEQUALITIES AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN TANZANIA

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS SYMPOSIUM ON INEQUALITIES

Pink Hijab Initiatives Tanzania, is nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to inspire, educate, encourage and increase awareness to women in respect of their rights and responsibilities economically, politically and socially in various sectors in Tanzania. It began in 2016, with a mandate to empower youth Muslims through constructive engagement and participation in capacity building, networking dialogue, research and communication, health related programs, information sharing and advocacy. **Some of its innovative activities include:**

- **Hijab Campaign** (Better Awareness, Great Understanding -Tuwavishe): Ambassador (World Hijab Day) The purpose of World Hijab Day annual event on February 1st of every year is to openly invite women of all faiths to don the hijab for a day to bring awareness about the hijab in order to normalize the head-coverings of Muslim women. A Programme which aims to fight discrimination against Muslim women through awareness and education. In many cases, women with hijab have to choose between their livelihood and their hijab.

- **Save A Girl Child Donate A Pad**

Pink Hijab runs a campaign to collect sanitary pads for vulnerable young girls across the country. We raise 3000 packs of Sanitary Pads to support the underprivileged girls in various religion of Dar es Salaam (Upcountry) so far we have covered, Tunduru, Mkuranga, Chalinze, Handeni. WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP? It is time to prioritize women's health. Let us rise and create awareness by talking, educating , campaigning, donating and ensuring proper menstrual hygiene management to keep our girls in school , improve our business and economy sectors as well

- **Gala Marriage**

Education program in promoting access to quality and health long lasting marriage which helps couples to enhance their strengths, clarify expectations, identify areas for change, learn and practice communication and conflict resolution skills, and religious practice.

Pink Hijab is open to share its experiences and also learn from members within the global URI community.

# Celebrating an award within Network

- ❑ Our own son of the soil, Masumbuko Charles wins an International Human Rights Defenders Impact Award by United Nations. He is the first to ever six winners in Uganda to receive this noble award. Congratulations to him and bravo to the works of AFODE, Uganda

With support from Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) ,AFODE in collaboration with National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders works to provide rapid and emergency response support to HRDs within its membership. We also enable embattled HRDs to access legal, medical and psychosocial services. The overall objective of the program is to improve the protection, safety and security of people involved in human rights works both at an Individual and organizational level.

AFODE under this component is building a strong referral network for HRDs to streamline coordination and improve service provision to Human Rights Defenders at risk. In partnership with other key stakeholders AFODE works towards strengthening referral systems in the country for improved services and response to Human Rights Defenders cases. AFODE through this referral network works to foster collaboration and establish a strong referral network coordinated by National Coalition for Human rights Defenders between service providers in various areas.

AFODE acts as the referral and coordinating organization for all organizations involved in human rights work in the Rwenzori region and conducts this after a risk assessment and recommends for further support to the coalition at country level for immediate funding/support depending on the approved needs especially while at work or in the field.