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Women Rights in Tanzania

A JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN WAWATA AND JUWAKITA IN DAR ES SALAAM



Participants during the discussion

On 19th and 20th of October 2019, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) held a workshop with the Catholic Women of Tanzania (WAWATA) and the Association of Muslim Women (JUWAKITA) on the Rights of Women. 80 Women from all over Tanzania participated. This Joint workshop was a continuity of two separate workshops that took place in the year 2018.

The Event started with an introduction from WAWATA and JUWAKITA. All participants introduced themselves shortly. Afterwards Daniel El-Noshokaty the country director of KAS Tanzania opened the workshop by welcoming the Participants. He emphasized that the women should use this opportunity to discuss the challenges women face in this country and how to overcome them.

Shamim Khan, the Chairwomen of JUWAKITA as well as Judith Mndolwa Chairwoman of WAWATA Ubungo Denary, spoke during the opening session underscoring the importance of empowering women through education and information sharing in order to stand for their rights. They both stated how important it is to know your Rights and furthermore be able to take this knowledge to the upcountry.

Before the first presentation Jane Mbeba, Program officer of KAS Tanzania informed the participants that there will be a leaflet designed afterwards with the outcome of the workshop. After that she conducted an introduction game that concentrated on the similarities of women rather than the religious differences. The Exercise also helped the participants to get to know each other.

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Group picture (from left to right) Jane Mbeba (KAS), Judith Mndolwa (WAWATA), Daniel El-Noshokaty (KAS), Shamim Khan (JUWAKITA), Mwamtumu Malale (JUWAKITA), Anna Kulaya (WILDAF) und Agnes Olomi (Moderator) as well as some participants.

The first presentation that followed was done by Anna Meela Kulaya from Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF) on "How to overcome the challenges woman face in Womens Rights". Mrs. Kulaya gave the participants an overview on when Rights. Much as women rights are well articulated in the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania (1977) and other policy documents, women in Tanzania still suffer abuse partly because they lack awareness and the courage to counter such abuse. Women face many challenges like the lack of economic opportunities, male dominated society or the lack of political space for women. Next to education, knowledge about women Rights, the proper usage of mass media and economic freedom can help overcoming these challenges.



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Second Presenter Zuweina Farah

The second presentation was done by Zuweina Farah, Entrepreneur and founder on "How to share knowledge in the Com-

munities and Creating an Action Plan". In order to be able to change the situation, women leaders should be on the forefront to plan and share knowledge in their communities. Before implementing a plan a clear Idea of what to share and knowledge of the target group is needed. By forming a diverse committee, the outcome and ideas will be multi-faced.

On the Second day the participants had time during the groupwork to work on practical results on how to overcome the challenges and created an action plan. Two groups worked on the same topic which later provided wider ideas and thoughts. The participants shared their groupwork by moving from one group to the other and looking at their results. Afterwards a summary of the results was done in the plenary.

At the end the participant's expressed their appreciation towards the opportunity to gain and exchange knowledge in this joint workshop of Christian and Muslim women. They are highly motivated to go share their knowledge with the help of the leaflet.