

**RESPONSE TO UN QUESTIONNAIRE TO  
GOVERNMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION**

Part One

**OVERVIEW OF TRENDS IN ACHIEVING GENDER  
AND WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENTS**

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania reaffirms its commitment to the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Soon after the Beijing Conference, the Government of Tanzania developed and adopted an action plan within the National Sub-Plan for women and Gender Advancement.

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sectors with substantial achievements in mainstreaming

mainstreaming as required.

The Constitution guarantees 15% of all seats in Parliament

since 1995. It is being reviewed and different women forums

There is also a Women Parliamentary Pressure Group

for integration of issues of concern to women in the legislative processes

considerable attention to gender equality and

women since 1995. The Government works

and a policy on NGOs is being developed.

including the Women Media Association and the Women

Lawyers Association of Tanzania. These are just two among

issues than before and is more supportive of women

advancement than before.

- The global changes have had negative effects on women.

Retrenchments from the Civil Service had made women

redundant without preparations prior to the lay offs. The foreign

debt repayment has totally disrupted social services and

markets have made women work harder with lesser

at the same time they have been forced to pay

which previously were being subsidised by the

The global financial crisis has had impact on the level of food and nutrition in families and therefore affecting women and girls

in the country.



Part Two

**FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES**

Women Affairs and Children has financing women in the country.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Ministry of Community Development introduced special mechanism

ent Fund (WDF) in the Ministry of

There is a Women

airs and Children which is totally

Community Development

ished in

under the Treasury every year. The fund was

more funds

1994 was further strengthened after Beijing (1995)

in urban

on credit terms to small groups of women and girls

and village levels. The loans are payable with salaries

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There is also another fund for women under

n Affairs and

institution in the Ministry of Community Development

n. This facility known as Credit for Women (CREW - Tanzania), is

and non-

funds for women funded by both the government

include the

governmental organisations. Some of these

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Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund and P

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Income generation programme, Care Tanzania

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Ministry to sectoral Ministries

and International Relations

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multiparty democracy in Tanzania created  
or the established of civil organisations.  
NGOs have been established by women  
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### Part Three

### IMPLEMENTATION BEIJING PLATFORM

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that both men and women work together for their own d  
However emphasis is on women considering that they h  
as producers and reproducers.

The constitution provides for a 15% share as a g

- women representation in Parliament and Tanzania Parli
- women. It is under review and there are demands from

already that the guarantee be raised to 50% and be state ratified new  
constitution. No other group has challenged this proposal so far.

The position of women in leadership has also increased. There are

more women in local councils now than before 1995, there are more  
women District Commissioners now in Tanzania than before 1995, and

even at both regional and national levels the number of women leaders has increased since Beijing. No doubt the government intends to include more women in senior positions. There is a project under British Council and local NGOs to spearhead this commitment.

There are other projects including the project on Strengthening

of discriminatory customary practices (e.g. FGM and Early marriage) and the Law Reform Commission to review existing laws that contain provisions which discriminate against women in Tanzania.

### B. Obstacles encountered

Implementation of national plans of action is scheduled need resources both human

The main obstacle is limited resources (material and financial)

spread under the four critical areas of

The list of areas

resources are meagre and donor

concern to Tanzania. Govt

effort is consuming about 40% of

support has ordered critical

curtailing good plans of government to improve

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Platform for Action and the National Sub

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Programme for the women and Gender Advancement

The government of Tanzania is reviewing the Constitution and women have been active in proposing those crucial areas of concern that they want to be included in the new constitution. The process is still continuing and it is the hope of the government that the new constitution will contain provisions that are gender sensitive, giving women more opportunities to participate in the public life of the society.

Other laws which are currently being reviewed include the Law of Marriage Act of 1971 and others with the view to reformation to eradicate discrimination. As the government and coalition members improve the education and capacity for women more women will be promoted to higher levels in politics and administrative positions.

What is of crucial importance also is to follow-up the implementation of agreed critical issues in a vast country like Tanzania given the meagre resources in government budget.

Further actions and initiatives to be taken would include campaigns throughout the country on the revised and/or amended or newly enacted laws and other opportunities for women. Strengthen co-ordination of flow

information throughout the country to monitor implementation of laws  
and to resist discrimination and violence against women. These actions would

provide the Government with a better platform for advocacy and remedial

measures to promote women's advancement and equality for women in the

country currently under review.

and to ensure that the

democracy in the country.







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