

# WGNRR Africa's Factsheet

## who we are

A grassroots-led feminist network that promotes and supports grassroots initiatives to advance Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and strengthen movements of activists and advocates of gender, rights and justice. We ensure that women and girls in their diversity make informed and autonomous decisions about their bodies and lives.

## Our Vision



An Africa where all people can fulfil their sexual and reproductive rights. We work within the rights, justice, and feminist frameworks.

## Our Mission



Through critical analysis and strategic actions, WGNRR Africa connects partners, allies and SRHR stakeholders; strengthen their capacities; organize advocacy and campaign actions on feminist, SRHR, and justice issues; and share resources



## Our History

The Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Africa (WGNRR Africa) grew from a mere regional office of the WGNRR Foundation to a well-established Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) currently headquartered in the city of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania after gaining its own legal entity status in 2016. We are a regional affiliate of WGNRR Foundation and are wholly committed to its vision, goals, and values.

This transition ignited as a response to the autonomy need expressed by the African WGNRR's constituency in advancing women's reproductive rights and justice from an African perspective and context, and for a stronger coordination of their actions at local, national and regional levels. We operate semi-autonomously in the Africa region while maintaining some level of governance and management accountability to WGNRR Foundation.

# Our Values

We are focused on our partners and allies, inclusive and accountable in all that we do. We are committed to equality for all genders and value diversity.

## What we want

- ✓ Sexual and reproductive rights are respected and fulfilled as universal and indivisible human rights for ALL;
- ✓ We all have the social, political and economic power and resources to make autonomous decisions about our gender, sexuality and whether, when and how many children we have;
- ✓ No more unwanted pregnancy, no more unsafe/forced/coerced abortion and sterilization, and no more preventable maternal death.
- ✓ No more stigma and discrimination towards those who decide to use contraceptives, seek safe and legal termination of pregnancy and post-abortion care, and those who support them.
- ✓ There is an end to abstinence only programming and other harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, child marriage and sextortion.
- ✓ SRHR services and Comprehensive Sexuality Education are provided with full and sustained support of governments so that they become accessible, available, affordable and of quality in all our communities.

## Theory of Change

Our Theory of Change hinges on four levers: 1) Partners and Allies Capacity; 2) Regional Collaboration; 3) Grassroots Movement; 4) Institutional Governance. It focuses on ensuring effective advocacy in the African region via cross-movement and cross-national collaboration and learning. It seeks to increase dialogue among partners, allies and stakeholders on SRHR challenges and provide solutions, while also consolidating the experiences, lessons, practices and gains for shared learning. It is rooted in the belief that advancing SRHR demands collaborative, all inclusive and skilful action.

# Our Strategies

## Capacity Building

We build capacity of our partners to advocate for SRHR and justice within their contexts and other advocacies.

We do this through skills building and learning sessions, VCAT and other stigma reduction workshops, and forums



## SRHR Advocacy

WGNRR Africa works with grassroots partners in the SRHR and the broad justice movements for effective advocacy to hold duty bearers accountable to their regional and global commitments and human rights obligations.



## Campaign & Comms

WGNRR Africa facilitates collaborative grassroots efforts, foster strategic partnerships, and nurture cross-movement solidarity to advance shared goals. We Mobilize campaigns around key days of action such as May 28th - International Day of Action for Women's Health, and September 28th – International Safe Abortion Day, March 8, e.t.c



**+30 million**  
reach  
on social media at  
every campaign

**+800**  
organizations  
mobilized on days  
of action

**+85**  
countries  
with reported  
actions and  
commemorations