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Net-Insights:

January - March 2022 Newsletter

By Zaina Foundation

Zaina Foundation in Brief

Zaina Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2017 and registered under the NGO's Act of 2002 with the aim of promoting digital rights in Tanzania.

Vision

Promote Digital Rights in Tanzania through advocacy on affordability and accessibility of the internet, digital security and privacy capacity building, workshops and convene.

Mission

Continuously aid women who are Journalists, Human Rights Defenders, Technologists, Lawyers, and Students, to permanently improve the way they protect and access their information online.

Objectives

1. To promote Digital Rights and inclusion in Tanzania
2. To advocate for affordability and accessibility of the internet and Digital Security Awareness to women in Tanzania.
3. To localize digital tools and Contents into the Swahili language.
4. To empower women with 21st Century Skills.

Projects

1. Digital Safety Training for women journalists in Tanzania
2. Monitoring Internet Shutdowns in Tanzania (Measure, Document and Advocate)
3. The NetRights Forum (NF) is a multi-stakeholder annual forum for Digital Rights Discussion and Internet governance in Tanzania. The forum powered by Zaina Foundation brings together all stakeholders from government, private sector, technical community, academia, and civil society to train and discuss Internet governance issues on an equal footing through an open and inclusive process. This Forum is held the last week of September each year.
4. Digital Literacy Training for young women and marginalized rural women in Tanzania.
5. Localization and Translation of open-source tools to swahili language.
6. Digital Rights Coalition (DRC) Is a coalition of Internet freedom organizations and activists sharing knowledge and experiences towards combating threats to digital rights in Tanzania including policy reform. UX project (Tool's testing and feedback collection then share with developers for improvement and make tools friendlier with users.



The Internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow.



BRIEF

This newsletter represents Zaina Foundation's interventions and advocacy between January and March 2022. We continue to educate women journalists about digital safety, advocate for policy reform, and report on digital rights violations in Tanzania. We began implementing a digital literacy project for marginalized women in Tanzania in March 2022.

During the period of January -March 2022, Zaina Foundation has done below activities:



“ **We stand for a free and open internet.** ”

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| EXPRESSION | | Don't censor the internet |
| ACCESS | | Promote universal access to fast and affordable networks |
| OPENNESS | | Keep the internet an open network where everyone is free to connect, communicate, write, read, watch, speak, listen, learn, create & innovate. |
| INNOVATION | | Protect the freedom to innovate and create without permission. Don't block new technologies and don't punish innovators for their users' actions. |
| PRIVACY | | Protect privacy and defend everyone's ability to control how their data and devices are used. |



DRL Policy Shaping workshop

The workshop was held in Tanzania for CSOs, media, lawyers, academics, and activists (HRDs). The goal of this workshop was to increase digital rights awareness among stakeholders and advocate for policy changes related to Internet Freedom in Tanzania. This workshop lasted four days and was held at the Hyatt Regency (The Kilimanjaro Hotel) in Dar es Salaam. More information about this event can be found [Click here to read more](#)

 PARADIGM INITIATIVE

Supported By: 

DRL Civil Society Policy Shaping Workshop

 Monday, 7th - Thursday, 10th February, 2022

 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | 9am-5pm GMT +3

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Digital Awareness Training for Women Journalists in Dar es salaam

This was a two-day workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, for women who work in various media houses in Dar es Salaam. They were trained in digital safety and tool use. The goal of this training is to provide women journalists with a safe environment in which to send and receive data from various sources.



Digi-Talks Event in Dar es salaam Tanzania

Paradigm Initiative (PIN) documented the 2020 digital rights and inclusion violations highlighted milestones and made recommendations for improving the digital landscape in Africa in Londa: Digital Rights and Inclusion in Africa Report. The publication, comprising 20 African country reports including Tanzania, was launched on 12 April 2021 and is PIN's Digital Rights and Inclusion in Africa report which captures digital rights and inclusion infractions in Africa. Out of this, a script for the short film was developed from the Londa report and sought to give a visual representation of the digital rights challenges witnessed in 2020. Further, PIN also contacted its Tanzanian partner, the Zaina Foundation, to co-organize the Digi-Talks event. A total of 37 people attended the event (25 women and 12 men) who hail from Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Morogoro, Geita, and Tanga. This one-day event was held at the Ramada Resort in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to discuss the findings of the Londa 2020 report, partly watch and discuss the Focus film, and discuss the Internet and its numerous benefits in Tanzania. [Click here to read more](#)



Super Woman Award 2022

Our Executive Director, Zaituni Njovu, was awarded as the 2022 Outstanding "Superwoman" for her contributions to digital inclusion and closing the gender digital divide in Tanzania. This occurred at the Mlimani City Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam during a commemoration of International Women's Day organized by Wasafi Media in collaboration with Mwanamke na Uongozi. Honorable Dr. Tulia Akson, the current speaker of Tanzania's parliament, was the guest of honor at this event. [Click here to read more](#)



In honor of International Women's Day 2022, the Zaina

Foundation, in collaboration with Internews, hosted a round table discussion. 30 female journalists took part in this Zoom meeting, and the Zaina Foundation shared information about online gender-based violence (OGBV) in Tanzania.

Digital Safety Training for Women Journalists in Arusha

The workshop was about Digital safety training for women journalists which was held in Arusha Tanzania at Gran Melia. It included a total of 16 women journalists who were convened to learn about the skills that one needs to have and work in a society where communication and access to information are increasingly done through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices. The training was positioned at the confluence of digital safety, internet freedom, and human rights as fundamental freedoms in Tanzania's legal and political context.

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