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CCR Project Overview

The CCR operates three distinct projects, which are at various stages of development. Currently, Oak Foundation is funding the 50% Campaign and institutional development of the CCR, and we are finalizing the terms of a partnership with Save the Children in Tanzania for support to match that of Oak.

The 50% Campaign to protect children

Is an unprecedented effort to spark national awareness that Tanzania's future depends on the treatment of its children today, and as such there is an immediate need for legal reform, juvenile justice and child rights. The Campaign strives to effect a transformation in how we live with our children and protect them from violence and marginalization. 50% raises popular awareness about Tanzania's startling population demographic and its implications for the way we treat children. This is "Strategy 1" where we tackle child protection from a cultural and sociological perspective – Challenging popular perspectives and attitudes towards the rights of children in such a way that children are treated as the holders of rights; active citizens rather than passive victims, and the key to development. Secondly 50% is calling for legal reform so that Tanzania adheres to international standards for child rights and protection. Using "Strategy 2" 50% tackles child protection from a political and legal perspective. 50% is campaigning for a Children's Act that domesticates the UNCRC in law in the Tanzanian mainland. We have also been engaging in strategic litigation in the Tanzanian High Court for the Repeal of the Removal of Undesirable Persons Act, as unconstitutional. This outdated and colonial law has been the legal justification used by Municipal Authorities for rounding-up street children.

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Piloting a child protection system in Arusha

This project is in the early inception phase. CCR is currently seeking buy-in from statutory, civil society and corporate agencies to the idea of developing coherent and systematic mechanisms in Arusha that respond to children who have been abused or are in contact / conflict with the law. The project is conceptualized in two key phases; the first runs from 2009-2010 and aims to gain commitment from key stakeholders (police, hospital, lawyers) to participate in developing a Child protection system. During this phase CCR members participate in exchange visits with other East African agencies to learn from and strategize on how to roll out CP systems in Arusha. The second phase of the project will run from 2011-2016 and will involve the CCR rolling-out an integrated child protection model in Arusha, replicating and scaling up child protection models that have been effective in East and Southern Africa. What this will mean is that the resources, procedures and personnel in place in Arusha to respond to children who have witnessed or been victims of violence or neglect or who have come into contact with the law.



Half of Tanzania's population is under the age of 18. The FUTURE is NOW.
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Institutional strengthening of the CCR and its members

This involves laying the foundations, systems and commitment amongst members so that the CCR delivers on its mission to replicate good practice, share learning and to speak with one voice; ultimately engaging communities and leaders to uphold the best interests of children and young people in Tanzania.

In 2009 the focus is on registering the CCR as an NGO with its own identity, board and objectives; distinct from that of the original founding member organizations. Secondly we are establishing the necessary finance, HR, monitoring and learning systems and policies for our governance and human resources. Thirdly, we are reaching out to new members who add value to the CCR, promoting the CCR as a network and member organization and building credibility. Towards the end of 2009 we plan to start recruiting staff and scaling up our programming. We anticipate that by the middle of 2010 the CCR will be able to effectively coordinate, fundraise and provide reporting support through a small coordination office, whilst maintaining its responsiveness to the situation of children and its members' needs. In this way we plan to always ensure that CCR behaves with integrity as a network that truly represents a constituency of children and people who strive for their best interests.