

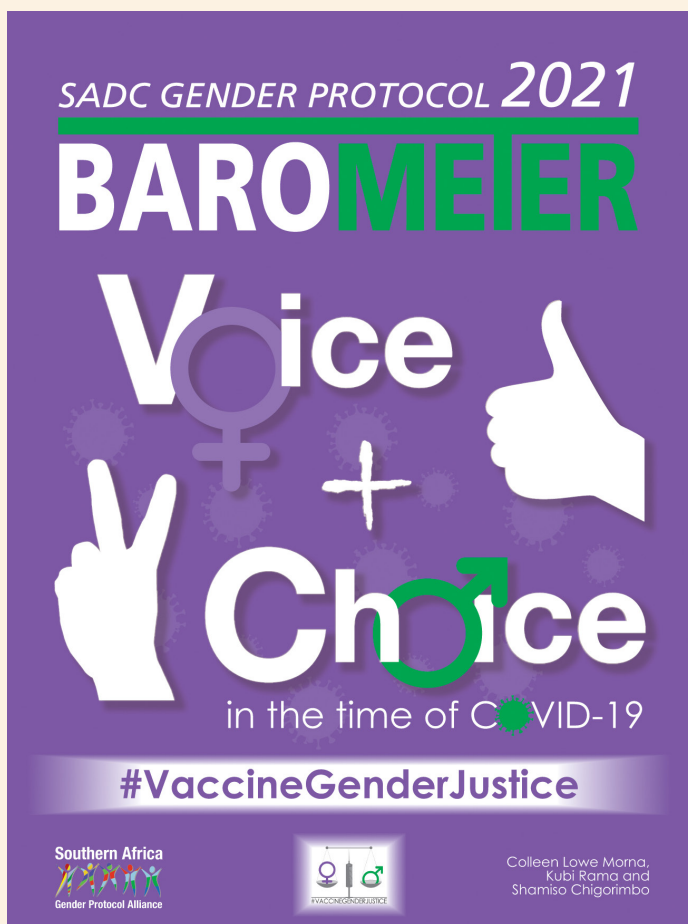
STOP CHILD MARRIAGES TO SAVE GIRLS' LIVES

Tanzania Gender Links Alliance

members hereby condemn the brutal murder of Mbaruku Juakali, a 17-year-old Tanzanian girl who suffered a fatal beating from her father on 12th November 2021, following her refusal of a forced marriage.

According to Save the Children's 2021 Analysis on Child Marriage, it is estimated that 22,000 child marriage-related deaths are reported globally each year, whereby West and Central Africa account for about 9,600 deaths per year, which is 26 deaths of young girls each day due to child marriages.

in the region. However, reports still show very low progress in the implementation of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights issues. According to Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (TDHS) 2015/2016, there is a 5% increase in the marriage of adolescent girls between the age of 15 -19 since 2010, whereby 1 out of 3 women in Tanzania get married before their 18th birthday. This has led to the violation of human rights, mental and physical health implications, limited access to education and economic opportunities, Gender-based Violence, and general implications on development issues.



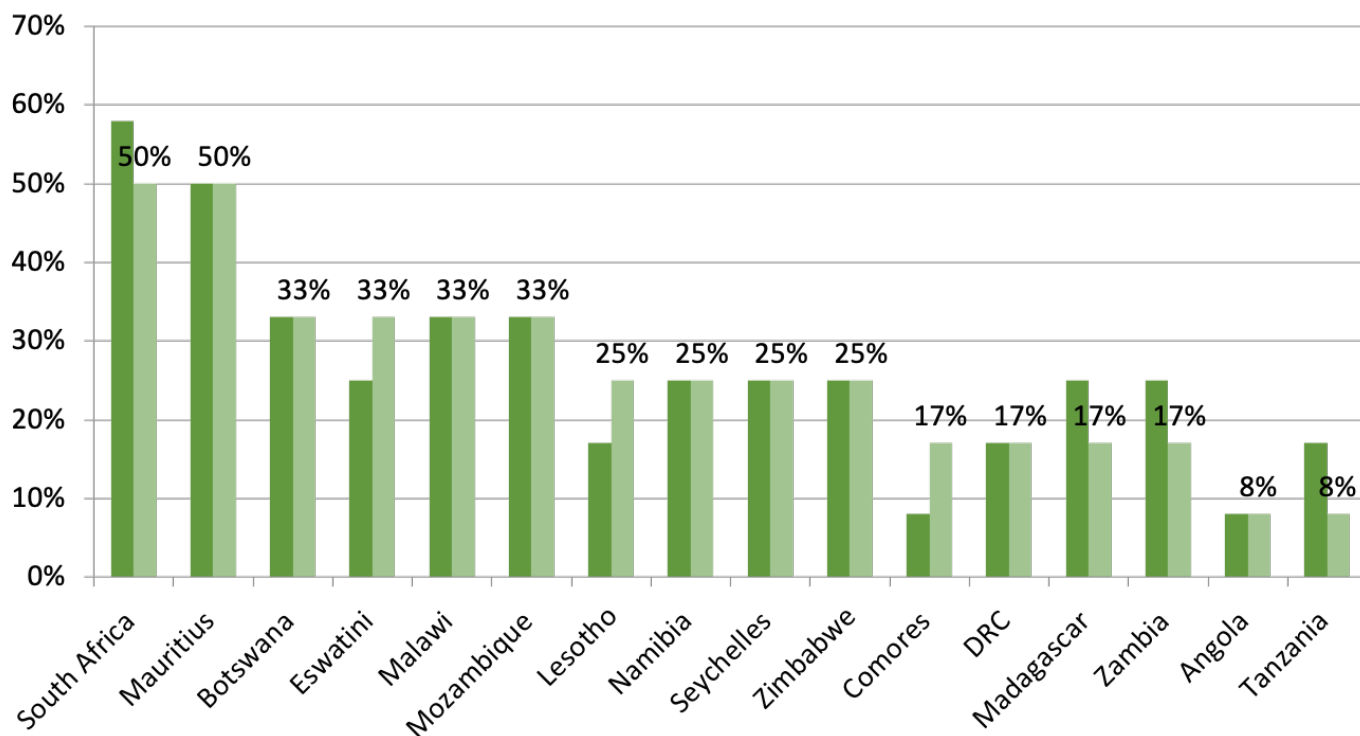
Since 2008, Tanzania has been a member of the SADC Gender Protocol that aims to advance gender equality and equity

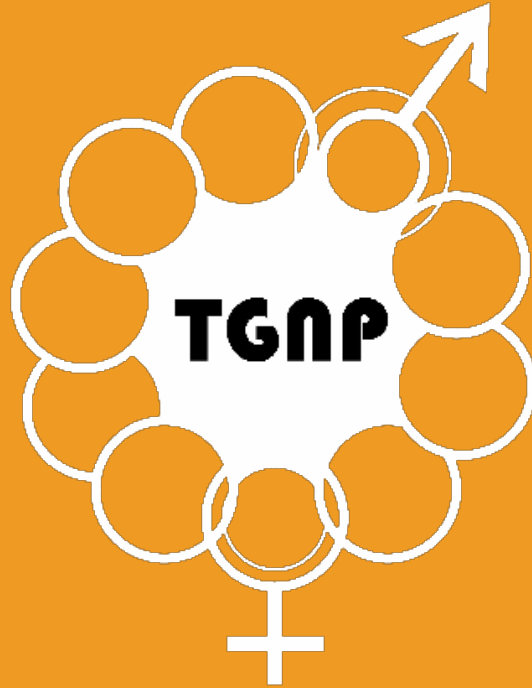
Moreover, in the 13th edition of the SADC Gender Barometer, launched on 13th November 2021, Tanzania came out last out of 16 evaluated SADC countries, in implementation of the agreed gender equality issues, with Tanzania having the lowest recorded progress, especially in harmonization and enforcement of policies to guide gender equality and women and girls' empowerment initiatives in the country.

It is under this regard that the Tanzanian Gender Links Alliance members are calling for collective action from all individuals, Community Groups, Women's Rights Organizations, the Government of Tanzania, and the nation at large, to raise our voices and take cooperative action against child marriage-related deaths and all forms of Gender-based Violence. Action must be taken NOW. All SADC Member States must be accountable for the sake of SADC girls -the future generations.

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