



Advocacy Tool Kit

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO TANZANIA BY THEME AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW USE THEM

Theme 1:

National Human Rights Action Plans

Specific Recommendation:

Government should implement the national action plan for persons with albinism, which has been pending since 2020.

How you can use it:

1. Engage with government offices in charge of disability matters about why it's important to adopt and implement the national action plan on albinism.
2. Involve Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), International Non-Governmental Organizations, such as UN agencies engaged in the implementation of certain measures outlined in the national action plan.

Theme 2:

Legal and Institutional Reforms

Specific recommendation

Government should strengthen the legislative framework to combat violence against persons with albinism.

How you can use it:

1. Work with legal experts and advocacy professionals to draft a comprehensive policy proposal that outlines the legislative changes needed to combat violence against persons with albinism. Be specific about the changes you want to see and the reasons behind them. For instance, in **Malawi**, the albinism community worked with their human rights commission and the judiciary to increase sentences for crimes committed against people with albinism.

2. Reach out to government officials, particularly those responsible for legislation related to human rights, disability rights, and violence prevention. Schedule meetings, write letters, and use various forms of communication to present your policy proposal and the evidence supporting it.

3. Engage with government offices in charge of disability matters about why it's important to adopt and implement the national action plan on albinism.

Theme 3:

Equality and Non-discrimination

Specific Recommendation:

Government should continue efforts to support persons with albinism and combat all forms of discrimination against them

How you can use it:

1. Collaborate with governmental bodies responsible for public education to raise awareness within communities regarding albinism.

2. Enter partnerships with media organizations to enhance awareness campaigns about albinism.

3. Engage with government offices in charge of disability matters about why it's important to adopt and implement the national action plan on albinism.

Theme 4:

Human Trafficking and Contemporary forms of slavery

Specific Recommendation:

Government should implement specific measures, in close cooperation with civil society, aimed at tackling the human trafficking of persons with albinism

How you can use it:

1. Partner with the police and the courts to arrest and bring to justice those who are involved in trafficking people with albinism.

2. Engage with government offices in charge of disability matters about why it's important to adopt

and implement the national action plan on albinism.

Theme 5:

Human Rights and poverty

Specific Recommendation:

Government should ensure that persons with albinism benefit from programmes to combat poverty

How you can use it:

1. Collaborate with the government to conduct thorough needs assessments and surveys to understand the specific economic and social challenges faced by persons with albinism.
2. Engage the government to develop policies and programs that explicitly include persons with albinism as a vulnerable group within poverty alleviation efforts. Ensure that these policies are sensitive to their unique needs and challenges.

Theme 6:

Rights to Health

Specific Recommendation:

Government should prioritize expenditure on health, including specialized care and services for people with albinism

How you can use it:

1. Collaborate with the government via the Ministry of Health to supply sunscreen to individuals with albinism regularly.
2. Campaign to persuade the government to offer cost-free treatment for individuals with albinism affected by skin cancer, as well as to carry out routine skin screenings for those with albinism, particularly in remote regions.

Theme 7:

Liberty & security of the person

Specific Recommendation:

Government should intensify efforts to guarantee people with albinism full enjoyment of their rights and, in particular, the right to life

How you can use it:

1. Engage with government through the Legal Aid office to provide legal support to victims of rights

violations, including those related to threats against their right to life. Collaborate with legal experts and human rights lawyers to ensure justice is served.

2. Monitor and document cases of human rights abuses against people with albinism. Share these cases with international human rights bodies and the United Nations e.g., the Independent Expert on albinism, to apply international pressure on the government.

Theme 8:

Access to justice & remedy

Specific Recommendation:

Government should continue to strengthen policies and programmes aimed at improving access to justice and redress for violations of the rights of people in vulnerable situations, including people with albinism

How you can use it:

Schedule meetings with government representatives, including those from relevant ministries (e.g., justice, social welfare) to discuss the challenges faced by people with albinism and propose specific policy changes including the adoption of the National Action Plan on albinism.

Notes:

The government of Tanzania has accepted all the above recommendations

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