

Maximizing Youth Potential and Contribution: Incorporating Safe Spaces in Positive Youth Development

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Advancing solutions to improve young lives

- **YouthPower Learning** advances solutions through integrated research and development programs to improve the capacity of youth-led and youth-serving institutions.
- *By engaging youth, their families, communities, and governments in innovative programs, we build young people's skills, assets, and competencies; foster healthy relationships; strengthen the enabling environment; and transform systems.*

What is Positive Youth Development (PYD)?

PYD programs recognize youth's inherent rights and result in youth who have **assets**, the ability to leverage those assets (**agency**), and the ability to **contribute** to positive change for themselves and their communities, surrounded by an **enabling environment** that supports them

<http://www.youthpower.org/positive-youth-development>



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Supporting Positive Youth Development

- Sharing Resources, Events, Information, and What Works: Learning Hub YouthPower.org
- Identifying What Works
- Measuring PYD: Indicators
- Contributing to the PYD Learning Agenda
- Engaging with the Communities of Practice:
 - Youth in Peace and Security
 - Gender and PYD
 - Youth Engagement
 - Cross-Sectoral Skills for Youth



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Today's Speakers

- Michael McCabe, Agency Youth Coordinator, USAID
- Shikhar Yadav, YP
- Mostafa Wafa, Mish Madrasa
- Marie Louise Ocran, More to Life International
- Oroma Proscouvia Katrina, Michael Ochwo and Phoebe Mutonyi, Anyaka Makwiri
- Neema Meremo, Hope for Girls and Women Tanzania

Moderator:

- Chisina Kapungu, Community of Practice Champion, YouthPower Learning



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Shikhar Yadav

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What the hell
is water?

-

Shikhar Yadav
YP Foundation

“..the most obvious, ubiquitous,
important realities are often the
ones that are the hardest to see
and talk about.”

David Foster Wallace

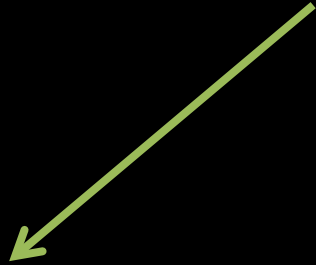
All spaces have **Right** answers.

You give the **Right** answers.

While

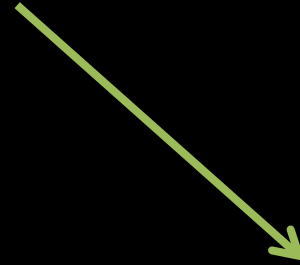
We ask all the Questions.

Safe



Safe from Judgment,
Rejection and Ridicule

Spaces



Faith and Trust
amongst the members

Embracing Questions

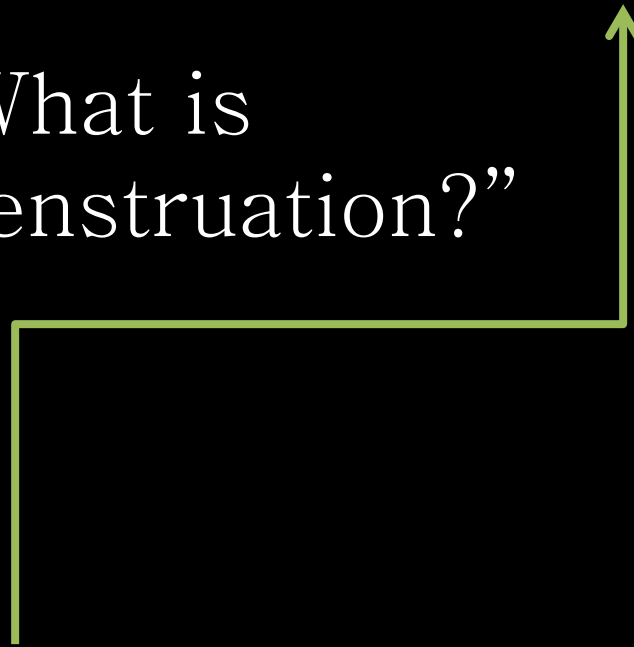


Nizamuddin Basti, New Delhi

Ideas of
Discrimination,
Violence,
Equality,
Masculinity

“What is
menstruation?”

“What is a
sanitary
napkin?”





A CSE session in progress.

Mostafa Wafa

Mish Madrasa



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www.mishmadrassa.com



A Safe Space in Saft El Laban



Within Saft El-Laban is an opportunity for local community to lead positive change.

We work every day, every week, every year with the youth to realize this goal.

Mish Madrasa, in Arabic, means Not a School”

WHEN WE BEGAN in Saft El-Laban

* Four students showed up the first day.

* 1:120 Student teacher ratio
in public schools.

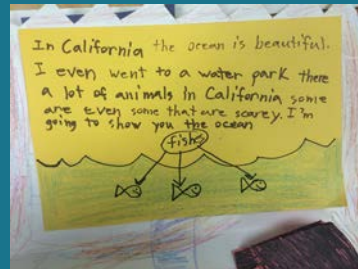
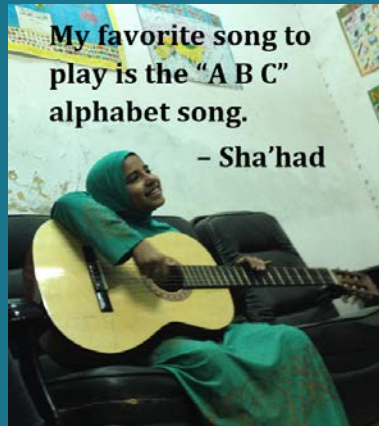
* 120 families in Saft El Laban surveyed
were looking for
alternative education options.

we then opened
AN ALTERNATIVE

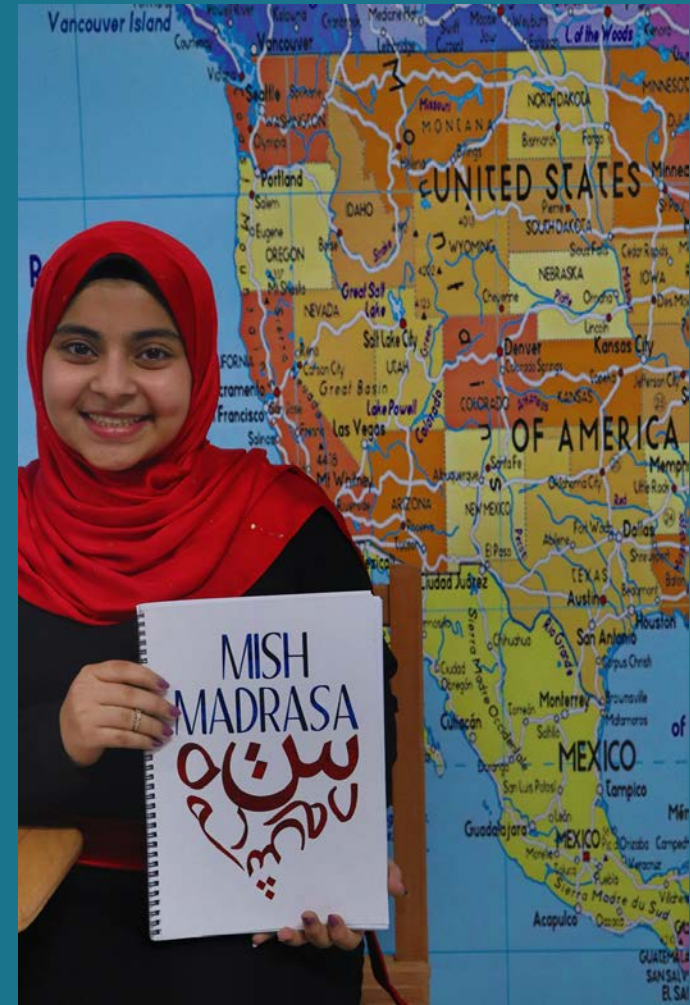
NOT JUST A SCHOOL



What makes Mish Madrasa safe for our students?



Results Today



2013

1st Class

2015

Coverage in Guardian; 500th Class

2017

U.S. Embassy Partnership
Interactive & Multi-Media Curriculum

2014

Growth & Retention

2016

Goethe Institut Partnership

2018

Five Year Anniversary

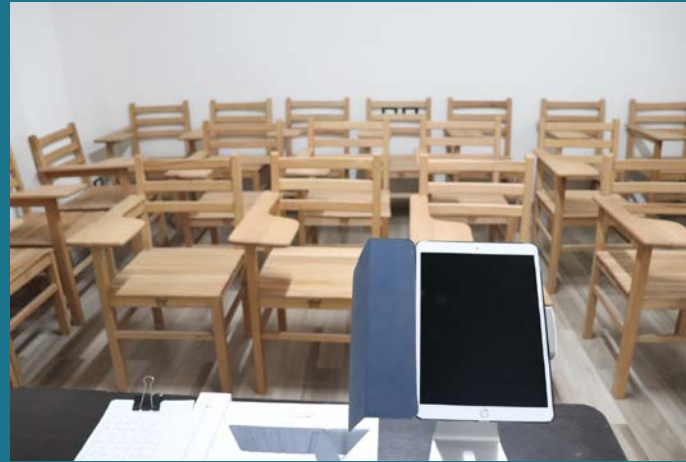
“Egypt's quiet classroom revolution brings fresh thinking to disadvantaged children.”

- Guardian Article about Mish Madrasa

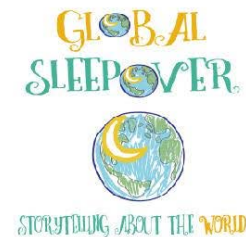
**The
Guardian**



Mish Madrasa Continues to be a Safe Space



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Free Your Mind

SAFE SPACES

M O R E T O L I F E O R G . C O M

A group of people are sitting in a circle in a room, engaged in a discussion or activity. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. The text "A safe space provides mental healthcare." is centered over the image.

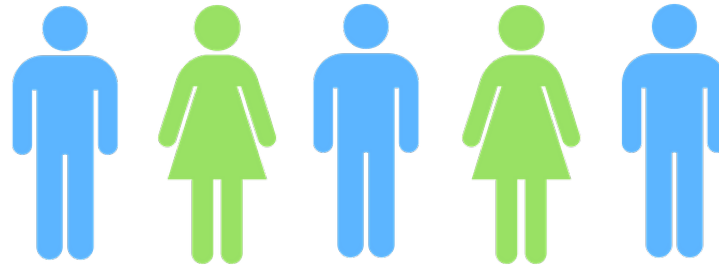
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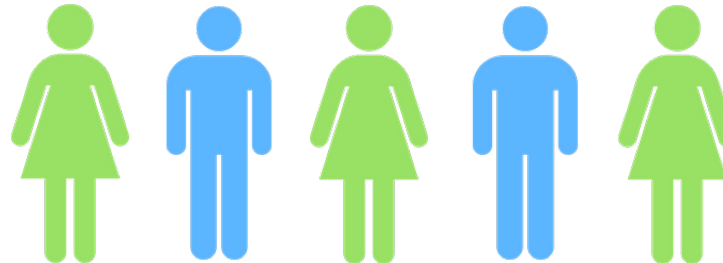
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Free Your Mind

1 out of 5

youth aged 13–18 experiences
a severe mental disorder at
some point during their life.



adults experience mental
illness in a given year.



Source: National Alliance On Mental Illness

A teal-tinted photograph of a group of people in a meeting. In the foreground, a woman with glasses and long dark hair is looking towards the camera. To her right, a person with their back to the camera is wearing a dark shirt with a white patch that says "WALBANTON". Further right, another woman with long dark hair is looking down. In the background, a man with a beard and a woman with long dark hair are visible. The text "If you feel unsafe in your mind, you will feel unsafe in your environment." is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

**If you feel unsafe in your
mind, you will feel unsafe in
your environment.**

mission

More To Life International
provides resources for people
to develop healthier minds..

vision

More To Life International
seeks to eradicate the stigma
that is on mental health.



F O C U S

- MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
- SUICIDE PREVENTION
- ANTI BULLYING
- THERAPY PROMOTION
- SELF ESTEEM BOOSTING



- WORKSHOPS
- ONLINE CAMPAIGNS
- ADVOCACY

300

and counting..

- AGES 12-22 YRS

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- ACCRA, GHANA
- BUFFALO, NY
- ALBANY, NY
- BRONX, NY

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ANYAKA MAKWIRI

YOUTHPOWER ACTION
MENTOR PROGRAM FOR
ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND
YOUNG WOMEN



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What is a safe space?

- ✓ A place that is physically and emotionally safe from harm
- ✓ A place to build friendships and supportive relationships
- ✓ A place where girls can access information and services



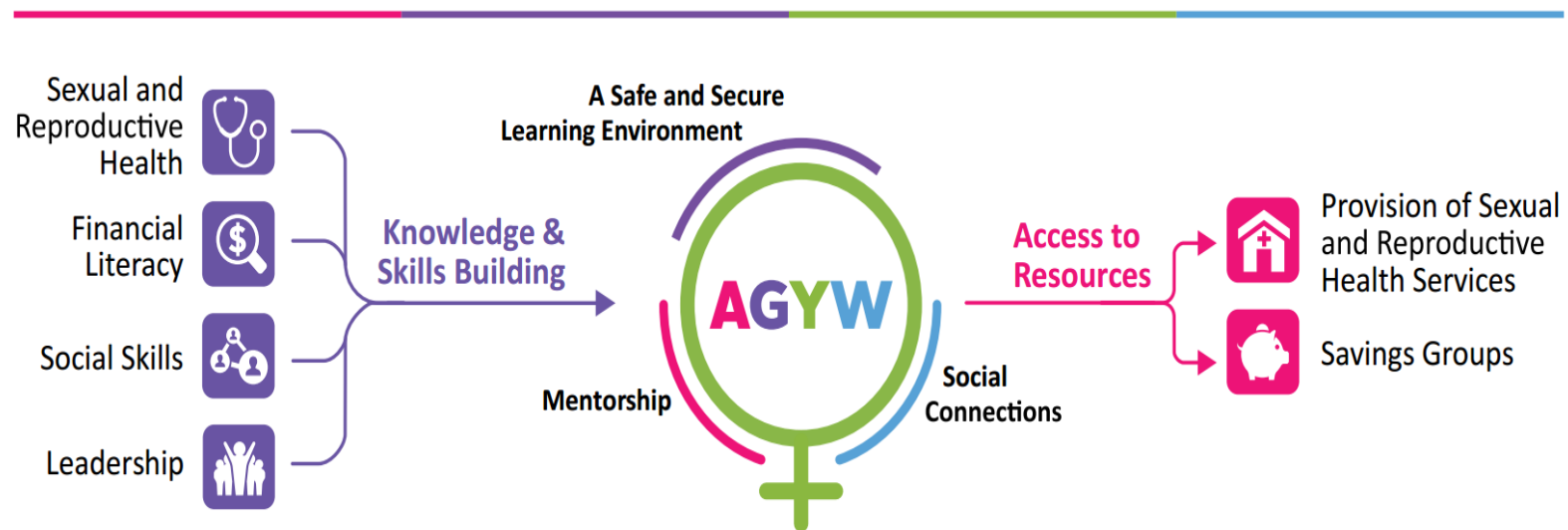
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The Anyaka Makwiri Model



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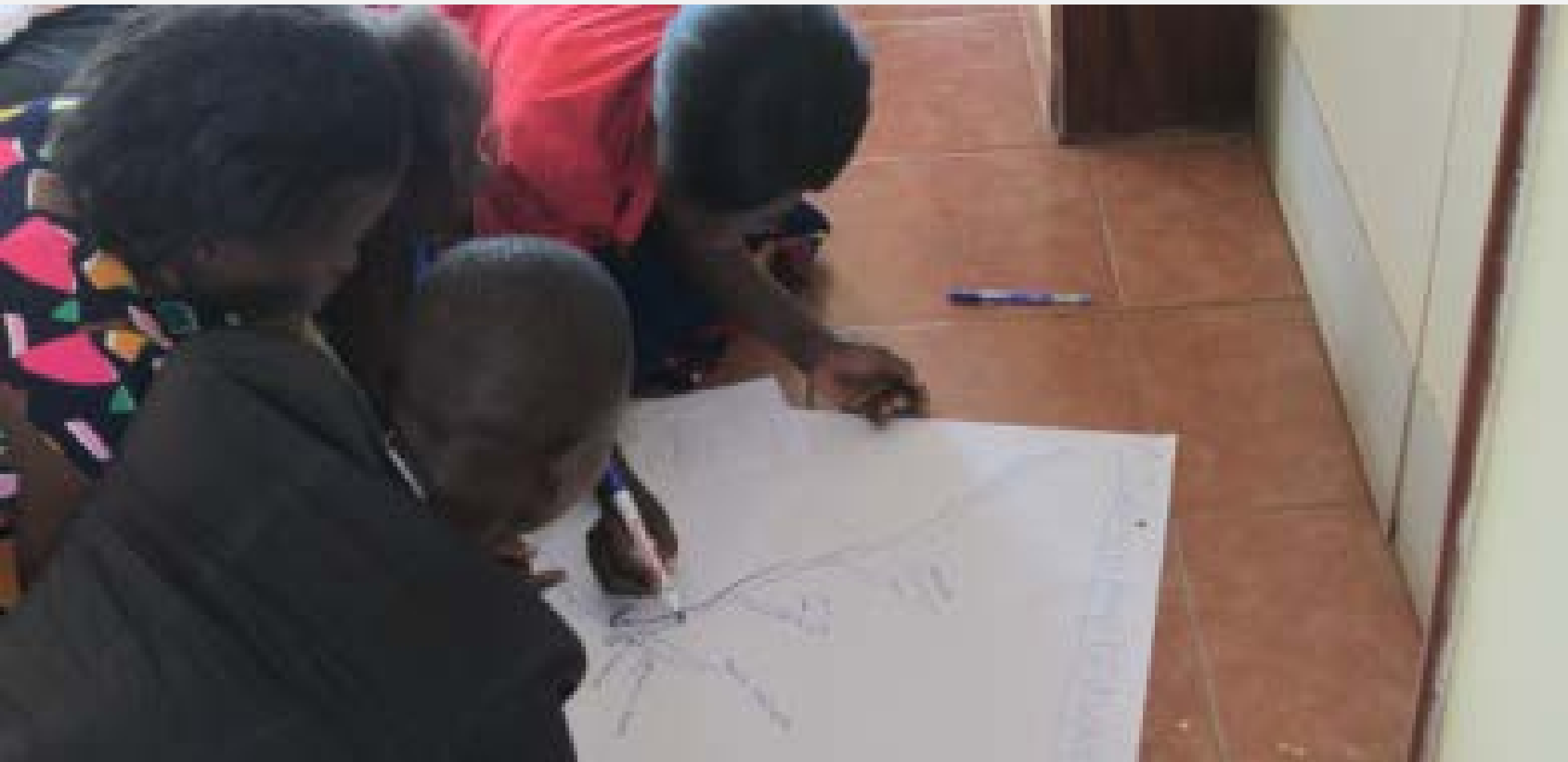


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Neema Meremo

Hope for Girls and Women

Tanzania



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HOT Community Gender

Crowd2Map Tanzania



Fighting Female Genital Mutilation

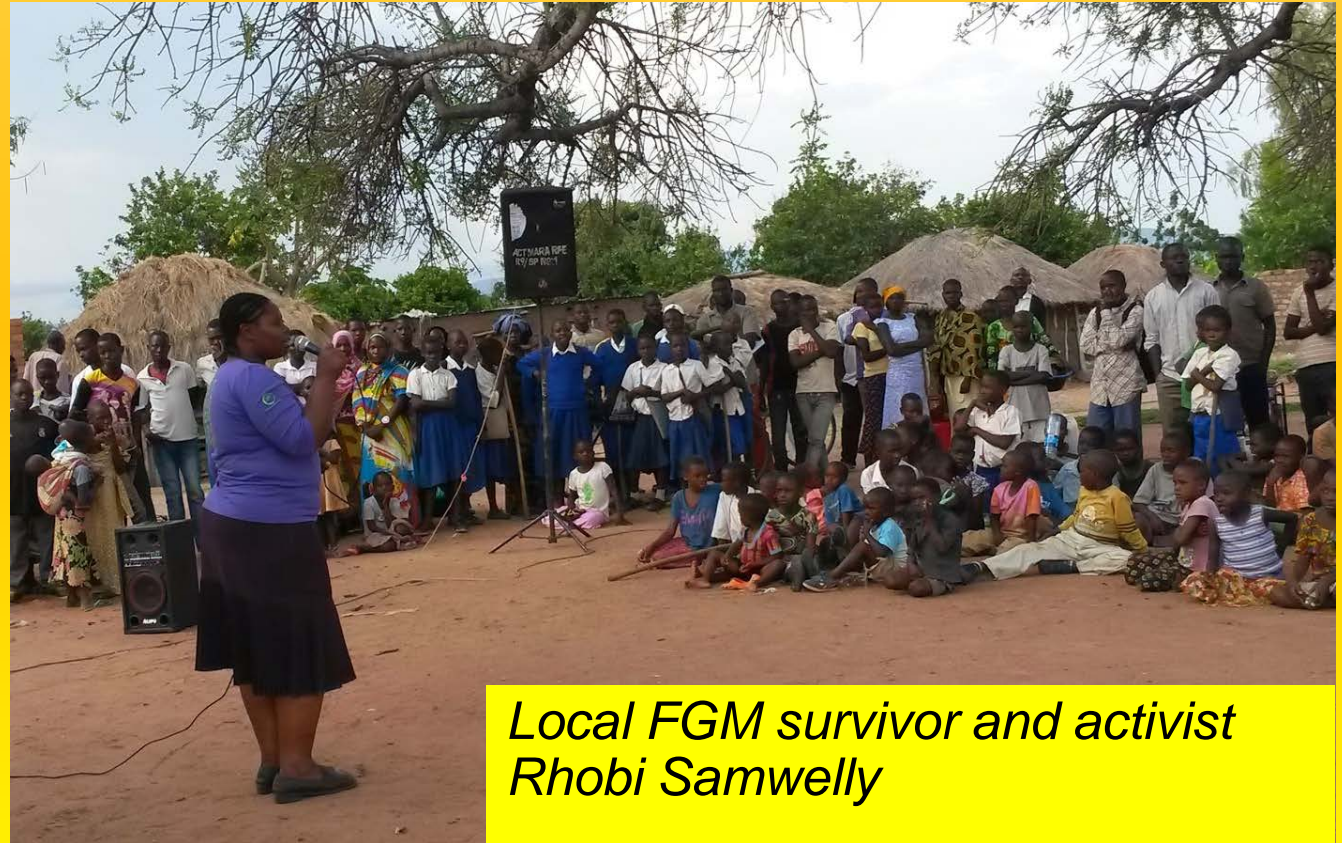


with
Maps



The Tanzania Development Trust supports:

- Local Activists
- Outreach work
- Safe Houses



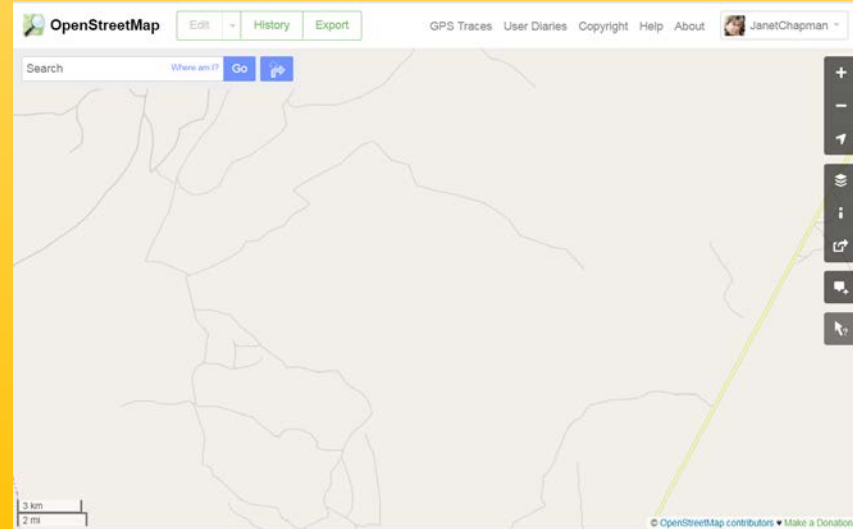
But girls cannot find the safehouses:



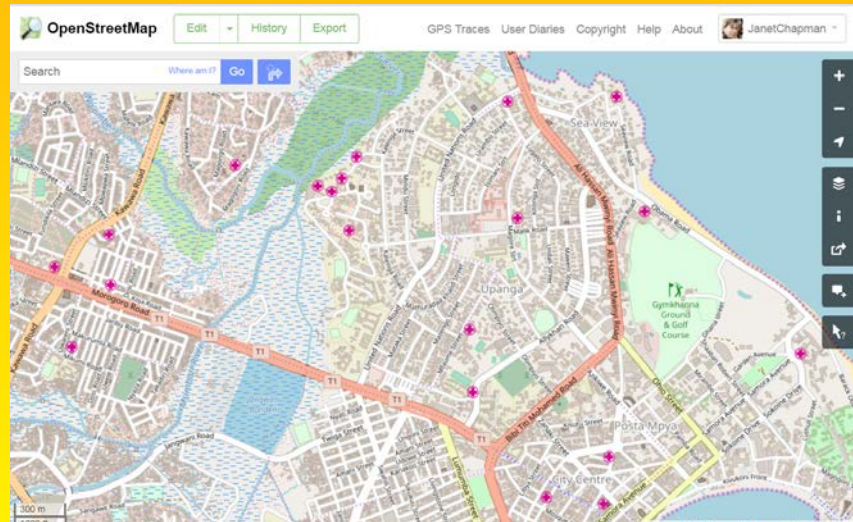
And safehouse staff cannot find them:



This is rural Tanzania:



This is Dar es Salaam:

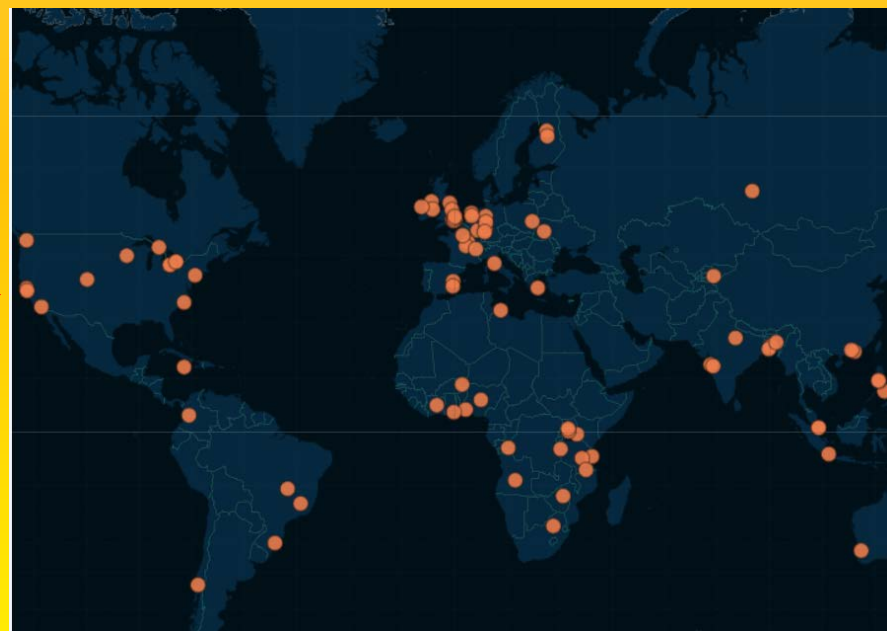




Girls
in rural Tanzania
need
MAPS!



We are making them!





Better maps have:

- helped 3000+ girls to find safehouses and avoid being cut
- coincided with a reduced FGM death rate of 75%



We have trained over 600 local mappers around 40% female



Mapping is a tool towards **greater gender equality** in Tanzania and we should support the disadvantaged and courageous community of rural female Tanzanian mappers.





Please join us!

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@crowd2map



Q&A



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What can you do next?

- Contribute to the Twitter stream #IYD2018 @YPLearning and spread the message of #PositiveYouthDevelopment.
- Join a YouthPower Community of Practice.
- Visit the YouthPower Learning Hub at www.YouthPower.org and use the resources, best practices, and knowledge shared.
- Send materials to post such as reports, studies, and other resources to us at info@youthpower.org.



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Grants Under Contract

- Ten [grants](#) have been awarded to:
 - assess, evaluate, document and disseminate innovative work in **positive youth development (PYD) and cross-sectoral youth programming.**
 - advance the evidence base for **gender-transformative positive youth development.**
 - advance the evidence base for **youth civic engagement in effective peacebuilding** or in countering / prevention of violent extremism.
- **Coming soon:** Young Women Transform Prize awardees
www.youthpower.org/2018-prize



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Thank you!

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The recording of today's event will be shared with all registrants.

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