

# Femina

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## WIRE

### Youth Conference Focuses on Safe Lights and Income Generation

Femina HIP's 4th annual Youth Conference was a three-day dynamic mix of celebration, commemoration, profoundness, and innovation. About 100 Fema Club members and their teachers from across Tanzania gathered in Dar es Salaam this past January to discuss the theme: "From Life Skills to Livelihood: Promoting Entrepreneurship Education in School Settings".

The conference was opened by the guest of honour, Dr. Milton Makongoro Mahanga, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Youth Development. He praised Femina HIP for efforts to encourage students to create and develop ways to generate income in the school setting through Fema clubs, as a way to gain life skills and remain resilient against temptations of risky sexual behaviour.

Awards were presented to the Fema Club of the Year, Fema Teacher of the Year, Femina HIP Ambassadors, and the winners of a solar entrepreneurship essay competition organised through Fema magazine by Femina HIP and the solar company D.light.



The Right to Safe Lights campaign, also a collaboration between D.light and Femina HIP, was launched on day one. Renown poet Mrisho Mpoti and his band, Mjomba Band, performed a song for the campaign, emphasising the sad and disturbing reality of the risk to students using candlelight to study at night. Mpoti is the ambassador the Right To Safe Lights campaign.

In addition to workshops, discussions and group work, the students also had some recreational time to play sports and games, have a social gathering and visit the Femina HIP offices.

You can visit this link: [feminahip.or.tz/about-us/key-documents](http://feminahip.or.tz/about-us/key-documents) to access a report on the conference.



## HAPPENINGS:

### Team Travels to Tabora:

In March, we hit the road to Tabora, where the Community Mobilisation team held road shows and school visits promoting entrepreneurship education. The Si Mchezo! editors were also on the ground collecting stories for the May-June issue on male role models as "champions", in collaboration with Engender Health's Champion project.

### Dar Schools Visited:

We connected with students in Dar es Salaam, visiting the following secondary schools in Ilala and Temeke districts: Pugu, Thadeo, Miburani, Kibasila, Vituka, Azania, Dar es Salaam, Benjamini Mkapa and Lugoba.

### Fema Club Starts Blog:

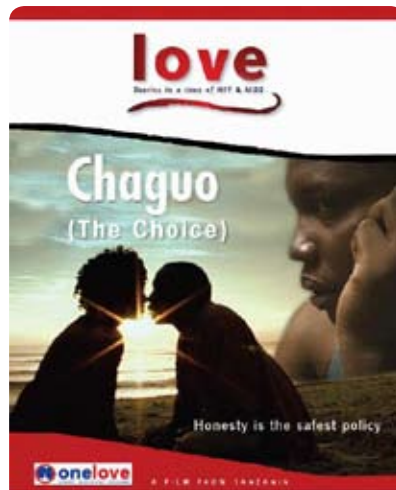
With the help of a Fema Club Teacher, clubbers at Uhuru Secondary School in Shinyanga have started a blog <http://www.uhurufemaclub.blogspot.com> as a forum for discussing life skills and keeping in touch with Femina HIP and former teachers.

## OneLove Launches Love Stories

On the eve of Valentine's Day this past February, Femina HIP began airing a series of love stories. Week after week, viewers in Tanzania have been watching these powerful tales about the realities of the risks we take and the choices we make in relationships.

The series, Love - Stories in a Time of HIV & AIDS, is made up of 10 short films from 10 countries in southern Africa. Chaguo, a Tanzanian production, was the first to air in Tanzania. Produced by Compass Communications and directed by Maria Sarungi Tsehai, Chaguo is a story about a young Tanzanian couple whose world has been shaken by conflict, mistrust and risky sex. They are struggling with communication, confessing truth and making tough choices about their relationship.

Other films that aired this past



quarter are from Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia and Namibia. See “The Talk Talk Rundown” on page 3 for the film titles.

Through these Love Stories, we have seen couples, friends and families facing circumstances such as loveless marriage, temptations

of infidelity and youth trading sex for material things.

The film project is part of the OneLove campaign and was funded and coordinated by a partner of Femina HIP – the Soul City Institute for Health and Development Communication, under its regional programme. The project included a capacity-building component, with all 10 country teams receiving pre-production training and technical consultation during the film shoots.

To watch the series, tune in to ITV on Saturdays at 19:30. All films broadcasted in Tanzania are shown with Swahili subtitles.

For more information on the entire Love Story series, visit OneLove's regional website:

[www.onelovesouthernafrika.org](http://www.onelovesouthernafrika.org).

### FIELD ANECDOTE:

A bizarre thing happened in Tabora region when the Community Mobilisation team was on the road about 200 kilometres from Tabora town. They were on their way to Usinge in Urambo district when they came across two women (each with a baby on her back) and asked them for directions. The women showed them the way and then asked where the team was from. Upon hearing that they had travelled from Dar es Salaam, the women took off running without hesitation and without explanation. Needless to say, the team was left baffled!



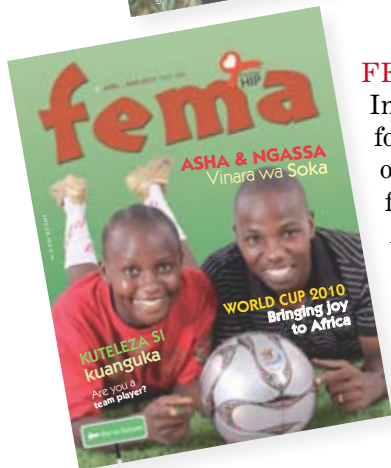
The Femina HIP team poses in Tabora town.

## HOT OFF THE PRESSES:



### SI MCHEZO!, ISSUE 47

In keeping with Femina HIP's commitment to inspire and educate youth about income generation, this issue focuses on how youth can empower themselves to make money. Readers get tips on entrepreneurship opportunities such as buying and selling D.light solar lamps.



### FEMA, ISSUE 16

In the spirit of the World Cup and football fever, Fema recognises two of our country's young talented football players: Mrisho Ngassa and Asha Rashid. See what they have accomplished through hard work and determination. We also give you information on the upcoming World Cup in South Africa and talk to legendary distance runner and Tanzanian gold medallist Filbert Bayi.



### MEET JOE

This small booklet of less than 200 words was developed by Soul City Institute and the regional OneLove campaign in collaboration with Trucking Wellness and IOM, as a cross-border HIV prevention tool. With many visuals and a simple narrative about a guy named Joe, it illustrates the risky nature of the sexual networks formed when people have multiple partners.

## THE TALK TALK RUNDOWN:



Content from January to March:

### Discussions:

- Mobile phone use
- Femina HIP 2010 Youth Conference
- Drug abuse
- Zanzibar fashion
- The making of the film Chaguo

### From the Love Stories:

- Chaguo (Tanzania)
- Big House, Small House (Zimbabwe)
- Second Chances (Botswana)
- The Wedding (South Africa)
- The Travelling Man (Lesotho)
- When The Music Stops (Zambia)
- Against The Odds (Namibia)

## ATTENTION PLEASE:

### 2010 Youth Conference Report

[www.feminahip.or.tz/research](http://www.feminahip.or.tz/research)

Visit our Research page and download the report about Femina HIP's 2010 Youth Conference, which brought a selection of Fema Clubs from across Tanzania to Dar es Salaam to discuss the theme: "From Lifeskills to Livelihood – Promoting Entrepreneurship Education in Schools."

### Femina HIP Partnership Leaflet

[www.feminahip.or.tz](http://www.feminahip.or.tz)

A link to our new Partnership Leaflet is now available at the bottom of our Home page. Click on it to find out how you can work with Femina HIP as a sponsor, editorial partner or advertiser.

### Uhuru Fema Club Blog

[www.uhurufemaclub.blogspot.com](http://www.uhurufemaclub.blogspot.com)

Link to a blog recently created by the Fema Club at Uhuru Secondary School in Shinyanga.

## QUOTED

"While there is scientific evidence that circumcision does to a certain degree reduce the risk of HIV transmission among men, thinking that it prevents infection is the height of folly. A not insignificant number of people now believe that they can indulge in reckless sexual behaviour because they have the 'protection' of circumcision...The entrenchment of the belief that circumcision prevents HIV infection can partly be attributed to the fact that not enough is done to dispel this mistaken notion."

*-The Citizen, Editorial, 23 March 2010.*

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