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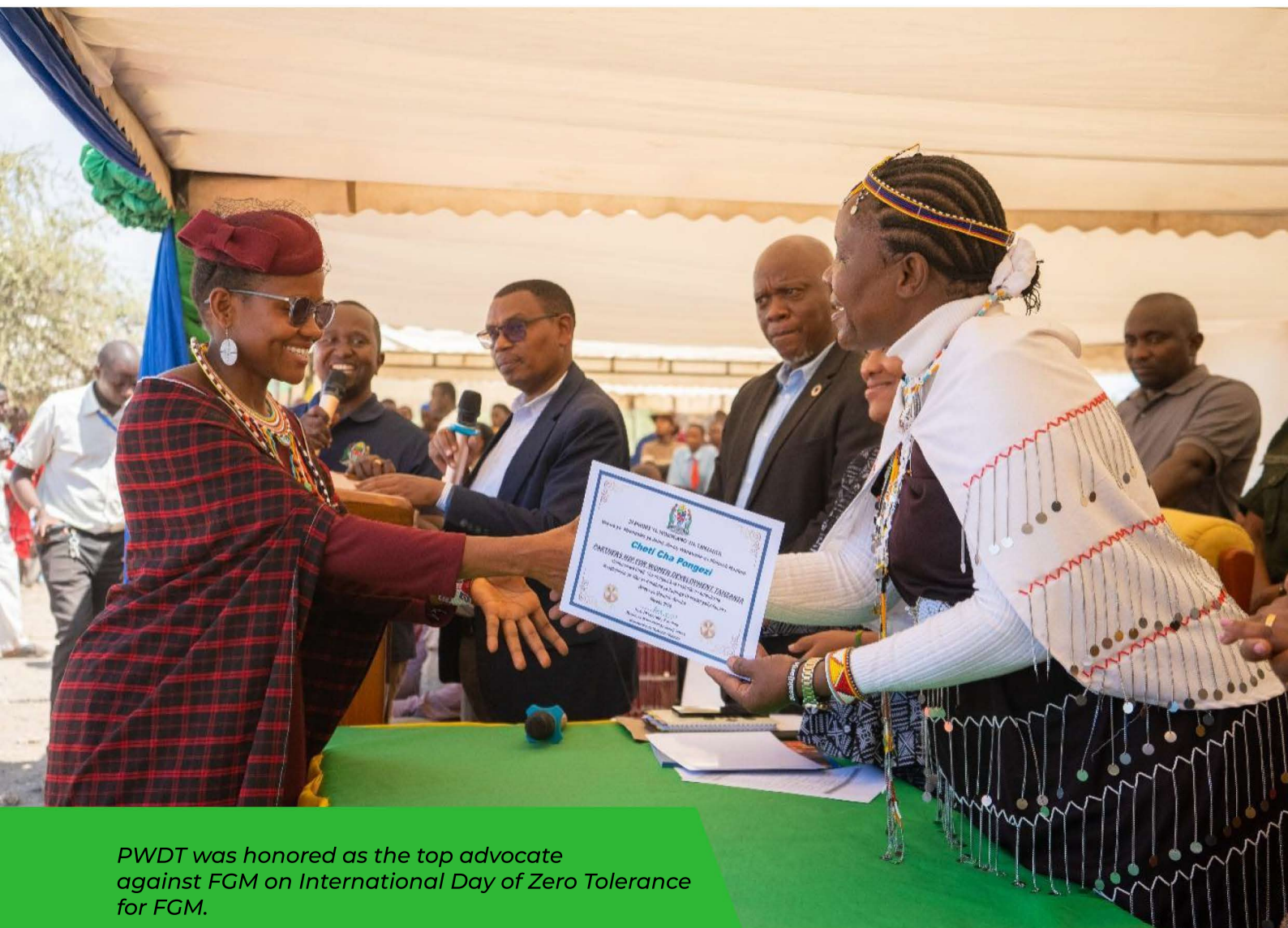
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FGM

6th February, 2026.

1. Introduction

PWDT continues to play a central role in advancing women's and girls' rights in the Arusha Region especially in Longido, Monduli and Longido where harmful practices such as FGM, early marriage, and gender discrimination remain prevalent. PWDT works to empower girls' access to quality education and support younger mothers, Ngariba (cutters), through economic empowerment, legal aid, leadership training, and community awareness programs. The organization also improves school environments by providing SWASH (sanitation, water, and hygiene) program and conducts training on gender-based violence education, with a strong focus on ending FGM.

During the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM, PWDT was recognized as a Champion of Change in Arusha for its commitment and impact in combating FGM, rescuing at-risk girls, engaging traditional leaders, and promoting community-led solutions.



PWDT was honored as the top advocate against FGM on International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM.

During the week of 6–12 February, Monduli District became the national center of the campaign against FGM. As part of its ongoing community engagement efforts, PWDT continued its routine field activities, meeting with different groups, raising awareness, and mobilizing community action.



Minister Hon. Gwajima posed for a photo with Ngariba cutters who have declared that there will be no more female circumcision.

2. PWDT organized a dialogue among stakeholders in Monduli

On February 10th, PWDT hosted a powerful dialogue that brought together local leaders, women, youth, and government officials. The discussions focused on the persistent challenges of FGM and, more importantly, on how the community can collectively achieve zero FGM. Participants shared experiences, examined cultural pressures, and explored practical solutions that unite families and leaders to protect girls.



PWDT hosted a vital discussion on effective strategies to combat FGM in the region.

3. Hon. Minister Dorothy Gwajima leads the FGM campaign on the International Day of Zero FGM.

On February 12th, a significant event took place at Esilalei– Monduli to raise awareness against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This gathering brought together government leaders, activists, and community members, with the Minister for Gender, Women and Children, Hon. Gwajima, serving as the Guest of Honor. It was a proud moment for PWDT to be recognized as a Champion of Change for its ongoing efforts to protect girls from harmful practices.

Over the two years, PWDT has rescued more than 25 girls from female genital mutilation (FGM). In the 2024/2025 school year, ten girls who were rescued received support to join boarding schools. In the 2025/2026 school year, another 15 rescued girls received school supplies and were enrolled in reputable secondary schools. These girls are now being mentored to become champions of change, demonstrating that a girl does not need to undergo circumcision to be accepted or respected within her family and community.

PWDT's efforts have extended to changing the mindsets of traditional practitioners. Ninety ngariba (cutters) from Arusha have been encouraged and supported to abandon the practice, and they were publicly acknowledged during the event for making this brave decision.

During the event, the speeches highlighted the role of men and traditional leaders in protecting girls and changing harmful norms. Champions from Musoma, Manyara, and other regions participated to share their experiences, emphasizing the significant challenge that the region faces, where one in every three girls is still subjected to circumcision. The message was clear that we need new strategies and stronger collaboration.



The sign that men are going to join the movement, Ending FGM.

To build on this momentum, the government has officially launched the 2026 National Strategy to End FGM. Hon. Gwajima concluded her remarks with a powerful appeal to men to join the movement, emphasizing that real change occurs when women and men work together to protect girls' rights and their future.

4. In conclusion,

PWDTextends sincere appreciation to our partner for supporting the FGM project and strengthening our ability to protect girls, uplift women, and inspire communities to move toward zero FGM.

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