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# PROFILE



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# INTRODUCTION

Equality for Growth is a rights-based NGO seeking to empower Tanzania's informal sector women. EfG began in 2008, since then it has sought for voice, visibility and rights of women who operate in the Tanzania's informal economy.

EfG was established and registered in Tanzania as of 6th August 2008 with registration No. 66935 and later in 2011 the organization acquired a certificate of NGO Compliance No. 00001544. The targeted beneficiaries of EfG's work are self-employed women workers, in both the formal and informal sectors.



## VISION

We envision vibrant and economically empowered informal sector women. We believe working spaces can be liberated from gender, legal and economic barriers and informal sector women can operate in the absence of all forms of exploitation.



## MISSION

We empower Tanzania's informal sector women to increase their income and reduce household poverty through access to legal and human rights education, business opportunities, capacity building and active engagement in policy and practice reforms

EfG is governed by five key values namely;

**IMPARTIALITY,  
TRANSPARENCY,  
INNOVATIVE,  
AUTHORITATIVE AND PROFESSIONALISM**



## **EfG has been set up with the following objectives:**

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- 1 To facilitate processes that ensure women and men have equal access to ownership, management and utilization of land and other productive resources for enhanced livelihood.
- 2 To influence and facilitate socio economic policies and practices that promotes equal gender relations for inclusive and sustainable development.
- 3 To enable informal sector women to access justice through provision of legal aid services.
- 4 To raise awareness to the public on the rights of informal sector actors.
- 5 To encourage and support vulnerable and marginalized women in establishing groups/ networks and empower them with entrepreneurship skills.
- 6 To conduct research that will inform our policy engagements, advocacy and organizational development



To attain our aspirations we have designed a clustered our programmatic engagements in three main categories:

- i. **Provision of technical support:** These programs are geared towards equipping informal sector women with necessary skills to be initiators and agents of change. They entail legal aid and outreach programs, capacity building and as well as business development programs.



- ii. **Advocacy on policies and practices affecting the informal sector:** This will involve policy engagements with informal sector women themselves to ensure they influence the conception and adoption policies and practices that support their operations, including organization and collective action endeavors. We equally engage with Local Government Authorities (LGAs) as well as the Association of Local Authorities (ALAT) and the national government to share experience and advocate for rights of informal sector women. Similarly, we will engage in good governance programs with the aim of boosting women's representation in a wide range leadership positions and advocate for better working conditions based on the contextual needs of informal sector women in Tanzania.

- iii. **Linking informal sector women to public and private sector opportunities:** We constantly seek to identify platforms that will streamline women and link them to avenues that can increase their income, voice and visibility as well as those that foster enterprise development in Tanzania.



# ORGANIZATION WORK:

EfG runs a Voices for Visibility program (VV program) known in Kiswahili as 'Sauti ya Mwanamke Sokoni' which work to enhance the role of women market traders in Tanzania. VV program is a new initiative in Tanzania adopting an integrated approach towards organizing women market traders to increase their collective bargaining power and provide a platform to present their problems and demands, thereby protecting their welfare and livelihoods. Implemented in Dar-es-Salaam since 2012 the VV program was both a model/pilot and a comprehensive learning opportunity.

Currently EfG manage women groups in 9 regions of Tanzania mainland and has established contacts with local authorities in the regions of Mwanza, Shinyanga, Mara, Mtwara, Iringa, Lindi, Mbeya, Tanga (Lushoto and Bumbuli) and Dar-es-Salaam. We have physical offices in Dar es Salaam. Engagement in Dar es Salaam is done to 15 markets and to other regions are at-least six markets per region with the intention to expand to more markets as trade grows in new cities.



## Primary target

Market traders, vendors, home based workers, unpaid workers and informal workers in the formal settings

## Our key Stakeholders

LGAs, law makers, enforcers, interpreters like police force, gender and children's desks, municipal leaders, religious leaders, media and general public.

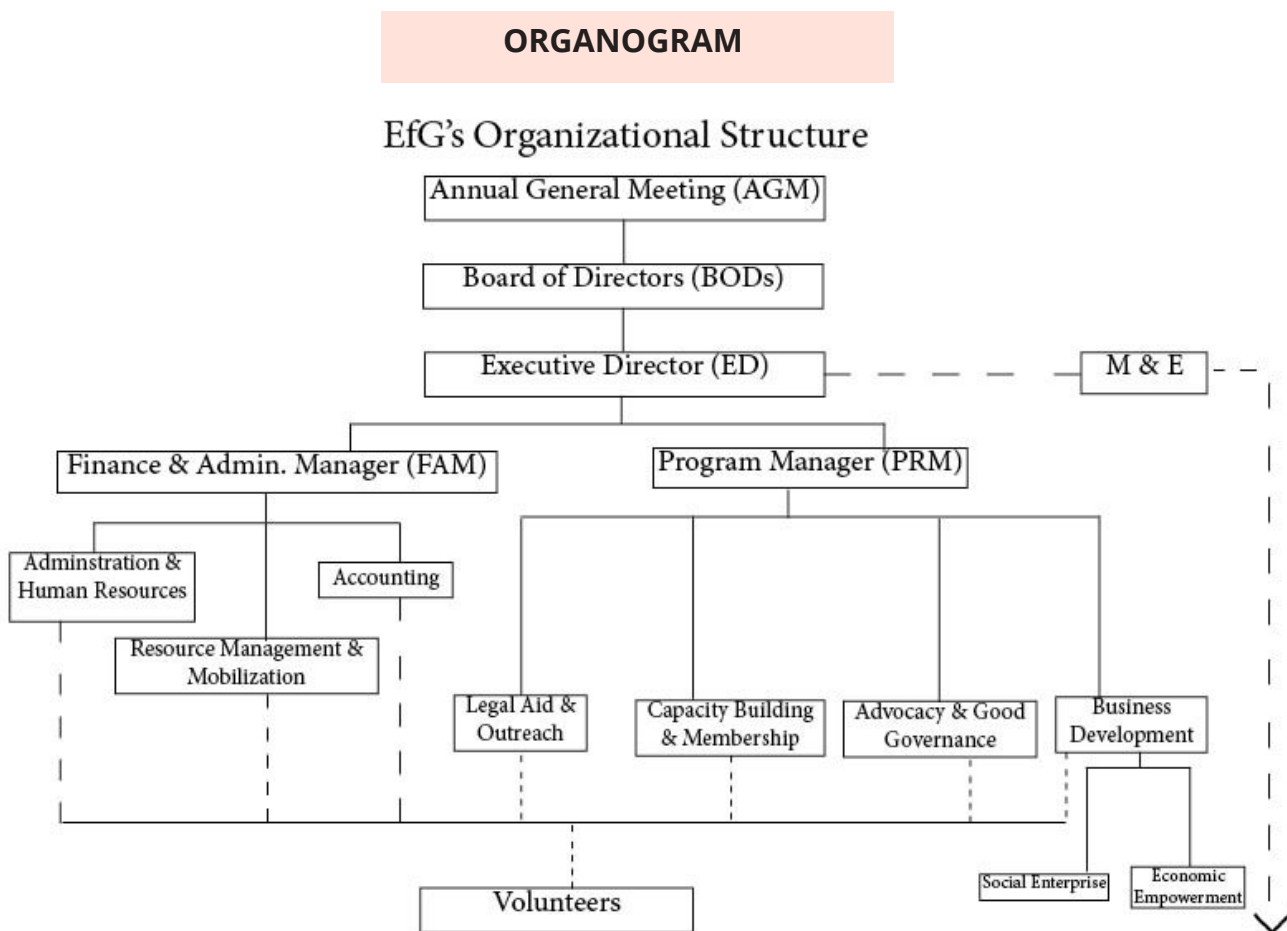
## Secondary target

Market leadership, men operation in the informal sector, paralegals and other Civil Society Organisations

## ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (ORGANOGRAM)

### Institutional Arrangement

The organizational structure of EFG is divided into three levels. The Annual General meeting, Board of Directors functions as a governance organ at the apex. The Board of Directors is composed of five highly respected and committed individuals who serve in their individual capacities and provide the policy directives and guide the implementation strategies of the programs. Being a new organization EFG has visionary leadership and committed volunteers. EFG has seven active Boards of Directors including Executive Director who is an ex officio, a Secretary to the Board.



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