
TAKE THE QUIZ!

Look inside the brochure for clues.

- Under the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act, a doctor cannot tell your family or friends about your HIV status.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- Under the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act, it is legal for a landlord to evict you for being HIV-positive.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- Gender-based violence is:
 - physical abuse
 - sexual abuse
 - mental abuse including threats
 - all of the above
- Women have the right to be free from:
 - hardship
 - violence
 - sadness
 - discrimination
 - b and d
- Tanzanian law preserves women's right to:
 - own land
 - hold title to land
 - inherit land
 - a and b
 - none of the above
- In international law, a woman's right to land is:
 - subordinate to her husband's
 - equal to all men's except her spouse's
 - equal to men's
 - dependent on the country

ANSWERS:

1. a / 2. b / 3. d / 4. e / 5. d / 6. c

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WOMEN

& LAW

KNOW

YOUR

RIGHTS!



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT:

- ❖ TO EQUALITY & EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW
- ❖ TO DIGNITY
- ❖ TO BE FREE FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE: PHYSICAL, SEXUAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL
- ❖ TO BE FREE FROM GENDER DISCRIMINATION

LAWS:

➤ **Tanzanian Constitution:**

- “All human beings are born free, and are all equal... All persons are equal before the law and are entitled... to protection and equality before the law.”

➤ **Sexual Offenses Special Provisions Act (Tanzanian Law)**

➤ **The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women (African Union Treaty):**

- “Every woman shall have the right to dignity inherent in a human being...”

➤ **CEDAW – The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (International Treaty):**

- “States Parties condemn discrimination against women in all its forms...”

LAND

EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT:

- ❖ TO OWN LAND
- ❖ TO BUY, SELL & TRANSFER LAND
- ❖ TO HAVE HER NAME ON A LAND TITLE

LAWS:

➤ **Tanzanian Constitution:**

- Every person has the right to own property.
- Gender discrimination is prohibited.

➤ **Tanzania’s Land Acts of 1999:**

- A woman has the right to:
 - “acquire, hold, use and deal with land.”
 - share joint ownership with a spouse, even if there is more than one wife.

➤ **CEDAW**

INHERITANCE

Q: Are there laws that protect women’s inheritance rights?

A: YES. While it’s true that Tanzania’s inheritance laws discriminate against most women, these laws conflict

with other legal protections.

- ❖ Women have the **express right** to inherit property under regional law.

○ **Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women**

❖ The government must ensure that a woman has the same rights to land as her spouse.

○ **CEDAW**

HIV/AIDS

EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT:

- ❖ TO BE FREE FROM STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION BASED ON HIV/AIDS
- ❖ TO KEEP HER HIV STATUS PRIVATE
- ❖ TO ACCESS LAND EVEN IF SHE HAS HIV/AIDS
- ❖ TO BE FREE FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE EVEN IF SHE HAS HIV/AIDS

LAWS:

➤ **HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Act (Tanzanian Law)**

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