

**Indegenous People in
Tanganyika: Democratic
Republic of Congo**

**Sexual Violence
Between Twa and Bantus**

Location

- Twa People are located in Tanganyika Annual Conference in the following church districts:
- -Kabalo
- -Nyunzu
- -Kalemie
- -Manono
- All twa people are wanderers people, no fixed residence .

Twa

- No schools where twa live and are
- No health facility, they use herbs to treat each other
- No church
- Their main activity is hunting

Causes of conflict

- Upheaval of twa people , indigenious people
- In a village called “ Monde”, that means “ world’ ’ whereby twa reside near kabalo village
- Sexual violence among pygmies themselves to women in nyunzu.
- Sexual violence of bantu to twa women people

Causes of conflict

- Chiefs of villages are bantus and in their leadership, they marry as many as they wish.
- Chiefs take by force women they want and that is why they wanted twa women who pleased them
- Chiefs of villages and army authority take also by force twa women.
- Twa husbands are in the weak position to claim their wives

Causes of conflict

- As a way to revenge out, twa men are armed with poisonous arrows that they use to fight against bantu men.
- Women are in the position of no say, they do not defend themselves. Their brain is washed by messages like, “ twa women will be clean, will be well dressed and become wives of the chief and local authority” .

Causes of conflict

- No access to education
- Twa cannot speak out to bantus
- Twa are slaves to bantus
- Bantus can marry a twa , no way round
- Twa are said to be dirty, they have no house to reside, no education, they are manpower to bantus.

Causes of conflict

- Adultery was like an evil necessary for twa
- It was an entry point to claim their women,
- It was an opportunity to tell openly how bantus treat them
- When a twa person works in bantu house as a maid, he is not treated decently.

Lifestyle

- They gather honey in the bush and they bring it in big villages for sale. They are tribes of gatherers
- The income generated serve to buy salt, clothes
- Some twa people who have moved in the big villages , they are maid and have some opportunity to send children to school but those children are discriminated in schools.

Life style



Amunazo said: “ When I moved from Mukwaga because of conflict, I came to Settle in Nyunzu to give an opportunity To my son to study but he is stigmatised In nyunzu because of conflict’ ” .

I keep him at home.

Facilitator asked: What change will Bring this training on peace and reconci Liation?

Amunazo replied, “ I hope that local Authorities accept us as twa, we are Created as twa. We will not change and We are not wanted in the bantu village; If the church can advocate to bantus so That twa can be accepted.

Ways for solutions

- Catholic church has organised dialogue and conversation between twa and bantus in Kalemie and Nyunzu in 2015
- United Methodist Church has organised peace and reconciliation in november 2016
- Provincial government has organised peace talk in kalemie on peace and reconciliation january2017

Ways for solutions

- Dialogue, talk, conversation of faith organization and local authorities, like chiefs of the villages, militaries and security authorities came together to tolerance and acceptance in tanganyika villages.
- Today, in nyunzu, Manono, Kalemie, twa people live in camps and they are accommodated, accepted and mingle with bantus .
- Some twa find jobs as maid in bantus homes

Ways of solution

- Daily income is used for food , clothes.
- Education is power to twa.
- During conflict, The local United methodist church sheltered twa people in nyunzu in the church. There is a local church now where a twa is the leader who read the bible that he explains other twa people as he was trained by united methodist pastor in nyunzu district

Way forward

- In order to create peace and value twa,
- United methodist women funded the training of women as peace builders in Nyunzu in november 2016.
- Twa men and women were invited and came to share stories of their lives, their vision and what they will do after peace training.
- The result of the training was , they began attending locan united methodist church

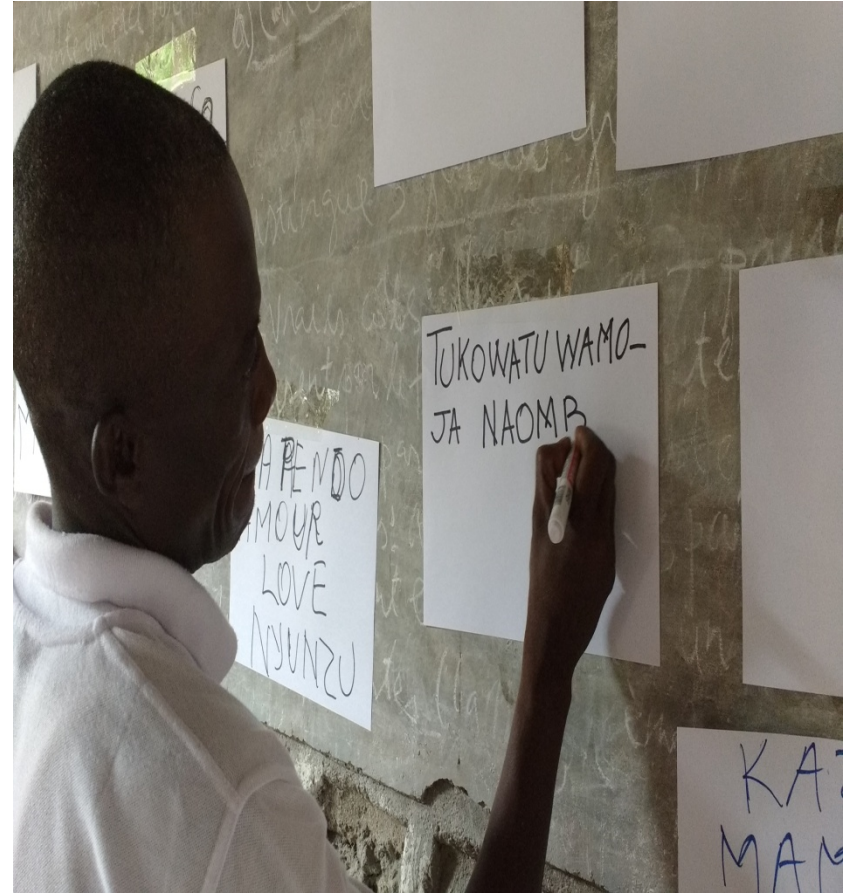
Way forward

- According to Michel Konga, the United Methodist pastor in Nyunzu.
- The church welcomes, equips and embraces people who are discriminated in the village.
- Today, they attend United Methodist Church.

Training on peace building



Peace building



Peace building



Vocational Training:Knitting



Thank you

- **Merci**

- **Aksante for listening**