



# Gender Dynamics in Sub-Saharan African Law: An Action Research Study in Tanzania 2004

Kigaisi Nyariba<sup>1,2</sup>, Kamasi Mwakiswa<sup>3</sup>, Nguresa Musokoro<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)

<sup>2</sup> Mkwawa University College of Education

<sup>3</sup> Department of Advanced Studies, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)

<sup>4</sup> Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mkwawa University College of Education

**Published:** 10 June 2004 | **Received:** 16 February 2004 | **Accepted:** 04 May 2004

**Correspondence:** [knyariba@aol.com](mailto:knyariba@aol.com)

**DOI:** [10.5281/zenodo.18804303](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18804303)

## Author notes

*Kigaisi Nyariba is affiliated with Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) and focuses on Law research in Africa.*

*Kamasi Mwakiswa is affiliated with Department of Advanced Studies, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) and focuses on Law research in Africa.*

*Nguresa Musokoro is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mkwawa University College of Education and focuses on Law research in Africa.*

## Abstract

Gender dynamics in legal systems are increasingly recognised as crucial for understanding how laws impact different genders within Sub-Saharan Africa. An action research study was conducted to gather insights from a sample of Tanzanian women who have experienced legal issues related to marriage and inheritance rights. Women reported significant disparities in access to justice, particularly regarding property distribution upon divorce, with approximately 60% facing challenges accessing their marital assets. The study highlights the need for targeted legal reforms aimed at improving women's legal standing within family law contexts. Policy recommendations include the introduction of gender-sensitive training programmes for judges and lawyers, as well as legislative changes to enhance women's rights in divorce proceedings.

**Keywords:** *Sub-Saharan, African, LegalStudies, Dynamics, GenderDimensions, QualitativeResearch, CommunityEngagement*

## ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

**Email:** [info@parj.africa](mailto:info@parj.africa)

Request your copy of the full paper today!

## SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

**Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!**

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

**Submit at:** [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)



Scan to visit [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)

**Open Access Scholarship from PARJ**

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge