## **EVENT REPORT**

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## Women Rights according to the Qur'an

THE BOOK LAUNCH WITH ZAFELA IN UNGUJA (STONE TOWN)



The Participants of the Event holding up a copy of the Book

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) held a work-shop with the Zanzibar Female Lawyer Association (ZAFELA) to launch the Book "Haki za wanawake kwa mujibu wa Qur'an na Sunnah za mtume (S.A.M.)". This Book on Women Rights according to the Qur'an was launched and introduced to the members of ZAF-ELA in Unguja.

The Event started with opening remarks from Fatma Gharib Haji, board member of ZAFELA. She thanked KAS for their cooperation and funding of the Book. Mrs Haji congratulated ZAFELA for their big achievement and said the association can be very proud. Thereafter Mary Tagalile Program Coordinator of KAS Tanzania gave a vote of thanks and greetings for KAS. She briefly presented the goals of KAS and the work it has been doing with ZAFELA. Before launching the book Jane Mbeba, program Officer of KAS

gave an insight in the development of the book. This book on Women's' Rights according to the Qur'an from ZAFELA is inspired by the book that was published by JUWAQUTA (The Qu'ran School Teachers Association) in 2007 for the mainland. ZAFELA adapted the book based on the surroundings of Zanzibar and added living examples and case studies from their practice. KAS then handed over the printed material to the board members of ZAFELA and the Executive Director.



The Book Launch with Jane Mbeba (KAS), Fatma Gharib Haji (Board Member ZAFELA), Jamila M. Juma (Executive Director ZAFELA) and Ali Ali Hassan (Board Member ZAFELA)



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After the book launch Mrs. Jamila M. Juma, ZAFELA's Executive Director, gave an overview of the Book. The book contains 6 chapters with the following topics: Women's Rights before the Islam, Education, Leadership, Economy, Marriage and heritage. Each chapter elaborates the rights that women have on the topic and the work that ZAFELA does in that area.

After the launch session Participants discussed the way forward. Although the book is written using easy language but the book by itself is not enough. It is important therefore to spread the message in person to different stakeholders. Workshops should help to inform sheikhs, government officials, teachers and students. Perhaps a popular version with cartoons could be prepared to reach more community members (even to those with difficulties in reading).





KAS and ZAFELA agreed, that for the future cooperation they will collectively use the book as a foundation to educate women and young girls on their Rights.

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