

Media reporting on persons with albinism in Tanzania

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The data set is a list of news media reports from the United Republic of Tanzania about people with albinism. The time frame for these articles is 2008 – 2014. They are in both English and Swahili languages. The news items have been accessed from the online archives of three East African media companies, namely IPPMedia Group (www.ippmedia.com), Mwananchi Communications, Majira Pty Ltd. Key words used in searching and locating news items were albino, albinism, and the Swahili words, ngozi, mlemavu, ulemavu (meaning skin, disabled person and disability respectively).

The format of the data set is as excel spreadsheets with a list of news articles, organised with separate sheets according to years 2008 until 2014 inclusive. Within each sheet media items are listed in date order, including English and Swahili newspapers from the selected data set. Information is provided of the date, name of paper, language, reporter's name, headline, word count, presence of photos/images and url link if possible and last access date.

The fields used are:

- Date of news report
- Name of newspaper
- Language
- Reporter name
- Heading (de-identified)
- Presence of visual picture
- Word count of report
- URL link to online version of media report
- Last access date to URL link

De-identification of names of individuals and organisations within the newspaper headings has been undertaken to protect the identities of people and groups who have not consented for their personal information to be used for research purposes. It is also important to do this in research where sharing of such information could increase risk of harm, such as for victims of criminal attacks, criminals or human right activists. Identification of well-known public figures, such as the President of Tanzania and prominent politicians, is considered ethical as they are prominent in the public arena. Similarly, the names of

international United Nations organisations have also been retained. Particular care has been taken to de-identify any person with albinism, even if they are public figures. The project was exempt from ethical review as it involves the use of existing collections of data that contain only non-identifiable data about human beings. Hence, it is approved as ethically acceptable in accordance with the Australian National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research Section 5.1.22 and 5.1.23.

Legend for de-identification

De-identification code	Type of individual or organisation
Business_name	Business
BusinessLeader_name	Business Leader
Citizen_name	Citizen of Tanzania
Foreigner_name	Non-Tanzanian individual
Govt_name	Government organisation/department
Journalist_name	Journalist
NGO_name	Non-Government Organisation (NGO)
Org_name	Organisation
Police_name	Policeman/woman
PoliticalOrg_name	Political Party
Politician_name	Politician of Tanzania
PWA_name	Person with albinism (PWA)
PWAFamily_name	Family/friend of PWA
PWAForeigner_name	A non-Tanzanian with Albinism
PWALeader_name	Leader with Albinism
PWAOrg_name	Organisation of People with Albinism
PWAPolitician_name	Politician with Albinism
RelOrg_name	Religious Organisation

Further information about the data and the process of data collection is available within the following publications:

Burke, J., Kaijage, T. J. & Jon-Langba, J. (2014). Media analysis of albino killings in Tanzania: a social work and human rights perspective. *Ethics and Social Welfare*, 8(2), 117-134. doi: 10.1080/17496535.2014.895398

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