

Caring for the Carers: Gender Responsive Sanitation Policy and Action

Advancing just sanitation across Mwanza

Figure 1: Rock painted with community bylaws at Lake Victoria, Kigoto, Mwanza, 2023. Photo Credit: Reham Alotaibi

POLICY BRIEF

Key points

community. To effect meaningful change, chal
ties, impeding their ability to pursue their own

port, targeting women who feel isolated from

sanitation needs, enhance their well-being, en

gender equality, lessen the burden on women's
workloads, increase community involvement,

Introduction

outside the household, as well as barriers to the agency (Eaton et al
tion options via the Mwanza Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (MWAUWASA).
In addition to their income-generating roles, women are subject to an overwhelming
amount of unpaid sanitation work, caring for children and the home and shouldering
the burden of daily responsibilities. As a result, these enormous burdens and barriers–
imposed by social norms, bylaws, and gendered power dynamics– impact women's
mental and physical well-being and the community at large (Jabeen, 2014).



1. Overview of Issue

cultural and structural challenges (ibid).

gender equality and empowerment (ESD Learning Alliance, 2022). Through quanti

to the insights gained from OVERDUE's

ban Africa- it is clear that the complex

and strategically (ibid).

These norms and bylaws, in conjunction with the accessibility, affordability, and

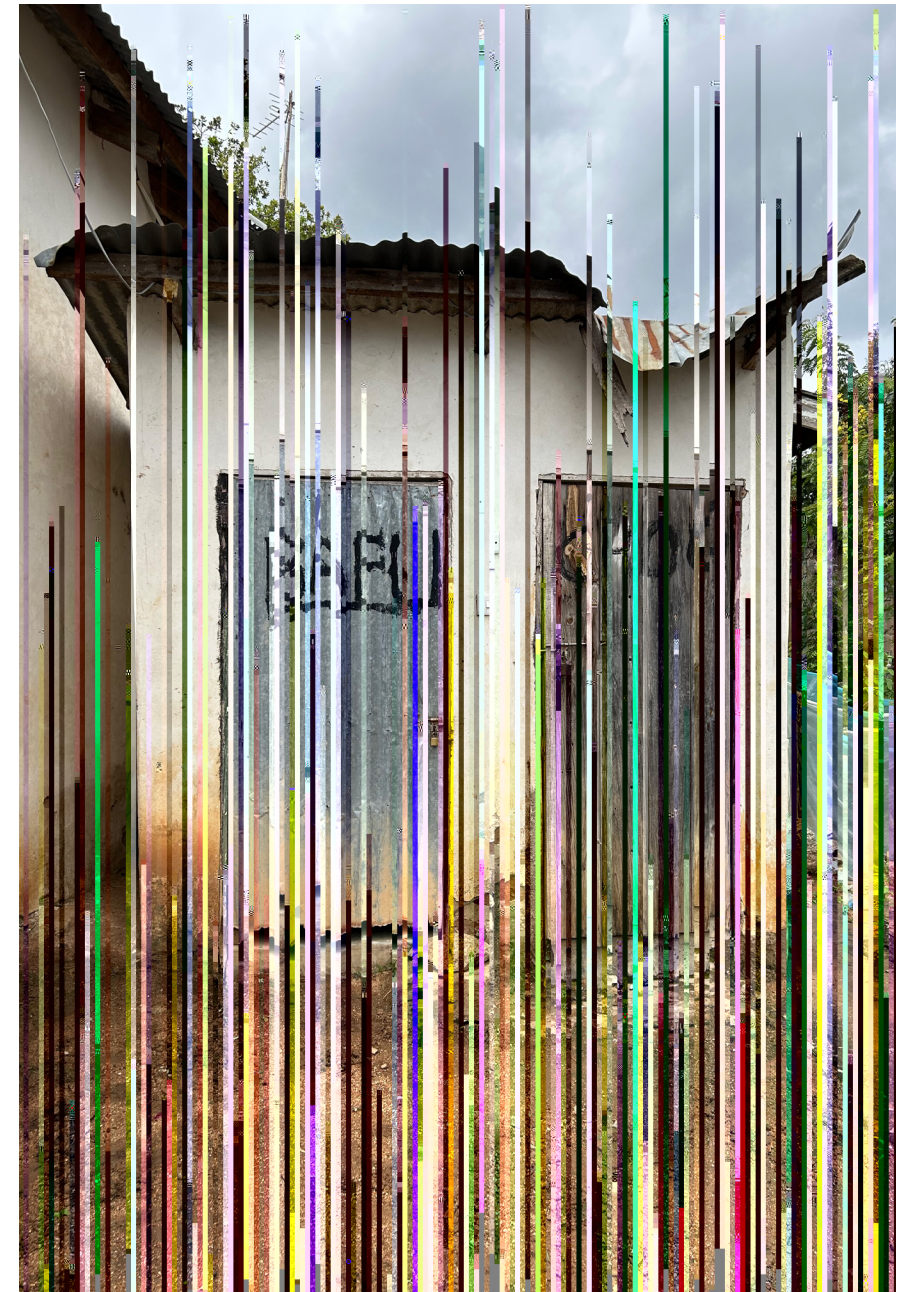
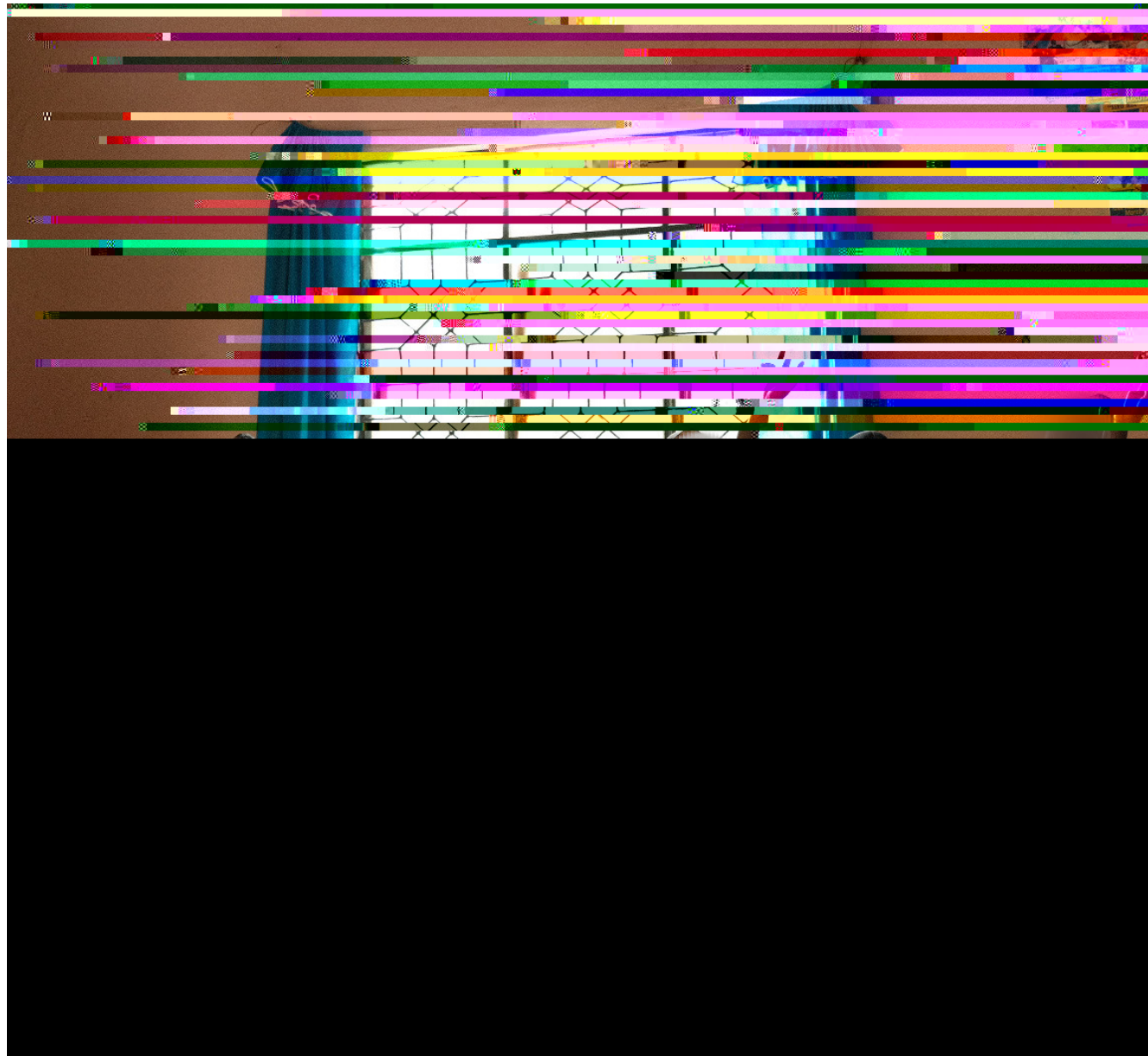
Mwanza, Tanzania, collectively influence

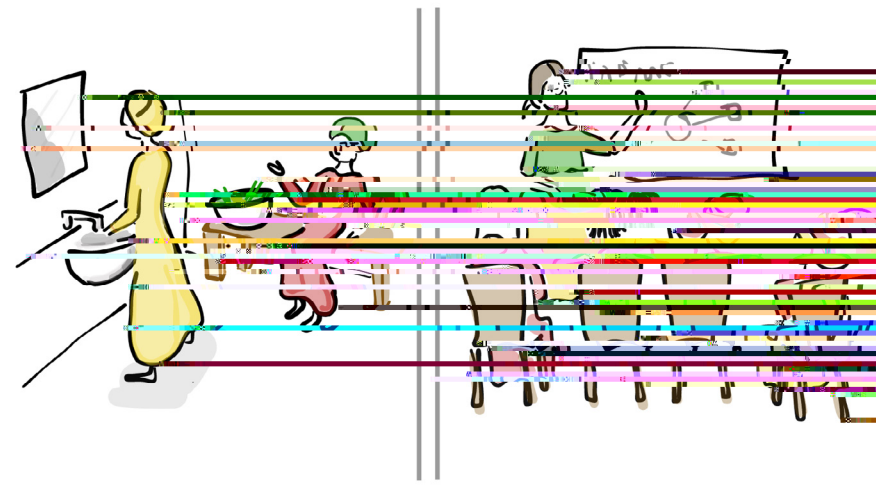
1.1 The Uneven Burden of Care Work on Women

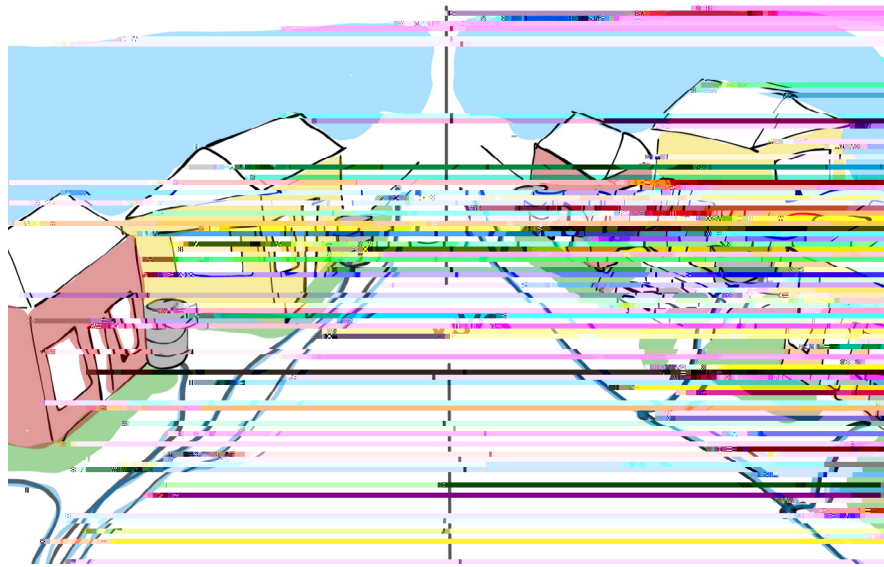
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mental impacts. Despite estimates that, globally, women's unpaid work constitutes between 10% and 39% of the GDP, the care economy remains almost invisible; women, as a result, go unac

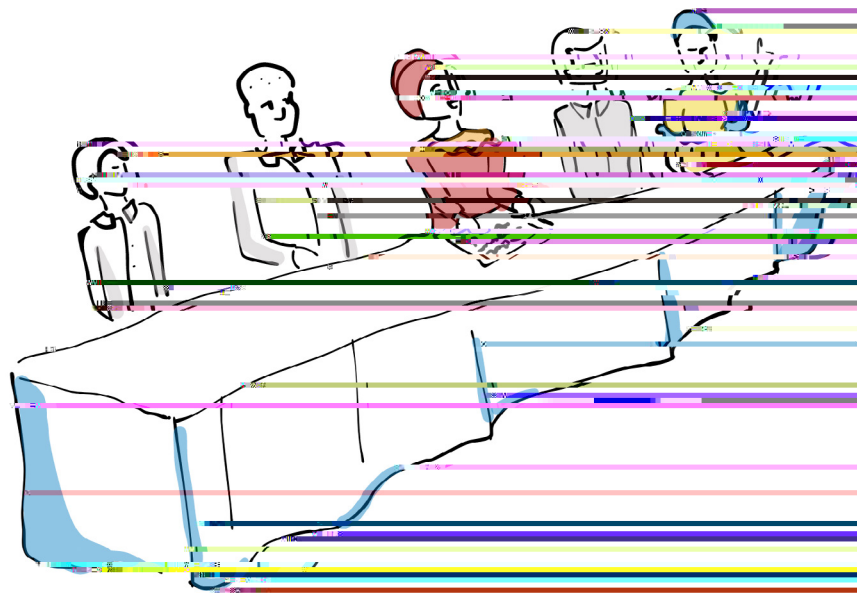
(OVERDUE, 2022). In Africa specifically,







cluster connection implementation, en



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