CHAWAMA has been implementing a number of Projects in partnership with Help Age International as indicated below. These Projects were funded by Help Age International through Dar es Salaam office.

1. OLDER CITIZEN MONTORING PROGRAMME (O.C.M.P) 200-2004

This was a three year programme aimed at monitoring service delivery by Government service providers to Older People through Madrid International Plan for Action on Ageing issues (MIPAA).The Project was implemented in three districts of Arumeru(USA and Akheri Wards),Monduli (Mto wa Mbu) and Arusha municipal (Kaloleni and Kimandoulu Wards).The OCMP project have also supported older people to monitor access to and deliveries of health services for older people in the region aiming at increasing older people’s participation in gathering information, forming supporting networks, developing confidence and approaches in talking to governments, and challenging authorities about their rights, including access to basic services. The project was very successful such that it attracted countries like Kenya, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Jamaica, and Bolivia to come and learn what we did especially at Mto wa Mbu.

2: OLDER WOMEN INHERITANCE RIGHTS: 2004-2008

This programme was a four year programme, which was implemented in two districts which are Arumeru (Akheri,Maji ya Chai and Moshono Wards) and Arusha municipal council was implemented at Sombetini,Lemara and Kimandolu Wards). The programme aimed at raising awareness to leaders on the following laws (marriage Laws, Human Rights Laws as well as Land Laws,) that lead to advocate human rights especially widow and elderly rights. Since the leaders are the main decision makers on inheritance disputes, the sensitization was expected to increased the impact to the project results.

3. BLOCK GRANT: INCREASING VULNERABLE PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO
HEALTH CARE IN ARUSHA REGION.2006-2008

This Programme involved training of HBC’s in 102 villages in Arusha municipal (10-Villages) and Arumeru districts (92-Villages) to take care of Older people. The programme also educated Older People from the catchments areas on their rights as far as free health services are concerned. The project ensured that systems are in place to make effective universal access to quality public health care services that are affordable and available according to NSGPR goals and National Ageing Policy (NAP). The fellow Older people trained were used to educate others during their traditional meetings/village meetings. The programme was very successful because a lot of Older People turned up to government hospitals/dispensaries to get treatments. Also those HBC (3008) trained in both districts are now caring for Older People.

4.NATIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMME.

CHAWAMA being a grassroot Organisation dealing with Vulnerable issues by advocating and lobbying on these issues, was among the NGOs which facilitated the country to be the second in Africa to establish the NATIONAL AGING POLICY in 2003. The policy speaks about Older people’s rights as far as free health services is concerned. This programme Involved grassroot stakeholders country wide and it was supervised by HelpAge International through mobilization and training of the local NGO’s caring for the Elders Rights and vulnerable people in the country.

5.OLDER PEOPLE SECURING THEIR SERVICE DELIVERY UNDER MKUKUTA.2006-
2009-FCS

This project was also implemented in Arumeru and Monduli districts.This involed the training of Older People Monitoring Group (OPMG) who has to monitor on
quarterly the service delivery to Older People. The project also supported older people to achieve poverty reduction and social protection entitlements included in MKUKUTA, monitor and report on their effective delivery through an alliance of district councils, civil society organizations and communities

6.RFE: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HBC’s TO PLWHA UNDER THE CARE OF
OLDER PEOPLE IN TANZANIA 2008-2009

RFE programmme was implemented in Meru (Poli,USA River and Kikatiti Wards). The programme involved the formation of different age groups forums to educate and empower Older people to advocate on the rights and entitlements of people living with HIV AIDS.It also aimed at sensitizing the communities on the rights and importance of the disadvantage to economic and physical security (health of OP) (MKUKUTA) and support in their care giving role.

7. POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN
DECENTRALISED PLANNING AND BUDGETING IN TANZANIA.

This is an ongoing project (2007-2012) implemented in Monduli district in 20 villages in Mto wa Mbu,Makuyuni and Monduli Wards. Basically these three wards do not have twenty villages, however in order to fulfill the project requirements two more wards (Esilalei and Engutoto were included). The project aimed at ensuring that the needs and rights of vulnerable groups are included in the decentralized planning and budgeting according to MKUKUTA targets for improvement of services for pro poor communities by identifying issues of vulnerable groups (OPs) and OVCs to be included in poverty reduction strategies as provided in the MKUKUTA.

8. REDUCING HIV/AIDS IMPACT ON OLDER CARERS AND THEIR AFFECTED
FAMILY. RFA 2008

RFA implemented a one year programme at Arusha Municipal (Ngarenaro, Levolosi and Unga Ltd) and in Monduli district (Monduli and Engutoto Wards). The project was aimed at imparting the Older people on the accurate HIV prevention information, thereby increasing access by Older people to HIV prevention and stigmazation information and services.

9.SOCIAL PROTECTION 2010 TO NOW

CHAWAMA has managed and still going on advocating and sensitizing Older People on the issue of Social Protection being their right as stipulated by different policies like MKUKUTA-2005(NSGPR) Social Protection Policy (2003) and the National constitution. In Municipal council we have managed to establish Older People forums in Nine Wards (Mjini Kati,Sombetini, Levolosi,Elerai, Unga Ltd,Kimandolu, Kaloleni, Sokoni I and Daraja II),while in Monduli district we have establish Five forums in (Monduli Mjini, Engutoto, Mto wa Mbu, Makuyuni and Esilalei wards) and in Meru we have Older people forums in Kikwe and Poli wards and lastly in Arusha rural we have one in Kimnyaki ward. These forums start from village levels. These forums are used to mobilize Older people and other vulnerable groups to discuss their issues which are channeled to the village committees and thereafter o the ward development committee for further action.