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This publication on the Success Stories briefly portrays the achievements registered by Civil Society Organisations that received funds from the Foundation for Civil Society and implemented various projects between the year 2011 and 2012 - and hence brought about positive changes that helped to improve the quality of life in Tanzanian communities.

The publication however puts forward some of the success stories that have been registered in our three Key Result Areas. These are Policy Engagement, Governance & Accountability and Civil Society Capacity Strengthening. The stated period has undoubtedly been coloured by big achievements in all our target areas. Our grant-making role has continued to bring about positive changes in the communities, let alone strengthening the Civil Society Organisations.

Moreover, efforts made by our grantees have been manifested through the involvement and inclusion of the people in policy issues and various developmental processes. Public dialogues held at district and regional level that managed to mobilize citizens’ participation in the new constitutional making process is one of significant areas that our grantees have shown the way.

Also, when reading about the success registered by our grantees in the three Key Result Areas, one will note varied achievements such that: the community of the elders is increasingly getting identified and valued, advocacy on widows’ rights has greatly transformed the society, while land conflicts are to a greater extent getting managed. Our grantees have empowered the community to register great strides in the monitoring of development projects in various sectors; and even gone as far as widening the scope of the people in monitoring the utilization of constituency funds.

For us at the Foundation, these are good signs indicating that we are forging ahead towards attaining our Vision. We are seeing that ordinary people are increasingly empowered to realize their rights and engage in change processes that enhance their quality of life.

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PART ONE

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING
MWOPA NOW BETTER EQUIPPED TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS IN MBeya

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MWOPA is our grantee organisation based in Mbeya city. The organisation was formed by retired nurses in the year 2007 and was registered in 2008.

The proper management of such an institution without the application of relevant skills is next to impossible.

MWOPA thus decided to apply for institutional capacity building funding so as to improve its administration and attain its stated goals. The organisation, through FCS funding, started executing a capacity building project involving both its management team and ordinary members in April 2012.

MWOPA executive director, Selina Lyapinda, says the training involved seminar participation, discussions and learning visits to other CSOs with exemplary performance. Upendo Group of Mbeya was the model organisation where MWOPA seminar participants were taken to learn from.

“During the seminar, several presentations were made. We received training on good governance, documentation, book-keeping and project proposal writing. Prior to the training, we did not have the slightest idea on how to manage an organisation” says Selina Lyapinda
involved 16 MWOPA members and leaders,” says Lyapinda.

She says big changes had occurred with the improved management of the organisation, which she attributes to the attendance of the capacity building seminar. She says the education has also brought about closer cooperation with stakeholders, who include the regional commissioner’s office and various departments of the Mbeya City Council.

“The HIV/AIDS section of the City Council is particularly working very close with us, contrary to past experience. We now regard ourselves as stakeholders who can support that department,” Lyapinda says.

The executive officer at the Uhindini Main Market in Mbeya, Bahati Kaweka, says the location of MWOPA within the market area has been of great benefit to the surrounding community. Kaweka says that MWOPA relieves the government of the burden of sensitizing the people on varied matters.

“To support the execution of varied organisation’s goals, we as locality leaders do take part in public meetings where the CSOs get the opportunity to conduct sensitisation and awareness campaigns. We are quite happy to see the organisations operate for the benefit of the targeted communities,” he says.
YES TANZANIA MAKES GIANT STRIDES

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The youths are indispensable for any nation to register significant development achievements. Various government documents and pronouncements mention the youths as vital pillars of development. However in reality, the youths are sidelined when it comes to decision-making and execution of varied schemes.

Fully aware of such a scenario, in 2010, a group of youths decided to form an organisation that would sensitisie the youth to wake up to their crucial significance in the society. That’s how the Youth Education through Sports Tanzania (YES Tanzania) came into existence.

In September 2011, YES Tanzania received a capacity building grant from the Foundation for Civil Society. The executive director of YES Tanzania, Kenneth Simbaya, says the project involved seminars which were given in three phases. He says the first phase involved training on strategic planning, the second stage was of discussions on issues arising from the strategic plan

“Yes Tanzania has thus entered into a contract with the International Labour Organisation whereby the ILO shall facilitate the imparting of entrepreneur skills to youths. He reveals that some 80 young people have already received the training, as YES Tanzania is working on ways to enable them secure loans”, says Keneth Simbaya
Simbaya said the seminars reinvigorated the organisation.

He says they had now adopted a different attitude on organisational management, because prior to attending the training, they ran the CSO simply for the sake of making its presence felt. Simbaya says they had neither goals nor strategic plans. “We have set out targets for the next three years. We previously set our goals for the 2012-2014 period. However, we have changed our plan so as to cover the period up to 2015. We have done this in view of the fact that as we deliberate on our annual plans, the world is deliberating on the millennium goals,” Simbaya says.

He says the main goal of the organisation is to equip the youths to make correct decisions in their lives. The targeted areas of capacity building are democracy, good governance, entrepreneurship and ICT utilization for development.

On health education, Simbaya is of the opinion that the youth are facing difficult decision-making problems. He says they are the main victims of HIV/AIDS infection, much as they acquire the virus unknowingly.

Turning to democracy, Simbaya says young people are not involved in decision making on matters that directly affect them. The decisions are made by other people, thus rendering impossible the smooth implementation of the projects because it is the youths who provide the manpower.

Simbaya also dwells on the chronic problem of youth unemployment in Tanzania. He says the youth population is rising as job opportunities are declining. He further states that young people
need to realize that earning a living is not conditional to getting employed. Yes Tanzania has thus entered into a contract with the International Labour Organisation whereby the ILO shall facilitate the imparting of entrepreneur skills to youths. He reveals that some 80 young people have already received the training, as YES Tanzania is working on ways to enable them secure loans.

Turning to the use of ICT for development, he says that Tanzania should apply modern technology to involve the youths in decision making, without tampering with their occupational time table. Simbaya says YES Tanzania is currently working on ways to make the youths follow up the proceedings of urban councillors’ meetings so that they may know what is being discussed. The young people shall be receiving the relevant messages through their mobile phones after which they can respond free of charge.

“Once we have succeeded to execute our projects, we shall have gone a long way to implement parts of the national youth policy. We are quite grateful to the Foundation for Civil Society because we did set all these goals only after we had taken part in their capacity building programmes. The training empowered us to adopt a far-sighted vision,” says Simbaya.
CAPACITY BUILDING COURSE MAKES KAGERA CSO PROUD

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Based in Karagwe District of Kagera Region, TanHealth Trust Fund prides itself of transparency in its financial administration. These developments are a result of receiving a capacity building grant from the Foundation for Civil Society.

The secretary of the organisation, Madanio Swalehe, says the capacity building training dwelt on organisational management through strategic planning and book keeping.

Madiano says the training has equipped the TanHealth leaders with knowledge on distribution of tasks and role limits, thus making them avoid unnecessary conflicts.

“In the beginning, we imagined that financial affairs were the preserve of leaders, and not all the members. However, after undergoing the training, we have realized the significance of transparency and how it promotes responsibility and efficiency,” says Madanio Swalehe.

He states that transparency now reigns in the organisation due to transparency.
the fact that even during ordinary meetings, members are availed of all the crucial information and are free to query any issue that demands clarification.

He further reveals that the FCS-funded capacity building programme had emboldened the leadership to paste the income and expenditure statement of TanHealth on the notice board at its Omushuraka township headquarters.

He says the organisation is now empowered to execute its vision and mission, which includes providing health awareness education to the people, especially the varied ways through which the HIV virus is transmitted. The organisation has been able to disseminate health education through the two community radio stations of Karagwe and Facedo. People have been able to receive clarification on various HIV/AIDS issues through phone-in programmes.

Following the completion of the TanHealth Trust Fund capacity building project, which went hand in hand with implementation of the HIV/AIDS awareness education project, the organization is now planning to seek FCS funds for venturing into yet another field of defending vulnerable children, especially those in the wards of Chonyonyo, Kayanga and Nyakayanga.
CSO EMPOWERED TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS IN NEWALA

For quite a long time, people have been complaining about the existence of numerous urban-based CSOs, which are practically unable to fully attend to the problems of rural people, who are in dire need of their services.

The establishment of rural CSOs is a welcome feature in the rural areas, much as these organisations face a lot of challenges.

One such organisation is PAUNE (Pambana na Ukimwi Newala). The organisation, which deals with HIV/AIDS matters, has established its headquarters at
Mnyeu Village, Nyakata Ward in Newala District.

PAUNE was formed in 2007 by 16 founder members. It now boasts of a total number of 23 members.

PAUNE executive secretary, Maulid Nalinga, says his organisation has been in the forefront of defending people living with HIV as well as providing awareness education on understanding and claiming their human rights.

PAUNE also enlightens them on ways to confront several challenges such as stigmatisation, living with hope, proper use of anti-retrovirals and how to attend orphaned children.

“A lot of achievements have been registered in our district by this organisation. In the beginning, it was difficult to see a person coming out in public for voluntary testing and counselling or to support orphaned children, whose parents had been decimated by HIV/AIDS,” Nalinga says.

He says through PAUNE’s mobilization, various individuals have come out to contribute money to cover for 10 orphaned children’s health insurance through the Community Health Fund. These children are now assured of accessing medical services at health centres.

“We mobilize the community members to make contributions to vulnerable children. We also provide nutritious food to the sick. We are able to do this through contributions donated by local people,” he says.

Some of the FCS-funded projects implemented by PAUNE include a TZS 7.4 milion capacity building programme for PAUNE leaders and members.

Nalinga recalls that the first grant they received from the Foundation was TZS 200,000, which helped facilitate the registration of the organisation so that it could start operating.

He says they were motivated to start the organisation after observing the rapid spread of HIV infection in the district, which was accompanied by a surge in the number of AIDS orphans, which shot up on each coming day.

Nalinga says that health department statistics in Newala District reveal that 3% of the population is HIV-infected, while a large number of the population is not yet ready to come out for voluntary testing.

He, however, says that the varied awareness education campaigns they had conducted had instilled a major shift in attitude among residents of Newala District.

PAUNE vice-chair Selemani Yusuf says: “I am among people who attended the Foundation-
organised course in Dodoma. I am sure that the training was crucial. It served as a basic foundation for us. If you have observed us, there is no interference of roles. This has saved us from organisational chaos.”

Fakine Ndembo, a PAUNE beneficiary, says the awareness training conducted by the institution had empowered him to become self-confident and bold, such that he was able to announce in public that he was HIV-positive.

“Prior to undertaking the training, I suffered from self-stigmatisation. I restricted myself inside my home day after, as my health deteriorated and I became weaker. I did not have the nerve to come out and mix up with the others in wealth creation. I am grateful that things have now changed,” he says.
It is generally believed that facilitation is crucial for the successful execution of any task. This was the case with JUMAKWA (Jumuiya ya Maendeleo ya Kwahani), which would not have made a headway without FCS support.

The organisation became stronger soon after both its members and leaders had attended an institutional capacity building seminar.

This fact is confirmed by JUMAKWA project coordinator, Hassan Ali Khatib, who says: “The FCS grant has been a real blessing for us. Our organisational capacity has vastly improved. At the same time, we are now quite enlightened on money use and control.”

Due to the motivation that results from the training, JUMAKWA has conceived the “Child Security and Protection...”

“I used to think that monetary affairs were the preserve of leaders. I have now realized that as an ordinary member, I am supposed to have a clear picture of the financial situation of the organisation. I am also able to prepare a project plan.”, says Sophia Torophino.
in the Kwahani Shehiya Project,” whose implementation is bound to start soon.

A beneficiary of the FCS training, Sophia Torofino, says: “I used to think that monetary affairs were the preserve of leaders. I have now realized that as an ordinary member, I am supposed to have a clear picture of the financial situation of the organisation. I am also able to prepare a project plan.”

The seminars have empowered the organisation members to convince members of the Kwahani community to form sub-committees within the Shehiya, which include the ethics, education and environment sub-committees. These support the Shehiya administration to spearhead development in the area.

The Sheha of Kwahani Shehiya, says the zeal ignited by JUMAKWA is an example that should be emulated due to the fact that the organisation has widened the people’s scope in development matters.

“The sub-committees have been quite efficient. They have accelerated the pace of development in the area, much faster than what a Union MP or House Representative – lumped together with a councilor-can do,” he says.

The Kwahani Development Association—JUMAKWA—was founded in 2011 and was registered on the same year in July.

Councilor of Kwahani ward, Machano Mwadini Omar (in front) is leading by example in a drive that aims at cleaning the environment. Accompanied are members of Jumuiya ya Maendeleo at Kwahani.
ZANZIBAR RETIREES COME UP WITH NEW PROJECTS

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It was once stated that difficulties are among the challenges that motivate a human being to become innovative. There are also who say that challenges are the engine of change because they motorise changes in given situations.

Both sayings hold certain truths because the failure of retirees to secure their pension benefits eventually led to the formation of the Association of Retired Union Government Civil Servants in Zanzibar.

The chairperson of the association, Mohamed Ali Mwadini, says training has improved the understanding of both leaders and members, such that creativity has become an outstanding feature among both leaders and members as manifested by their contribution to the preparation of the strategic plan.

“We are now able to secure our retirement rights due to the fact that we are able strategise our fight in a more enlightened way,” says Rashid Ali Juma, chairperson of the association in Zanzibar.

“...we are proud of has been the conceiving of a new project on research on challenges of retirees,” Mwadini says.
Makame Machano Makame, who has benefitted from the institutional capacity building project, says prior to attending the training, he was ignorant about projects and their administration, but now boasts of being able to conceive projects and supervise them.

He says that being a retiree, the challenge of non-payment of pensions motivated them to start the CSO, adding that after getting the awareness education, they are now able to set up administrative mechanisms—a development that has empowered them to fight for their rights.

“We are now able to secure our retirement rights due to the fact that we are able strategise our fight in a more enlightened way,” says Rashid Juma, a former coordinator of the project.

The FCS-funded CSO has established cordial relations with government leaders, with Zanzibar President, Dr Ali Mohammed Shein, becoming one of its members.

Hailing the Foundation, Lilla Mrisho, the current coordinator, says: “The Foundation supported us in our infancy. We request them not to decrease their capacity building support so that our organisation can have greater capability to execute its tasks.”

Among the challenges faced by JUWASEJMUTEZA in implementing the project was the short span of time that was set aside for conducting the training.

The organisation was formed in 2009 by 14 founding members. It’s current membership stands at 540 - encompassing Union Government retirees, among them retired policemen and women, army members, legislators, teachers and security officers.

“The other benefit we are proud of has been the conceiving of a new project on research on challenges of retirees,” says Mohamed Ali Mwadini.
BYDECOI EMPOWERED TO WORK SYSTEMATICALLY

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It is generally believed that one doesn’t stand a chance in life without acquiring education, hence the saying “Education is the key to life.”

Taking that reality into consideration, the leadership of a youth development and environmental conservation CSO, BYDECO, has opted for institutional capacity building, with its members undertaking an FCS-funded course.

Its chairperson, Haji Mussa Khamis, says the FCS-sponsored training has empowered the organisation to operate timely and responsibly the way a Civil Society Organisation should perform community work.

“Most of us were ignorant of the basis of existence of a credible CSO and effective organisational strategy. We are grateful because the training has enlightened us just at the right time,” Khamis says.

He says that they are now able
to prepare their three-year 2012-2015 strategic plan, which serves as the guiding map for short-term plans.

Due to the fact that the organisation also deals with environmental protection matters, its members have experienced big changes in attitude, become more self confident, and are now mobilizing members of the society to protect and conserve the environment.

Siti Said Musa, a beneficiary of the training, says: “Prior to undertaking the course, I was unable to stand before a crowd and give my views. Things are now different. I am now able to stand before groups of people and entice them to take part in protecting the environment.”

The organisation management works closely with councilors and other local government leaders. This fact is confirmed by the Sheha of Bububu, Bakari Khamis Bakari. “We have enjoyed close cooperation with members of this organisation since it was founded,” he says.

He says that BYDECO has provided significant support in the development of the Shehiya. “They have provided awareness education to the people and increased their understanding on the importance of the cleanliness campaign which takes place at the end of each month,” Bakari says.

The BYDECO publicity secretary, Issa Abdallah, says that the FCS has not only sponsored the training, but has also facilitated the establishment of their office and securing of office equipment.
CSO UMBRELLA ORGANISATION IN KIGOMA GETS EMPOWERED

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The project-writing course facilitated by the Foundation for Civil Society through the umbrella organisation of non-governmental organizations in Kigoma District, KIUNGONET, has enabled several NGOs in Kigoma-Ujiji Municipality to qualify for funding.

KIUNGONET executive director, Bernard Mosha, says the organisation has also been able to note glaring mistakes contained in project proposals that are submitted to donors. They are thus appealing to the Foundation to provide further capacity-building grants that shall empower other organisations.

The organisations that were involved in the project are those of special groups and others from peripheral locations, which were identified through close cooperation with local government leaders and social welfare leaders.

Mosha said 23 KIUNGONET member organisations out of 42 had benefitted from the course.

He mentioned some of the NGOs as Kigoma Diasabled Group, Upendo Women’s Group, Chama cha Viziwi Tanzania – Kigoma.
Chapter (an association for the deaf) and Wazee wa Kigoma Ktubuka (an elders’ group).

A project beneficiary, Damasi Jeremia Bagiye, from the organisation for disabled people, says the capacity building training had enabled his group to qualify for funding thus enabled them to reach the targeted clusters.

Executive Director of KIUNGONET, Bernard Mosha, exchanging ideas with facilitators of the session, Musa Madua and Tereba Theonest in Kigoma.
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Members of Nyakitonto Youth Development, an organisation that deals with empowering the youth in development matters, have voiced their gratitude to the FCS for extending grants to civil service organisations. They are of the opinion that the arrangement promotes growth and efficiency of the organisations to a significant level.

The chairperson of Nyakitonto

Training participants on redrafting of a strategic plan, good governance and project designing getting busy with the session.
Youth Development, Prisca Michael, says their members had attained organisational and administrative empowerment such that the CSO is now stronger and better-positioned to manage varied projects.

A project officer, Mawazo Kusoga adds that the project has also boosted their ability to closely cooperate with government leaders, other CSOs and members of the general public—such that they are now able to register greater achievements.

Participants of the training workshop as pictured in one of their sessions
RIGHTS GROUP UNDERTAKES RIGHT-TO-LIFE PROJECTS

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The Network for Vulnerables Rescue Foundation (NVRAF) based in Mabibo, Dar es Salaam, runs projects on the children’s right to life. Through FCS-funded training projects, the members of the organisation have seen their organisational capacity improve.

NVRAF executive director Peter Kiangi says the organisation is now better off in matters of financial management and expenditure.

He mentions other outcomes as including the society’s increased

*Some of the children who are being taken care of by NVRF, pictured with their books while in class.
youths who are involved in the sports programme are the ones who undertake environmental cleanliness tasks.

There is also the NVRF Traditional Group, which took part in a competition involving 148 groups, snatched a cash prize and was also awarded with a certificate.

Kiangi says children who are physically molested always seek refuge with the NVRF because they see the organisation as their liberator. The organisation also runs a kindergarten, but has been overwhelmed by demand.

Furthermore, there are some 48 children whose education is currently sponsored by NVRF, while some 72 children, mostly orphans and others living in vulnerable conditions, have received free education. The organisation supports people living with AIDS by providing them with capital to start their petty business.

Kiangi also reveals that widows have likewise benefited from the project by receiving entrepreneurship and health training.

Apart from children’s matters, the organisation also deals with cleanliness of the environment by collecting garbage in a single spot.

Moreover, the NGO is also involved in sports as well as health matters through offering counseling services and voluntary Aids tests. Kiangi says that sports brings young people together, thus making them miss the opportunity for errant behavior.

He clarifies that they provide a special football coach to the youths so that they can perform well during tournaments as well as donating footballs as well as jerseys. Kiangi says the same organisation has also conducted an education show on children’s right to life. It submits monthly reports of its activities to locality, ward and municipal authorities. The reports cover their work performance and achievements registered both in Mabibo Ward.

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The awareness of the activities of NVRAF, which enlightens members of the society on issues of children living in vulnerable conditions; and also on the plight of children who are selected to join ward secondary schools but are unable to utilize the opportunity due to failure of parents to take them to school.
and outside the ward.

On the other hand, Kiangi mentions some challenges, which include poor comprehension of targeted participants as well as repetition of issues during seminars. The organisation also conducted a seminar on children’s right to life at ward level.

For her part, Asha Mchuka,
a local council delegate and chairperson of the neighbourhood environmental committee, says that NVRF has been cooperating well with the local authorities during varied communal activities.
FRUITFUL TRAINING MOTORISES OUR GRANTEES PUBLICITY DRIVE

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The Mtazamo Makulumla group of Mburahati in Dar es Salaam is now able to publicise its activities after the successful attendance of its members to the FCS-funded institutional capacity building course.

The chairperson of the group, Furaha Kondo Kiga, says they had benefitted a lot through the FCS grant because they have been able to publicise their activities to the people of the surrounding community.

Kiga says they have been able to provoke discussion on various social issues. He says, for example, that the people can now question the expenditure of local government, garbage collection and community policing. He says that the people are no longer docile as they are now able to make inquiries in contrast to their past behavior.

For his part, the secretary of Mtazamo Makurumla, Pius Wisdom, says that they are now assured of government cooperation, this being a departure from the past when they were regarded as charlatans.

He adds that members are now able to make financial contributions whenever need arises. Wisdom says that the training they undertook had also involved community members, local government leaders and members of other NGOs.

Kiga says the organisation has benefitted from the finance management and expenditure course, as its members have been keen to impart the knowledge to other members of the society.

Mtazamo Makulumla has been
Sucess Stories

entrusted to organise some of the local government activities like meetings and seminars. Kiga also says that they have been taking cross-cutting issues into account so as to attain envisaged efficiency and enlighten the community and successfully elaborating basic and economic issues.

Wisdom says the capacity building education has enabled them to prepare their strategic plan, as public relations with the authorities and people from other organizations have improved, with the people being empowered to query about matters related to development.

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DEVELOPMENT CATALYST AT WORK IN GOBA

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Goba Development Community, which is based in Goba, Dar es Salaam is a non-governmental organization which has been involved in capacity building projects since December 12, 2011. The three-month training has enabled the organisation to have its own constitution as well as being able to prepare its strategic plan.

GODECO chairperson Benjamin Joseph Mvuna says they are now empowered to manage their financial transactions as well as having their day-to-day work being properly undertaken.

Mvuna says they have enjoyed good cooperation from the community members and are now poised to have the benefit of receiving further cooperation in the construction of bridges, water supply systems and performance of other works.

He adds that they have been meeting members of other Civil Society Organisations as a way of knowing each other and learning about their activities. He says they are now in the process of preparing their policy, plans, budget and other documents that

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shall help facilitate the attainment of their set out goals.

Mvuna says the organisation has also received cooperation from other development partners, especially in the area of technical advice - let alone the Foundation, which first came in to boost their administrative capacity.

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He further states that GODECO has been able to counsel people who own large plots to build storeyed houses so that they can accommodate clients who need them.

He reveals that the plot owners—on GODECO’s advice—have entered partnership with an American company in executing their project so that Goba becomes an example to be imitated.
BOOSTED BY FCS TRAINING, NGO ALL OUT TO SPREAD AWARENESS EDUCATION

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The Children, Youth, Adult Development is a civil society organisation based in Mbezi Mwisho, Maramba Mawili, Dar es Salaam. It runs youths, elders and children’s projects. In 2011, the organisation benefited from an FCS-funded project that boosted their finance management capacity, and helped impart knowledge on conception of strategic plans and project supervision.

The coordinator, Hawa Selemani, says they took part in the training in Dodoma, after which they began disseminating the education to groups taking care of children, youths and the elderly. She adds that the course has made them manage their finances efficiently.

After being enlightened in finance management, they have instituted a tradition of commissioning an experienced auditor to inspect their books. Moreover, the course has equipped them with strategic planning knowledge.

She says that members of the organisation have been contributing money to support its development projects. They have also been counselling drug addicts so that they can abandon the practice. Likewise, they have counselled people living with HIV/AIDS as well as defended their rights.

Hawa states that they have been providing advice on motor accident reduction to cyclists as well as teaching them strategies to conceive new projects. The organisation also supports widows to start their own projects as well as providing similar training to retired teachers.

On his part, Lemsi Lutumo of the local government administration at Maramba Mawili admits that the Children, Youth, Adult Development group is now an improved organization which of crucial essence to the area. He says they have done a lot to support the community as well as taken part in varied activities.
CHANIKA CSO OPERATIVES BEAM OVER PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Project: Organisation strategic plan preparation
Region: Dar es Salaam.
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The ability to conceive projects, prepare and implement strategic plans are but some of the achievements that have boosted the performance of the Policy Process and Participation Organisation (POPO) of Chanika, Dar es Salaam.

This follows the successful implementation of the FCS-funded institutional capacity building project.

POPO chairperson Ali Yunus Msangi says prior to the existence of the FCS project, the people were ignorant of ways to fight for their rights. The local people are now able to follow up on the availability of adequate medical supplies at Chanika dispensary, policy processes and other public amenities that they are entitled, he says.

Msangi says the benefits of the impact are also felt by their 25 members, not to mention special groups of the disabled, women and orphans with whom they work hard to attain development.

POPO is involved in various projects dealing with animal husbandry, health and agriculture. These encompass all groups of people in the five wards of Chanika.

A councilor with Chanika ward, Abdallah Mtepe, reveals that he has attended two good governance courses which were organized by POPO.

“These seminars, which bring together the people and their leaders, enable the people to know both their rights and responsibilities, and how to demand their rights whenever they are violated,” he says.
UMO’S FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT PICKS UP AFTER TRAINING EXERCISE

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UMO is located at Mbezi Mwisho in Dar es Salaam. It runs a capacity building training project for its members, leaders as well as its stakeholders through the funding from FCS. According to UMO public relations officer Ernest S. Ernest, the organisation leadership has benefitted a lot after learning how to prepare project proposals and execute entrepreneur projects.

Dwelling on the impact, UMO executive director Sylvester Lugongo says the society is now awakened as evidenced by the increased cooperation, which the organisation received from the people. He reveals that the CSO has been cooperating with a cyclist passenger career organization known as MBEMODA of Mbezi,
whose members have undertaken courses conducted by UMO.

Lugongo says they have been sharing experience with other groups as well as people of the surrounding community.

Furthermore, the UMO leaders have attended an employment creation course at the ILO offices. The training package also included how to involve the ward and street cluster leadership in seeking ways to create employment opportunities.

Lugongo also explains that his group enjoys cordial relations with the people. He says they are now waiting for another grant to support a public-owned primary school budget expenditure monitoring project, which they have conceived.

The ward executive officer, Martha Ivo, commends UMO for building the people’s capacity to increase their income. Also commenting on the same issue, the secretary of the local government administration at Mshikamano Mbezi, Mmani Thabiti, says he recognizes UMO’s role in catalyzing development in the area. He also commends the existence of harmonious cooperation between UMO and the local authorities.

Mr. Dickson Hyera was a facilitator in the seminar.
‘MOTORISED’ GRANTEE ALL OUT TO IMPLEMENT ALBINO SUPPORT PLAN

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As the battle of cruelty against people with albinism rages on, the Albino Association of Tanzania is on the frontline to ensure that albinos are safe as well as enjoy their basic rights just like any other Tanzanians.

Since its founding in 1970, the association has brought together people living with albinism and defended their rights, and shown the way to the society as to what extent albinos can contribute to national development.

Here are some of the members of the Tanzania Albino society posing for a group photo
In order to strengthen the organisation and extend its services to all people living with albinism, the Tanzania Albino Association has prepared its five-year strategic plan.

To facilitate its implementation, the organisation has received a grant from the Foundation for Civil Society. The plan aims at improving the lives of albinos who are leading precarious lives of being hunted by superstitious individuals.

Abdilahi Omari, the treasurer, says: “So far, this plan is bearing fruit due to the fact that we have ensured that children living with albinism are sent to school so that they can secure education as well as lifetime protection.”

Through the project, albinos are also accessing to skin protecting oil that shields them from sunburn, which harms their skin.

The strategic plan was conceived by a 40-member countrywide team, which included branch leaders and representatives. Social welfare officers also formed part of the team on behalf of the government.

Through the Ministry of Health, the government has also been of great assistance to people living with albinism.

“Personally, as a person who has taken part in the FCS-funded capacity building course, I have been able to learn finance management and proposal writing,” Omari says.

Omari also reveals that members of the association are enjoying access to health services following a meeting between the group’s officials and government leaders.

“I am now confident that when I go to hospital, I shall be attended to as well as be able to receive prescribed medication. This is a consolation for us all,” he says, joyfully.
The Hope Mission of Development for Disabled, which is based in Mbagala, Temeke District of Dar es Salaam is a non-governmental organization which serves as a spark of hope for people with disabilities.

Strengthened by its five-branch network, the CSO, which was formed in 2000, has been working closely with people with disabilities. Its operatives pay house-to-house visits to gather information of handicapped children who are locked up inside homes, then motivate parents to give the children the opportunity to study and develop their careers.

Leaders of the 450-member Hope Mission of Development for Disabled came to realize that for the organisation to mature, there was need for an institutional capacity training programme that would encompass leaders as well as members.

A request for facilitation was thus sent to the Foundation for Civil Society, followed by acceptance. Daniel Mkali, the project coordinator, says: “In the beginning, we used to draft project proposals and send them to donors. However, our proposals were neither replied to, nor funded. We started seeing light at the end of the tunnel after undertaking the training.” Some 20 members attended the course.

They thereafter prepared a project proposal for the establishment of a motor vehicle and motorcycle workshop that would cost TZS 30 million. “As we speak, some 12
fellow disabled are studying with the VETA vocational school as part of implementation of the first stages of the project,” says Mkali.

Rukia Chinanda is one of the participants of the capacity building training. She says: “I am now eager to help more and more people with disabilities, while I also yearn to lead a goal-oriented life.”

The capacity building project has also unearthed a lot of zeal. Muhidin Chale, the secretary of the organisation, says: “We have been empowered with the courage to move house to house and sensitise people on the welfare needs of disabled children in our communities.”

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Some of the leaders and members of the organisation posing for a photo at their office in Mbagala
WE ARE NOW EMPOWERED, SO SAY ASSOCIATION OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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The association of blind people in Tanzania, namely CHAMA cha Wasioona Tanzania, is now far more capable of project monitoring and supervision than it was able to do in the past. Its members are now equipped with proper strategies of enforcing good governance principles.

Emmanuel Simon, the general secretary of the organisation, reveals that prior to the training, they possessed inadequate knowledge of a lot of issues. Things have now changed with their attendance of a capacity building course that was funded by the Foundation for Civil Society.

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improvising the service delivery of projects that serve people with impaired vision, he says.

“We are currently getting set to conduct training in the districts of Same, Lushoto, Tanga, Korogwe and Moshi,” he states.

Commenting on cross-cutting issues, Simon says their organisation has succeeded to have equitable gender balance in its leadership ranks. He further reveals that the association has a department for women and children, which implements HIV/AIDS, environmental and good governance projects.

The head of the Women’s Department, Doris Kulanga, says that the training they had received has improved their understanding of several issues and also shed light on ways to utilize existing opportunities.

She says before undertaking the training, many blind people would wait to be assisted in each and everything because they had poor understanding of a lot of issues. “The capacity building course has been of great assistance to us,” she says.

Minister of State - Vice President’s Office (Union) Samia Sululu meets with a delegation of Chama cha Wasioona leaders at her office in Dar es Salaam
COURSE NECESSITATES NEED FOR TADWA TO REFORM CONSTITUTION

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The Tanzania Decent Work Association (TADWA), which deals with lobbying for the institution of decent working conditions for employees and fighting for their rights, is now better positioned to implement its objectives following the successful implementation of an institutional capacity building course, which involved its members.

TADWA chief executive Adrian Msirikale, says although their association is still at infant stage, the injection of training funds by the Foundation for Civil Society and attendance of the course by its members had enabled them to make giant steps towards greater efficiency.

“After being enlightened on good governance issues, we amended our constitution and prepared a five-year strategic plan. We have improvised the documentation of our financial records and became trustworthy”, says Adrian Msirikale

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“People of the community living around us realize the benefit of working with us. We have been collaborating with female owners of makeshift canteens in Mabibo areas so that they could also improve their services and win customer appreciation. We have also been behind the formation of Mwangaza group, which deals with cleanliness and environmental matters.”

Msarikie says: “We have been scrutinizing documents from the Ministry of Labour, labour organizations, ILO, FHS and others so as to attain research objectives and undertake policy analysis.”

A member of the association, Bwake Leonard, appreciates the good governance sensitization, which he says has boosted his self-confidence, thus making him work without banking on chance.

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CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
“RESURRECTS” KOFDO

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A fishing organisation at Kojan, namely JUMUIJA ya Maendeleo ya Wavuvi wa Kojani (KOFDO), has been reinvigorated after its members attained greater understanding of basic management practices and proper documentation of its records.

The chairman of the organisation, Omar Mohammed Ali, says that in the past, they used to run the organisation merely banking on experience such that they ended up losing the trust of their members, a reality that was difficult to stomach.

He further reveals that prior to

“The training we received had emboldened them to vie for leadership position in the forthcoming KOFDO general elections”, says Madina Kharid Hassan

Fishermen at Kikojani as pictured when moving out into the deep sea.
receiving the FCS grant, members dragged their feet whenever it came to attending meetings, a practice which brought a lot of sadness to the leadership.

Ali says that the capacity building education had injected fresh hopes into the organisation.

He further states that the project enabled both the leaders and members to recognize their specific roles, and the separation of roles between members and leaders when it comes to administration, this being a matter that was not quite clear.

A member of KOFDO, Madina Khalid Hassan, says the training they received had emboldened them to vie for leadership position in the forthcoming KOFDO general elections.

Some of the fishermen who are currently not members of KOFDO, have said the existence of the organisation shall go a long way to protect and conserve the marine environment.
SUCCES STORIES

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Grant Amount: TZS 7,000,000/= 

Officials of Elimika, a non-governmental organisation based in Musoma town, are full of appreciation for the capacity building grant they had received from the Foundation for Civil Society.

Elimika coordinator Dorah Maro recalls that during the implementation of the scheme in the wards of Bweri, Nyakato and Nyasho, the group had a good opportunity for both its leaders and members to evaluate their work performance.

She says some major changes have occurred within the society since they received the grant as they are now able to prepare business plans as well as capable of running those businesses.

She says the association has also been able to prepare strategic plans and conceive projects. It has been emboldened to monitor public expenditure as well as institute proper office documentation.

Judith Semeni, a member who benefitted from the project, says “I did not know how to keep my financial records in a proper manner. However, after going through the capacity building course, I have been further empowered. I am now confident enough to start my own business and perform well.”

Mweni ward executive officer Jamhuri Makongoro, says: “I am grateful to the CSO for their excellent cooperation with us, especially in matters concerning widows, the handicapped and people living with HIV/AIDS.”
PART TWO

POLICY ENGAGEMENT
Youths in Rungwe district of Mbeya Region have now decided to fight against new HIV infections through occupation in sports and entrepreneur activities. This results from the implementation of the project on strengthening the battle against HIV/AIDS so as to reduce new infections of HIV in groups that are prone to greater danger, and which are seen to have been forgotten.

The project is run by Upendo Social Action Group (USAG) through the Community Based Organisations that are funded by the Foundation for Civil Society. The aim of the project, which largely targets the youths, is to speed up the pace of the battle against new HIV infections in Rungwe District as part of efforts to totally wipe out the pandemic.

Wards which have benefitted from this project are Isongole, Kinyala, Kyimo, Kiwiram Nkungu, Bagamoyo and Bulyaga. The targeted groups are domestic workers, idle youths at jobless corners, workers in the entertainment industry, traders who flock the weekend open markets and the passenger-carrying cyclists popularly known as *boda boda*.

“Education on HIV/AIDS has reduced new HIV infections to a large extent in this village. As village authorities, we have made arrangements for making these improvements sustainable”, says Thalitha Chitema.
A project officer with USAG, Petros Bukuku, says the implementation of the project was geared towards making CBOs provide sensitisation education against new infections. He says the groups were able to conduct the training in various wards and villages.

Bukuku says they had originally noted that buyers of green bananas at weekend open markets offer sexual favours in exchange for lowering the price of commodities or getting them for free altogether. It has also been discovered that banana auctioneers also seek sexual favours from their customers.

Moreover, he reveals that as an organisation, they have also discovered that some widows do deceive male grass-cutters so as to have sexual relations when they bring milk to their homes, while the men also deceive their house helpers by giving them wage increases and various presents in exchange for sexual relations.

Bukuku says after the training, the community had largely understood how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS. He says most of the targeted beneficiaries have decided to start alternative income-generating businesses, which include poultry keeping and weaving sweaters. He says other young people have changed their behavior and even become married.

He also says that there are young people who organize football tourneys that take place in the late afternoon as a way of avoiding temptations and sitting idly at jobless corners.

USAG chairman Christopher Mwinga says the project has succeeded to a large extent due to successfully involving other stakeholders such as district government authorities, ward councilors, executive officers at ward and village level, religious organizations and prominent elders.

A councilor of Kyimo ward, Frankson Mwaitolage, says the project has become popular in his ward, where a lot of young people have come out for voluntary HIV/AIDS counselling and testing. He adds that the health conditions of those who were found to be HIV-positive has now stabilized after they have agreed to use ARVs.

On his part, the executive officer of Kyimo village, Thalitha Chitema, says: “Education on HIV/AIDS has reduced new HIV infections to a large extent in this village. As village authorities, we have made arrangements for making these improvements sustainable.”

A chairperson who took part in the dissemination of awareness education, Anna Mwakyusa of Aman Women Group, says: “We have completed our task at village level. We are now covering the whole ward. We have examples of young girls who were regarded as hopeless characters, but have now changed their behavior. Some have gone back to their parents and pleaded to be taken back to school. Others have similarly changed their behavior and succeeded to attract the attention of young people who have married them.”

Some of the Upendo Social Action Group members posing for a group photo
YOUNG PEOPLE PRACTICALLY IMPLEMENT YOUTH POLICY

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Young people in Mbeya City, Rungwe and Kyela, have decided to form their own youth forums. They want to use the forums to implement the provisions of the National Youth Development Policy.

The formation of the Youth Forums dates back to the 2011 Youth Forum Project that was organized by the Amani Foundation of Life (AFL).

AFL secretary Philimon Mwansasi, says the project kicked off with the organisation of two public meetings in each of the three districts. The meetings give birth to the district youth forums, with 50 delegates from each relevant ward. These were followed by debates and seminars aimed at educating the youths to become conservant with the National Youth Development Policy.

“The forums belong to youths of all political party inclinations, regardless of where they belong. They aim at disadvantaged people’s groups like people with albinism, people with disabilities, people with impaired vision, the deaf and people living with HIV/AIDS. The National Youth Development Policy is not discriminatory”, says Philimon Mwansasu.
implementing agency of those decisions.

Mwansasu says: “Young people are now becoming conversant with the policy they relate with, and what are their rights and responsibilities towards the government. They realize that they have been used as tools by politicians who totally forget them soon after the elections are over. They now know that their defenders are none than members of the community that surrounds them; and themselves through the unity that is manifested through the formation of youth forums for each district,” says Mwansasu.

Mwansasu says that the youth forums for the three districts are about to be registered, and young people are contributing money so as to make them a permanent feature. He adds that these forums are not political platforms, that is why they have asked the youths not to join those forums with the aim of attaining political goals.

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regardless of where they belong. They aim at disadvantaged people’s groups like people with albinism, people with disabilities, people with impaired vision, the deaf and people living with HIV/AIDS. The National Youth Development Policy is not discriminatory.”

Officiating at one of the youth forums that took place in Mbeya, while representing regional commissioner Abbas Kandoro, Mbeya district commissioner Norman Sigala said that the youths are the strength and hope of the nation. Through the forums, they can liberate the nation from the staunch enemies - ignorance, disease and poverty.

Sigala called on the youths to be in the forefront of defending their country by ensuring that all policies anchored on social groups were implemented, rather than get involved in useless conflicts, which go against their interests and those of the nation.

Some of the councilors who took part in the inauguration of the forums asked the young people to use their forums to oversee the implementation of their policy by pressuring the party in power to implement those policies.

“We now realize that we cannot keep on blaming the government. Through the Youth Forums, we can form our own entrepreneur groups then ask our local councilor to tell us what plans does the District Council have that shall enable us start some development projects. Due to the fact that we shall be organised in groups, the district councils are in a position to lend us an ear and assist us to secure initial capital,” says young Rehema John.

On the other hand, AFL has faced several challenges such as some of the district authorities regarding the project as an organ to organise the youths so as to forment chaos intended to destabilize the country.

Mwansasu says that after attending the public meetings, dialogues and seminars, most of the local council authorities started to support the project, in view of the fact that the forum could help tackle some of the difficult challenges in the society.
KYELA ELDERs START
GETTING DUE RECOGNITION

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Region: Mbeya
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The Elders Councils Network in Kyela District of Mbeya Region, which has been supported by the Foundation for Civil Society is now promoting the understanding of aged people’s rights.

The executive director of Service to Widows, Ophans and the Little Ones Organisation (SWOLO) Abel Ambakisye says project operations commenced in the year 2011. He says his organisation has been disseminating the 2003 National Ageing Policy message. The project leaders collaborate with village councils, ward councilors, experts as well as district council authorities.

“The project began with the enlightening of village and ward councilors on the National Ageing Policy. We thereafter formed Elders’ Councils at village and ward level. The project targeted the ten wards of Busale, Kajunjumele, Katumbasongwe, Ikolo, Ikimba, Mwaya, Ikama, Ipande, Ipinda and Talatala. The district council saw the significance of the project and gave us even more support. We thus added more wards to our list. These were Bujombe, Itope, Muungano, and Ngonga,” says Ambikisye.

He says that already, some 80 Elders Councils have formed to serve in 101 villages and 80 wards. There are also seven councils in various wards which are under the Unyakyusa and Ntebela divisions.

Among the changes brought about by the project are increased awareness by the elderly people of their rights, and the surrounding community respecting those rights. The society has realized
that old age is a valuable resource the world over, and also accepted that getting old has nothing to do with witchcraft.

“We are proud because our aged people are now flourishing and enjoying their rights. They used to be confronted to pay tax, but are no longer doing so. This is why the village councils were originally against this project,” says Ambakisye.

Ambakisye further reveals that the project has enabled the aged people to start receiving free medical treatment. As for those

*Members of SWOLO as pictured during a procession to mark the World’s Elders Day*
without voters’ cards, the village authorities do issue letters of introduction so facilitate the provision of free treatment.

Alipipi Mwangolwa (74) who suffers from throat cancer, says he used to pay money whenever he went for treatment at Kyela District Hospital. Things changed when the project came into existence. He is now treated free of charge.

Old Mwangolwa says that when it became apparent that he had to be referred to a higher hospital, he was successively treated at the regional hospital, then the Mbeya Refferal Hospital, and was later admitted for further medical treatment at Ocean Road Hospital in Dar es Salaam. He has been getting free treatment in all those places and his health has now improved.

“I really thank SWOLO for their mobilization drive. My financial position was quite bad and I was unable to afford medical treatment. I believe there are still many more old people who are suffering seriously due to ignorance of the policy for the ageing,” says Mwangolwa.

The chairperson of the Bondeni A street cluster of Kyela Urban Ward, Eickson Mwaitubi, says elders appeared to be completely forgotten by the society. “It is the project pioneered by SWOLO which redeemed them from the pit of suffering,” he says.
WIDOWS’ RIGHTS SENSITISATION CHANGES ATTITUDES IN MBeya

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The Usangu Valley Zone is said to be full of violations of widows and orphan’s rights. It is said that widows who lose their husbands and children who lose their fathers end up living as paupers, much as the deceased left behind a lot of property, which they are entitled.

In realization of that fact, an association dealing with afflicted persons and people living with HIV/AIDS, namely Kilio cha Waathirika na Waathiriwa wa Ukimwi Mbarali (KIWWAUMBA), initiated a campaign of agitation and advocacy for widows rights versus government leaders and the society of Mbarali. The project was funded by the Foundation for Civil Society.

The three-year project involves widows and ward development committees. KIWWAUMBA organised a joint meeting intended to interpret the National Women in Development and Gender Policy during which several challenges were outlined. The meeting was attended by 100 participants, who included widows and delegates to 15 ward development committees out of the total 20 wards in the district.

“My husband passed away last year. His kinsfolk decreed that I had to leave behind my three children, a house and the farms. After going through the awareness training, I saw the street cluster chairperson who gave me the support I needed to open a court case. The magistrate gave a written verdict that the property had to be given back to me”, says Mary Mpewa.
Some other awareness training was conducted in two phases attended by 100 participants. The presentations covered the subjects of Women in Development and Gender Policy, writing of wills, inheritance and marriage law.

The project coordinator, Amina Mwimame, says already the rights of 15 widows have been restored. Seven other widows have their cases pending in court and there is a big chance that their rights shall be restored.

People of the surrounding community also confess to have benefitted from the first phase of the project. The chairperson of the Luhanga Street Cluster, Michael Makame, admits that the project has helped bring about greater awareness in the community. “Right now, widows are no longer robbed their property after the demise of their spouses as used to be the case. Relatives of deceased husbands are now scared of property that has been left behind,” he says.

A widow who resides in Msimbazi Street Cluster of Rujewa Ward, Mary Mpewa, says: “My husband passed away last year. His kinsfolk decreed that I had to leave behind my three children, a house and the farms. After going through the awareness training, I saw the street cluster chairperson who gave me the support I needed to open a court case. The magistrate gave a written verdict that the property had to be given back to me.”

“I am now sensitized. I am able to handle my own inheritance matters, not necessarily the relatives.”

The KIWWAUMBA project officer, Moses Nchimbi, says that their organisation has become the refuge of afflicted persons. The membership has risen to 60 from the initial 26 founding members. The district as well as the council authorities now use the organisation to sort out various issues.
SHIMAWAMI PROUD OF SLOWING DOWN BAGAMOYO LAND CONFLICTS PACE

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A non-governmental organisation, namely Shirika la Maendeleo ya Wajasiriamali Miono (SHIMAWAMI), says it has slowed down the tempo of land conflicts between small-holder farmers and pastoralists.

SHIMAWAMI has been involved in providing training that fosters the Bagamoyo people’s understanding of land laws and ordinances. The NGOs activities have contributed to the people’s increased awareness of their rights added to their decision to discard outdated values that go against the law.

“We have so far succeeded to reduce occurrence of cases at land adjudications. Local government leaders used to be ignorant of land laws. When we pioneered this project with the support of The Foundation, people were in the dark about the relevant laws, as local government leaders failed to adjudicate the cases that frequently occurred. Right now, we are able to settle such conflicts out of court due to the impact of the awareness education we dissemination that we undertook,” says Saidi Ally Sonji, who coordinates the project.
For a start, the organisation has helped strengthen groups that have been collaborating with SHIMAWAMI in giving sensitisation awareness education to the communities of Miono, Msata, Lugoba, Mandela and Mbwewe. Many people have come out to seek legal assistance soon after undergoing the training, especially those among the small-holder farmers and peasants who are embroiled in land disputes.

After undergoing the training, the pastoralists came out together and contributed eight cows as a step towards embarking on preparations of farming environment through the use of animal workforce. The rival communities decided to end their differences after taking stock of the losses they had suffered due to the land conflicts. They decided to demarcate their areas.

Sonji says that each ward has succeeded to establish a land tribunal, as these had been non-existent. The development has led to a decline of the number of land conflicts. These are now adjudicated or settled amicably by the land tribunals.

CHAVITA MTWARA RESTORES
MEMBERSHIP OF DROPOUTS

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Region: Mtwara
Grant Amount: TZS 131,621,800/= 

CHAVITA, Mtwara Chapter was formed in the year 2001 with an initial membership of six members. The number has now surged to 157.

The chairperson of CHAVITA Mtwara, Khasim Mchindula, says they have been in the forefront of defending the hearing impaired people and also building their capacity of knowing their rights so that they can claim them.

Additionally, they provide awareness education on how to face challenges, which occur in their living environment, including harassments induced by their physical condition. They also teach them on the use of hearing aids.

“We have registered a lot of achievements since the formation of this association. Previously, people who suffered from hearing impediments did not dare to come out and take part in development activities. The situation is now different,” says Mchindula.

Currently, CHAVITA Mtwara is running a capacity building course on leadership and administration as well as the use of sign language. The TZS 131.6 million project is funded by the Foundation for Civil Society until March, 2015.

According to Mchindula, apart from the current grant, CHAVITA Mtwara had also previously benefitted from a one year TZS 34.8 million grant from FCS that funded a capacity building project for CHAVITA Mtwara leaders. The grant was also utilized to strengthen networking among hearing-impaired people’s organisations.

In 2007, the organisation also secured a TZS 5 million grant from
the Foundation to finance the HIV/AIDS awareness programme for the hearing impaired as well as imparting knowledge on the use of sign language.

Michindula says they are proud of their sustained efforts to provide sign language training to the surrounding community, thus boosting the efficient use of the language among the community of the deaf and even people who do not suffer from any hearing impediments.

For his part, CHAVITA treasurer Mohamed Bakari says apart from the afore-mentioned grants, FCS has also been providing some training on efficient finance management and project supervision. He says they are now able to manage their projects efficiently as well as make proper documentation of finances.

Mohamed Likumbo, one of the beneficiaries, has this to say:

“Prior to the training, I did not have the confidence to come out in public and defend my rights and those of others. My financial position was not good, and I was unable to join others in wealth creation. I am now grateful for the changes I have experienced.”
SHDEPHA+ NEWALA DEFENDS INTERESTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

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Grant Amount: TZS 44,000,000/=  

SHIDEPHA+ Newala was formed in 2004, with an initial membership of three people. The membership has now soared to 500.

Executive secretary Asha Juma Maguta says they have been in the forefront of defending their HIV-positive members, and also helping them to become aware of their rights so that they can claim them.

She further states that SHIDEPHA+ has also provided awareness training to people living with HIV/AIDS on how to face various challenges such as stigmisation. They have also taught them how to live with hope, the proper use of ARVs and how to take care of the sick in their homes.

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achievements. In the beginning, it was not easy to see a person coming out for voluntary HIV/AIDS testing, or declare their HIV status in public. On the contrary, people are doing so nowadays, Maguta says.

Some of the projects executed by SHIDEPHA+ Newala include the provision of basic needs to people living with HIV/AIDS in Newala District. The project value was TZS 5 million. The project was funded by FCS.

Maguta also reveals that they also had benefited from a TZS 44.8 million grant from FCS that was specifically geared towards sensitisation and advocacy. It is expected that 270 people from six wards in the district are going to benefit from the project.

“Wards that have benefitted from this project, whose implementation is still underway include Mtonya, Nnekachi, Mtopwa, Chitekete, Chilangala and Mkoma II,” she says.

Maguta says the scheme has helped alleviate stigmatisation by community members, led people to have self-knowledge and also protect others against HIV infection. She also says that the project has motivated people on the proper usage of ARVs and clinic attendance.

A project beneficiary, Mohamed Haji Selemani, says the awareness education imparted by SHIDEPHA+ has transformed him into a self-confident person who can stand out in public and declare that he is HIV-positive.

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TAKUUK STEPS UP COUNSELING OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

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Region: Mtwara
Grant Amount: TZS 4,000,000/=

Taasisi ya Kupambana na Ukimwi Kitangari (TAKUUK), is an organisation fighting against HIV/AIDS based in the traditional village of Kitangari in Newala District. It was formed in 2005 with an initial membership of 22. Its current members’ list now totals 22.

TKUUK executive director Said John says his organisation has been in the forefront of defending people living with HIV/AIDS and also building their capacity to understand their rights so that they can fight for them.

The non-governmental organization also educates people living with HIV/AIDS to face various challenges such as stigmatization, living with hope, correct use of ARVs and educating girls on HIV protection.

“During the period preceding the formation of this organisation, it was not easy for a community member to undergo voluntary HIV testing or to take care of people living with HIV/AIDS,” says John.

He says TAKUUK motivation efforts have motorized some

“TAKUUK has benefitted 120 participants from the Maputi and Kitangari wards. The quality of counseling is high and the number of those who come for voluntary HIV/AIDS testing is increasing”, says Said John.
community members to contribute to the education of orphaned children by paying school fees and purchasing school equipment so as to ensure that these children get education, which is their basic right.

Among projects that have been implemented by TAKUUK are providing sensitisation education for HIV/AIDS counselors. The TZS 4 million project was funded by the Foundation for Civil Society.

John says: “This project has benefitted 120 participants from the Maputi and Kitangari wards. The quality of counseling is high and the number of those who come for voluntary HIV/AIDS testing is increasing.”

Asia Mtavala, a project beneficiary, who resides in Newala, says: “I suffered from self-rejection and was adversely affected by stigmatization. I failed to mingle with others and undertake wealth creation tasks. Thanks to the sensitisation, I am happy about the changes I have experienced.”
CSO SAVES JUVENILES FROM FRUIT TRANSPORT JOBS IN MUHEZA

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Region: Tanga  
Grant Amount: TZS 45,000,000/=  

“We have discovered that a lot of children run away from school for the sake of securing employment in the fruit industry. This adversely affects their education. We thus opposed the use of child labour in these ventures by providing awareness education against the practice through the ward development committees”, says George Abiero  

African Peace Ambassador Tanzania (APAT) banks on and joins people of goodwill towards children in the belief that a child, whether schooling or non-schooling, is prohibited to undertake any kind of employment, and that children can only support their parents by undertaking petty tasks.  

However, the situation is rather different in the various areas of Muheza District.  

Abiero says their organisation was registered in 2006. Its objective is to fight child labour by employers in orange plantations, associated industries and fruit transportation. He mentions the wards that are
reputed to plant a lot of oranges as Mtindiro, Kilulu, Majengo and Mkuzi.

“In these areas, juveniles load oranges then unload them from lorries when they reach Nairobi or Mombasa,” Abiero says.

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He says APAT collaborates with various government departments at district level. These include the social welfare department, whose support is sought in liberating children from hazardous employment.

“We also provided training to 118 small-holder farmers. We formed five committees to protect children,” he says.

APAT has succeeded to increase social awareness against violation of children’s rights in Muheza.

“At the moment, some 11 schoolchildren have gone back to school. They are doing well and have completely abandoned getting involved in the orange business,” Abiero says.

He also reveals that truck drivers, after undergoing some training, are now scared of employing child labour, knowing fully well that they can be charged in court or compelled to pay a TZS 50,000 fine.

“These are some of the girls who have been rescued from child labour, pictured after being offered an opportunity to learn some new tailoring skills.”

These are some of the girls who were rescued from child labour in orange fields, now receiving training on tailoring skills.
The Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association has largely succeeded to bring together female schoolchildren and educate them on steps they can take to protect themselves against all forms of sexual abuse, plus action to be taken after the occurrence of such incidents.

Rape incidents, early marriages, gender oppression and neglect are but some of the humiliations associated with gender that confront female children, especially those living in the rural areas.

The project has boosted ZAFELA’s understanding of the nature of varied incidents which female students suffer from both inside their homes and within the community they live. This extra-information was acquired through the increased capacity of female children to freely express themselves.

As a strategy to fight the vice, ZAFELA had aimed to disseminate awareness education to female schoolchildren and picking 10 delegates from each school to serve as members of female children’s councils.

“We have succeeded to build the advocacy capacity against female child molestation through the councils that exist in every school. The ones we educated earlier serve as heralds who are now continuing to educate the rest,” says Saada Salum Issa, who is the assistant coordinator of the project.

Amina Bakari, one of the schoolgirls who attended the training, says: “I have come to learn what steps I need to take
once I am abused, and what I have to do afterwards or how to help a colleague who has suffered from sexual abuse.”

A social welfare officer in Unguja North “A” District, Mwanajuma Kassim Makame, says the FCS-funded project has been of great assistance to girl students due to the notable decline of female molestation occurrences, whose rate was higher in the past.

In order to ensure the successful implementation of the project, ZAFELA, collaborated with various CSOs and institutions like the Zanzibar Legal Services Centre, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children, Ministry of Education and Vocational Education, and Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs as it gained support of members of the society, who allowed their children to undertake the training.

Zafela is the only association that has come out to offer legal services for women in Zanzibar. ZAFELA was founded in 2003 and was officially registered in 2005 while having 15 founding members. The membership has now swelled to 50.

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Here is a member with the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZALEFA)
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Region: Urban West
Grant Amount: TZS 33,405,800/= 

The Zanzibar Initiative for Youths (ZIFYA) boasts of its capacity to sensitise the youth on health issues, the adverse effects of illicit drug use and the significance of conservation of the coastal environment.

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The FCS-funded project came as a result of the massive response of youths who had been identified as drug pushers as well as those who were victims of a surge of new HIV infections.
The gravity of the problems has fuelled the emergence of several Civil Society Organisations which want to support the Government to ensure the emergence of an ideal society that faces few occurrences of HIV infections and which has done away with illicit drug use.

The CSO has been organising debates among several youth groups, football competitions, open cinema shows and distribution of flyers and condoms.

ZIFYA secretary George Mkwaya says many youths have come out for health examination, something that is unusual in the Zanzibari community.

One of the beneficiaries, Yunus Faki Foum, says that the project has assisted him to access sound health education and educate other youths to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.
UNGOU BUOYED BY CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW ROLE

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Grant Amount: TZS 60,000,000/= 

The Network of Civil Society Organisations in Ulanga District (UNGOU) boasts of its role in coordinating dialogues and enabling the people to become conversant with the provisions of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, which is expected to be reformed following the legislation of the 2011 Constitutional Review Act. The open dialogues were attended by a total of 3,000 people.

The dialogues took place in the three divisions of Vigoi, Mtimbira and Lupiro in Ulanga District.

UNGOU organised the debates with the aim of enabling the people to know the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania so that they could air their views constructively before members of the Constitutional Review Commission, which was formed by President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

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He says the dialogues had enabled the people to understand the 2011 Constitutional Review Act.

In disseminating the civic education, UNGOU used three major approaches. The first approach involved the use of seasoned lawyers to take participants through the provisions of the existing constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The second approach was receiving the views of the people on the kind of constitution they wanted to have, so that they could forward them to their representatives, who could in one way or the other forward them to the Constitutional Review Commission.

The third approach was giving the opportunity to the people to ask questions that would further help to enlighten them on the amended 2011 Constitutional Review Act.

Chammy, speaking in reference to the 3,000 participants of the open dialogues, says they were proud of succeeding to disseminate civic education through the constitutional review process at a time when it was still at infant stage.
KIGOMA CHILDREN INFLUENCED BY OUR GRANTEE TO DESIST FROM CRIME

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Grant Amount: TZS 135,000,000/= 

Our grantee in Kigoma, The youth development centre, namely Ndela Kituo cha Maendeleo ya Vijana Kigoma, has played a role in the lowering of crime incidents that were committed by street children through the formation of children’s clubs.

Through the Child Security and Protection Project that was funded by FCS, 13 children’s clubs comprising 325 children have been formed in the 13 wards of the Kigoma-Ujiji municipality, with the aim of providing life skills to the children.
Apart from imparting skills to the youngsters aged between 10 and 17 years, the clubs also aim at bringing together the children so that they can discuss the varied challenges they face, especially those related with living in vulnerable conditions.

Project coordinator Adrofinace Leopard says the involvement of the Department of Social Welfare of the Kigoma Municipality, Police Force and the Judiciary have helped create ideal conditions for the clubs to shoulder their planned responsibilities.

He says that areas, which had the larger number of children living in difficult conditions in the Kigoma-Ujiji municipality were the wards of Mwanaga South, Mwanaga North and Rusimbi.

The Kigoma-Ujiji social welfare officer, Agnes Punila, says the project has been of great benefit to the children and reduced the workload of his department by a significant level.
KIGOMA YOUTHS MOTIVATED TO VIE FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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Region: Kigoma
Grant Amount: TZS 5,000,000/=  

A youth organisation in the fight against HIV/AIDS and Poverty in Kigoma, namely Asasi ya Mapambano Dhidi ya Ukimwi na Umasikini kwa Vijana, has succeeded to a large extent to induce youths to seek positions in decision-making bodies during the last general election in 2010.

Project coordinator Alex Lugoya says the project was first implemented in between the years 2010 and 2011 after securing a grant from the Foundation for Civil Society. The project was conceived after it was realized that many youths had lost the zeal of running for leadership positions, as some of them believed that leadership was the preserve of elders, while others feared to come out because they would allegedly be bewitched”, says Alex Luyoga
Some of the youths taking part during a training workshop

bewitched.

Luyoga says in bringing about the changes, it first anchored itself in providing sensitisation education in Sigungunga ward, which encompasses the three localities of Helembe, Sigunga and Kapalamsenga.

Luhoya says two youths emerged to take the challenge of throwing themselves in the battle for leadership and won through their respective political parties.
REWESO LAUNCHES ‘EAT TRADITIONAL ORGANIC VEGETABLES CAMPAIGN’ IN DAR

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Region: Dar es Salaam
Grant Amount: TZS 16,200,000/= 

People are now enticed to eat traditional vegetables more than they have done at any other time after being mobilized to cherish their nutrient value, regardless of the fact that anybody can produce them without incurring huge costs.

The mobilization drive has been undertaken by the Regent Estate Senior Women Organisation (RESEWO) of Dar es Salaam. The CSO is basically involved in identifying traditional foods, producing traditional greens, processing and facilitating their consumption.

The implementation has taken place through sensitization mainly of women, because they have the larger responsibility of looking for and preparing vegetables for family consumption.

“Many people have realized the significance of these traditional organic vegetables, whose existence has contributed to effective improvement of the nutrient value of meals, lowering of food expenses and improving the health of consumers,” says project coordinator Fabia Shundi.

After securing the FCS grant, REWESO has been able to conduct seminars for community development officers, agricultural officers, councilors, journalists and ordinary people in the localities of Mikocheni, Bunju in Dar es Salaam and Mkuranga in Coast Region.

She says the seminars have increased the society’s understanding of the contribution of traditional organic food to
human well-being compared to vegetables which are grown using artificial fertilizers and chemicals in an environment which is detrimental to human health.

The organisation has also published a booklet entitled *Mboga kwa Afya* (‘Vegetables for Health’). The booklet is read by many people who remain in contact with REWESO in order to ensure constant supplies, and learn how to produce the vegetables.

Fabia has revealed that more than 18 primary schools in Dar es Salaam have started their own gardens in which traditional organic vegetables are planted.

“Many people have realized the significance of these traditional organic vegetables, whose existence has contributed to effective improvement of the nutrient value of meals, lowering of food expenses and improving the health of consumers”, says Fabian Shundi, Coordinator of REWESO, Fabia Shundi, inspecting some of her organisation’s vegetable gardens.
JET FULLY EQUIPPED TO EXPOSE ILLEGAL FISHING ACTIVITIES

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Grant Amount: TZS 135,936,000/=.

The problem of illegal fishing, which had spread fast and gone as far as involving the use of dynamite, attracted the attention of a group, which shall shout against such activities. The Journalists’ Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) is now working more effectively in combating the scourge.

JET, whose basic mission is to report environmental news, has been further empowered after its members went through training on advocacy and awareness of policy makers on the damage caused by illegal fishing. The campaign covers the 2010-2013 period through the funding from the Foundation for Civil Society.

JET executive director, John Chikomo, says that the funding has boosted their capacity of reporting illegal fishing activities through the use of dynamite and has enabled them to acquire vital equipment that shall facilitate the execution of their tasks.

JET is working closely with coastal conservation units (BMU) and also exchanging information that has led to the arrest of criminals so that they are unable to continue with destruction of the environment through illegal fishing activities.

Chikomo says the collaboration...
has contributed to bringing about a significant change of the situation, even more than when the work was undertaken by the police force in collaboration with other units, but not without media exposure.

Moreover, fishermen, fish processors, middlemen and coastal residents of Kilwa, Somanga and Mtwara have been educated on the adverse effects of illegal fishing.

The efforts have resulted in people manifesting excellent cooperation whenever they see individuals getting ready to undertake illegal fishing activities. The people are also taking action to spoil the moves.

Former immediate JET chairperson, Deo Mfugale, says the project has provided them with equipment that has enabled them to expose the vice, without which the task would have been quite difficult.

“Basically, the grant we have received from the FCS trickles down to the grassroots. Whenever JET published varied information people become more enlightened, thus empowering them to combat illegal fishing. It is not proper to leave the task to the police and the courts alone because the cases take quite a long time as the environmental destruction continues. However, currently, the police, the courts and journalists are working together—contrary to past experience,” says Mfugale.
COMPASS COMMUNICATIONS ALL OUT TO BREAK NGO REPORTING RECORD

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Region: Dar es Salaam
Grant Amount: TZS 124,272,000/= 

Compass Communications remains upbeat over its ability to prepare and air many programmes on CSO activities and achievements through various electronic media.

Maria Sarungi – Tsehai, who is the director of productions at Compass Communications, says the FCS grant has enabled her organisation to visit various regions and their vicinities to interview CSO workers about their work so that the rest of the society can be aware of the fruits of the work of those organisations.

“After collecting the information, we have prepared varied programs on different subjects that have been aired through radio and television stations as a way of mass education. We do not only cover the statements of the NGO officials, but also those of various authorities such as government departments, experts of relevant covered aspects and others”, says Maria Sarungi–Tsehai

“After collecting the information, we have prepared varied programs on different subjects that have been aired through radio and television stations as a way of mass education. We do not only cover the statements of the CSO officials, but also those of various authorities such as government departments, experts of relevant covered aspects and others,” says Maria. Compass Communications provides
the opportunity for the people or their representatives to give their views that reach the targeted audience and the whole society directly through media organs.

Among the beneficiary institutions are the council for community development (TACOSODE), Chama cha Viziwi Tanzania (CHAVITA), ZPDD-Zanzibar and others. Members of the public are also involved by being given the opportunity to air their views without hindrance.

“Members of the general public have decided to either support us by partipating in our programmes or watching continuously our programmes aired by various television stations. We have collaborated with various stakeholders from both the government authorities and members of the private sector in order to ensure that they give their opinion freely while the audience works on their views so as to bring about the required change,” Maria says.

On their part, the beneficiaries of CSO support have voiced their gratitude as they now have the opportunity to discuss various challenges and grievances that they face during implementation of the projects. They also add that the programme helps them to send the message home to government authorities on various difficulties they face so that solutions can be found, thus being able to attain their goal of bringing about their own development.

Maria says Compass Communications has been able to publicise the achievements of various civil society organisations that have received grants from the Foundation for Civil Society so that members of the public can learn from activities undertaken by various non-governmental organisations.

Commenting on the contribution of Compass Communications, the secretary of the Karatu-based KANGONET, Best Patrick Mambea, says through the recording of their activities, many people from across the country are able to learn from them and also give some feedback.
MARA ORGANISATION HAPPY WITH CHANGED ATTITUDES ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Region: Mara
Grant Amount: TZS 44,966,700/=  

Officials of the Lake Victoria Disability Center are highly encouraged by the visible change of attitudes, increased respect and valuing of the rights of people with disabilities, as more and more people give them assistance whenever it is needed. The officials regard the notable changes as a direct result of their work.

Director of the organisation, Denis Maina, says they have been able to build the capacity of the society so that people now recognize the rights of people with disabilities. The efforts include the
airing of 45 programmes through Radio Victoria FM, through which more awareness education on the rights of people with disabilities is given.

He says that people with disabilities are now aware of their rights and, as major stakeholders, are able to fight for their enforcement.

Maina says that the awareness education has made the general public to adopt a kinder attitude towards people with disabilities. Children with disabilities are no longer hidden inside homes but are sent to school to study just like other children.

He also says that in the hospitals, people with disabilities are now given priority, in contrast with past norms.

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239 CHILDREN SAVED FROM HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT IN CHAKE CHAKE

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Project: Elimination of worst forms of child labour
Region: South Pemba
Grant Amount: TZS 34,300,000/=  

An association dealing with poverty reduction and improving the livelihoods of the people of Pemba, Jumuia ya Kupunguza Umaskini na Kuboresha Hali za Wananchi Pemba (KUKHAWA), has managed to save 239 juveniles from child labour and taken them back to school. These occurrences have taken place in the shehias of Ole, Wesha and Uwandani in Chake Chake District of Pemba Island.  

“Our anti-child labour campaign was quite successful to the extent that some parents dared to travel to Dar es Salaam to collect their children and bring them back to Pemba”, says Hafidhi Abdi Saidi secretary KUKHAWA.  

Upon receiving funds from the Foundation for Civil Society, KUKHAWA organised awareness education programmes for members of the sub-committees in every shehia.
then started organising within the society, a strategy that bore fruit as people exposed the large number of children who were already deeply involved in child labour.

Hafidhi says they managed to rescue some 83 children of Washa Shehia, most of whom were involved in fish scrapping at the Wesha fish market. The children were also cleaning the dhows and carrying gas containers as fishermen returned from the sea.

He also reveals that at Uwandani Shehia, his organisation managed to free 153 children, who were digging up stones at quarries located in the shehias of Ole and Uwandani.

In Ole Shehia, among 78 children who were sent to provide cheap labour to their relatives, three children hailing from Dar es Salaam were taken back home.

“Our anti-child labour campaign was quite successful to the extent that some parents dared to travel to Dar es Salaam to collect their children and bring them back to Pemba,” says Hafidhi.

KUKHAWA chairperson Mgeni Hamad Othuman says the village sub-committees that they had formed had been quite effective as evidenced by the fact that there are no more any child labourers at the Wesha fish market.

A trader at the Wesha Fish Market, Nahodha Rajab Mselem, admits that they used to employ children to undertake various chores such as fish scrapping. However, they have been enlightened and have thus changed their behavior.

KUKHAWA was formed in 2002 and became registered in the year 2003 for the purpose of uplifting the people’s economic, political and cultural standards.
PART THREE

GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY
The three-year Hossana OWS Centre social accountability programme of monitoring the implementation of health development plans at village, ward and district level in Ileje District, Mbeya Region commenced in January, 2011.

A total of 16 wards in Ileje District have benefitted from the project, which has involved various leadership cadres and the ordinary wananchi.

The project coordinator, Nyasa Mwalyego, says implementation of the project began with seminars, which took place at Itale, Kafule, Mbei and Sange centres. These were attended by Ileje district commissioner Rosemary Senyamule, the administrative secretary, the district council director and other heads of government departments.

In other centres, the participants included councilors, ward executive secretaries, village leaders, ward representatives of people with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, people’s representatives and heads of dispensaries.

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In the preceding period, the society was not motivated to take the responsibility of monitoring health sector activities, as people believed that this was the sole responsibility of the government. Generally speaking, the attitude of individual social accountability was non-existent. The seminars have enabled people to take up responsibilities for further dissemination of the message, with each person choosing to exercise self-supervision.

“The benefits of the project include increased community awareness for participation in development projects in their respective areas. People have also been motivated to take part in implementation of development plans and actively participating at public meetings,” Mwalyego explains.

A seminar participant, Mwalimu Lucian Yunga of Isongole Secondary School says the project has opened up people’s eyes as they are now aware of both their right and responsibility of querying public expenditure on varied projects, including health and education schemes.

Charles Mwandalu of Mlake village says that for him, the issue of taking part in village meetings amounted to waste of time. However, he presently views himself as a responsible stakeholder who has to bring development to the area where he lives.

Mwandalu admits that the task of changing people’s attitudes is not all that easy. After attending the seminars and public dialogues he has seen the significance of taking such a crucial step in his life.

Itumba executive officer Pilingson Kibona says there are certain indicative signs that there shall be a greater public awareness by the time the project is completed.

Ileje District Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule, making her last remarks to officially close a training program on enhancing social accountability in village, ward and district health sector.
MBOZI CSO EMPOWERED TO MONITOR EDUCATION PROJECTS

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"Right now there are some big changes in the wards where the project is executed. We can boast that we have opened some people's eyes, and, for that reason, some ward authorities are desperate to have the project implemented in their areas," says Zainabu Majubwa, project coordinator, Mbozi Society for HIV/AIDS & Social Economic Development (MSHCSD) through FCS funding.

Social capacity building on transparency and accountability in the education sector is a project which has brought benefits to the two wards of Myovizi and Ruanda in Mbozi, Mbeya Region. The project is being run by the Mbozi Society for HIV/AIDS & Social Economic Development (MSHCSD) through FCS funding.

In the past, the people remained in the dark as to how financial committees operated, nor were they aware that it was their duty to monitor expenditure of the money they had contributed for school development.

Zainabu says that the aim of the project is build the capacity of school committees on tracking public expenditure, creation of new projects, project monitoring and office documentation plus giving reports to leaders and the people of the relevant area.

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Zainabu also reveals that during the implementation of the project, the district education department was fully involved and the results were quite impressive.

She says that the school committees are already coming out with projects, sighting Myovu Primary School as an example.
where the school children’s lunch project is progressing well. She also says that the society has now realized that government departments are supposed to reveal budget allocations to the people. Already, the education department is implementing that directive.

Pascal Kigwampi, who is the education coordinator for Myovizi ward, says that the project has lessened his daily work burden due to the improved understanding of school committee members on monitoring project implementation.

“In the beginning, there were problems related to school attendance. We are now witnessing a higher pass rate. In 2010, the pupils pass rate stood at 41 per cent. However, in 2011, the pass rate shot up to 55.6 per cent,” says Kigwampi.

Apart from the improved academic performance, there is a greater number of desks in various schools because people have woken up to their responsibility and are now all out to support their children’s education.

In the past, four pupils shared one desk, while an average of two pupils currently share a desk. “We believe that all these changes result from the project,” says Kigwampi.

A member of the Mahenje Primary School Committee, Anna Zambi, says that in the beginning, she had poor understanding of her role in the school committee. She adds that currently, together with other committee members, they are aware of their duties, and that’s why they have managed to convince parents to contribute food for their children’s daily lunch.

The chairman of the Mahenje School Committee, Paul Mwambene, says committee members were originally not aware that they could query about finances or any asset that was brought for school use. He says people are no longer afraid to seek explanations from school headteachers on various items of school expenditure.

Kigwampi gives the example of two million shillings from the Constituency Fund, which had been allocated to Ichyesa Primary School for the purpose of constructing a classroom at Ichyesa Primary School. He says they were able to track the money until it was deposited in the right account. The classroom was eventually constructed.

“Members of MSHCSD posing for a group photo during one of their activities”
SAJAKU EMPOWERS MTWARA COMMUNITIES TO KNOW THEIR RIGHTS

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Saidia Jamii Kuishi (SAJAKU) is a non-governmental organisation that works hand in hand with the government in fighting poverty and provision of efficient social services. SAJAKU is involved in providing entrepreneur education, agriculture, livestock, conservation of natural resources like forests and Indian Ocean coastlines and gender issues. It aims at liberating the society from acute poverty.

The Good Governance and Accountability Project support from The Foundation was aimed at mobilizing people to come out and attend meetings and other sittings concerning development activities in their respective areas.

“The targeted groups include ward and village executives, councilors, village chairmen, and all people living within the project area”, says Nashir Ziwani ward officer, Francis Mkuti, facilitating a training program on good governance at Chawi ward

The project had been implemented in the wards of Naumbu, Nanguruwe, Mhurunga and Chawi in the Mtwara Rural District Council. Some of the
factors taken into account in the choice of targeted groups are the inclusion of people with disabilities and gender equity.

Tangible achievements of the project include the coming out of many people to question their leaders about development issues and the large numbers of people who emerge to read posters placed in their localities.

“The scheme has enabled many people to know their rights. Many of them are attending public meetings and other forums called by their leaders. At the same time, group leaders have been in the forefront of frequently reading out the income and expenditure reports.

Selemani Mwanje, who serves as chairperson of the village government of Mahurunga, is one of the beneficiaries of the SAJAKU project. He says the training has boosted his performance capacity and made him self-confident in performing his work efficiently. He says that this has reduced frictions between him and the people he is leading.

The Kitunguli village executive, Mussa Mnova, says that his office is now receiving people on daily basis come to seek information on various issues, this being a new development because in the past, people did not bother to seek vital information that was of concern to them.

“Mimi kabla sijapata mafunzo ya sajaku ya utawala bora na uwajibikaji nilikuwa nafanya kazi zangu kwa kubahatisha tu lakini hivi sasa naweza kusimama mbele ya jamii kifua mbele nikijua nawatendea haki wananchi walionichagua”, anasema Mnanje Coordinator of SAJAKU, Nashir M. Pontiya, explaining something during an activity spearheaded by their organisation at Maharunga village.

Citizens of Nanguruwe village listening attentively to a facilitator (not in picture)
ORDINARY WANANCHI IMPLEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY

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People of nine wards of the Kigoma District Council have benefited from a good governance course that was conducted by our grantee organisation known as Umoja wa Wawezezaji Kioo.

This was revealed in Kigoma by the coordinator of the organisation, Edward Simon while evaluating the project.

Simon says the project, implemented in the wards of Kagunga, Mwangongo, Simbo, Mungonya, Iliagala na Sunuka of the Kigoma District Council, had motorised the village governments, thus causing changes in their ways of administration.

He says the awareness education, which was given to just a few people of those wards, had spread like bushfire and engulfed other groups of people as well as ward and village leaders.

"Many ordinary people now have the courage to probe various issues that affect them, this being a departure from past behavior", says Jumane Bhangi

Citing an example, he said that many village authorities have now adopted the system of issuing income and expenditure reports as outlined by the law, thus paving
way for greater transparency and accountability within the communities.

Jumanne Bhangi, a resident of Illigala Village in Kigoma District Council, says many ordinary people now have the courage to probe various issues that affect them, this being a departure from past behavior.
PUBLIC DIALOGUES WIDEN PEOPLE’S UNDERSTANDING OF CONSTITUENCY FUNDS

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Region: South Pemba
Grant Amount: TZS 14,995,000/= 

The people in Pemba Island are proud of gaining the understanding of the process involved in the utilization of the constituency fund, soon after taking part in open dialogues that were organized by the umbrella group of non-governmental organisations, Mtandao wa Asasi za Kiraia Kisiwani Pemba (PACSO).

Some people from the Chake Chake, Micheweni, Mkoani and Wete constituencies said the dialogues had maximized their understanding, given the fact that they originally thought that they were not supposed to question the expenditure of funds allocated to their constituencies.

“Soon after the dialogues had ended, and after they had realized that the constituency funds were in fact theirs, they began pressuring their MPs until the electricity became available”, says Asha Haji Makame, a participant from Mkoani constituency, says before attending the seminar, she had thought that the money was placed under the personal management of the relevant Members of Parliament and was thus scared to query its use.

Constituency sub-committees had been formed thereafter for the purpose of monitoring the spending of the allocated funds.
PASCO acting director Mussa Kombo says the dialogues, coupled with those that were organised to discuss the constitutional review process, had awakened the people of Pemba and made them eager to voice their opinion.

Kombo says after the completion of the dialogues, the organisation had now devoted its energies towards educating people on ways to oversee the expenditure of the funds, which are specifically intended to bring development.

Kombo says more than 300 participants from each electoral district had benefited from the open dialogues, and raised several issues that included challenges related to the distribution of electricity in the shehias of Wambaa and Chumbageni.

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PASCO was formed in 2006 by 76 member NGOs. The dialogues were sponsored by the Foundation for Civil Society.
MBOZI WOMEN SENSITIZED ON MARRIAGE AND INHERITANCE LAW

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Grant Amount: TZS 43,675,500/=  

Good governance training on Marriage and Inheritance Law has awakened women living in Mbozi District, Mbeya Region. The education was imparted in varied forms, including training through a project managed by the Women and Development Foundation (WDF).

A total of 214 women directly benefitted from the scheme by widening their understanding, parallel with that of the surrounding community. This scenario was contrary to the situation that existed prior to the training. The project commenced by holding public meetings in the wards of Vwawa, Mlowo, Ihanda and Tunduma.

The meetings facilitated the public selection of representatives from each ward, who would undertake three-day seminars on marriage and inheritance law and human rights. After completing the training, the trainees disseminated their knowledge and also prepared

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strategic plans that would enable them to reach out to the wider community.

Juliana Machela, one of the beneficiaries, says that the sensitization has increased her self-confidence in pursuing women’s rights.

“Many marriage conflicts have been resolved through the increased awareness of women on matters related to inheritance and marriage issues,” says Juliana.

Chairman of Mbozi District Council, Eliki Ambakisye, says that prior to the training, many women were ignorant of the inheritance law, such that whenever they faced legal problems, they failed to discern as to what kind of steps were needed. He says that most of the women ended up losing the properties, which they and their deceased spouses had jointly invested in.

“These projects are vital in our society. It is thus prudent for donors to continue supporting the dissemination of such knowledge to the people, as they are ignorant of so many things, so that they avoid being victimized—especially the women,” says Ambakisye.
MBEYA CSO EMPOWERS CITIZENS TO KNOW THEIR RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES

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Grant Amount: TZS 41,000,000/= 

The Mbeya Youth Development Foundation (MYDO) has managed a project on good governance in project planning and implementation of development schemes in Mbeya District Council. The project was initiated after some research had been conducted. The findings identified some shortcomings in the area of good governance that had led to stagnation of development.

The project has brought about changes in the society after the leaders became aware of their obligation to read out to the people the budget and expenditure reports on public projects. MYDO
director Aggrey Kandoga says the project aimed at disseminating education to village and ward leaders, so as concretize the good governance concept.

The scheme involved the conducting of seminars in each ward. The participants included supply officers, ward and village executive officers. Public meetings were also held in each ward, involving both the people

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Sucess Stories

and the leaders. Some of the participants were from the wards of Iyunga Mapinduzi, Isuto, Ijombe, Bonde la Songwe and Ihango.

The project has motivated leaders to become more responsible. “A habit of leaders being frequently absent from their offices had previously taken root. It was difficult for them to attend to the people during working hours,” said Kandonga.

He says some of the shortcomings in attending public meetings and leaders being not as responsible as they should. “The project has motivated both parties to become more responsible,” he says.

A resident of Nsalala Village, Aniseti Mwanisenga, says the education acquired through

Ihombe villagers at Utengule-Usongwe ward listen to a trainer on the role and authority of the village executive meetings
both the training and public sensitization had enlightened the people. He says the village now stands to register giant strides in development, contrary to the previous scenario.

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The organization has also been able to establish good relations with government officials and collaborated with them in frequent dissemination of knowledge and awareness to the people.

“We are now proud that we have established ourselves in the society as an instrument of advocacy. People get solutions to their varied problems whenever they consult us,” Mwenisenga says.

Former Mbeya district commissioner Mr. Evance Balama says the project was vital to the community due to the various challenges that existed. “The scheme has succeeded to reinvigorate good cooperation between the citizenry and the leaders in matters of development,” says Mr. Balama.

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Organisation for Youth, Community Rights and Development (OYOCRID) is an institution involved in providing awareness training to the people, so that they can monitor the utilization of public resources. It also promotes youth involvement in the development process and also the protection of people’s rights.

The organisation has been able to conduct awareness training in all the wards of Mkuranga District. It has enabled the people to realize their rights and empowered them to monitor both the projects and resources allocated to Mkuranga District, especially those related to the health sector.

The OYOCRID coordinator, Mr. Agripinus Senga, says the project has helped to identify the needs and services provided in 40 dispensaries, which are located in 18 wards that encompass 105 villages of Mkuranga District.

Mr. Senga says the project has enlightened the people on the significance of monitoring development projects in their respective areas, and made them realize both their rights and responsibilities. The leaders got
the opportunity to know about the National Development Policy and the significance of involving the populace in the policy process.

Among the registered outcomes of the project are increased gentleness and efficiency of nurses and provision of good services in the dispensaries. The project has helped the society to monitor the utilization of medical provisions and availability of vital medicines.

The undertaking has also empowered the people to take steps in collaboration with the government to improve the provision of health services in Mkuranga District. The people have donated bed sheets, mattresses and medicines to the dispensaries.

A beneficiary of the training, Mr. John Godson, says it was previously quite difficult for one to access to any documents in government offices due to the low awareness of the wananchi. However, after participating in the awareness training, the people had been able to exercise advocacy after acquiring some knowledge on the health and education policies, and statistics and budgets related to district governance. The people were also involved in the preparation of budgets and development plans.

“We now have improved understanding on monitoring public resource use during the implementation of district council plans. We have succeeded to form health committees for each dispensary. These have been allocated space in offices where the people can air their grievances in cases where services provided are sub-standard,” says Mr. Godson.

The organisation has empowered the people to bring about their own development and improve their lives.

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TASCO ALL OUT TO MONITOR RESOURCES UTILIZATION, PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN TANGA

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Region: Tanga
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The Tanga Civil Societies Coalition (TASCO), which is located in Tanga, is a non-governmental organisation that was formed in the year 2006; with initial membership of 10 members, who have now increased to 200.

One of TASCO’s goals is to sensitisze the people to demand their basic rights. The other objective is to monitor the performance and responsibility of leaders in their respective areas.

“In our areas, we enlighten the wananchi on how to monitor the

Some of Mkumbara villagers taking part in a meeting on the fate of education and health sector in their area
utilization of public resources provided in given areas,” says TASCO coordinator Mr. David Chanyeghea.

Mr. Chanyeghea narrates the story of the people of Kerenge Makiburini in Kwamgumi Village in Korogwe District as a case in point. These villagers were steadfast in their demands for accountability of the district council leadership in relation to provision of poor services offered at a health centre.

“These are big changes brought about by TASCO. In the beginning, no single villager would dare to query a senior district council official, say, the director,” says Mr. Chanyeghea.

“We are proud to monitor the expenditure, especially that related to schools and water projects. We prevent any misappropriation which would not have been preventable have we not been involved,” says Mr. Paulo Antoni, a resident of Kasera in Mkinga District.
NORECSONET BRINGS TOGETHER LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN UNGUJA NORTH

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Region: North Unguja
Amount: TZS 29,998,000/=  

The concept of leadership accountability and good governance requires on-going processes and deliberate efforts so that it is effectively actualized. The network for non-governmental organizations in Unguja North Region has successfully conducted a project on “accountability of leaders to the people at regional, district, constituency and shehiya levels in Unguja North Region” thus succeeding to shed sufficient light to leaders who attended the training.

Discussing the benefits that
they enjoyed following the implementation of the project, the NORECSO NET coordinator, Mr. Hassan Ali Kombo, says they were able to realize that even the leaders and senior officials at regional, district and local government level were not conversant with the Constitution, a fact that made the realization of the concept of accountability and good governance to be rather difficult.

Moreover, for the first time ever, NORECSO NET succeeded to bring together the regional leadership and the people, thus provided them the opportunity to discuss regional development issues.

On the other hand, the implementation of the project has led to the sensitization of the people such that they widened their scope in analyzing issues related to legal and constitutional matters.

For its part, the Northern District A government leadership had both embraced and enjoyed the training that was conducted by the Network through its workshops and seminars on accountability of leaders.

The District Commissioner, Ms. Riziki Juma Simai, was grateful for the training as it would simplify the work of government leaders. The project has also taken on board people from different social groups such as fishermen, peasants, elders, women and children. It also targeted a small number of people who would be able to disseminate the knowledge to others.
TAMAGRASAI REINFORCES MONITORING OF RESOURCE UTILIZATION BY PETTY TRADERS AT TANDALE

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The Tandale Market Grain Sellers Association and Investment of Dar es Salaam has been running a project on preservation of environment in the open-air markets sector. The project commenced in January 2010 and was completed in 2013.

According to TAMAGASAI chairman Mr. Juma Dikwe, the project has brought immense benefits because the people have been enlightened on how to preserve the environment. He says the Kinondoni Municipal Council

This is a section of Tandale market as it appears following a PETS project conducted by TAMAGRASAI to ensure that the money allocated for the cleanliness of the market is actually delivered as planned.
has been properly cooperating with TAMASAGAI by providing refuse collection equipment.

He says the training has sensitized the relevant leaders and other people in that particular sector. He adds that previously, open market leaders were not duly recognized but the case is now different following the acquiring of awareness.

Moreover, Mr. Dikwe says that they had been conducting open dialogues involving market leaders, government officials (including trade officers) and the people. He says the people are now able to query various transactions and issues.

He says that the existence of TAMAGASAI has facilitated the occurrence of a lot of change of attitudes among the people, such that people who are physically impaired are now able to run petty businesses after attending some special training.

A beneficiary, Ms Shadya Kilavyai, says she had greatly profited from the preservation of public environment in the open-air markets. She says her business as food vendor has benefitted from the renovation of food kiosks.

Shadya reveals that previously, Tandale did not have foul water channels, a fact that made business rather difficult. However, the situation was now different and more customers were coming due to the fact that the surroundings were clean.

Another petty trader at Tandale, Ms. Ashura Abdallah, reveals that she now possesses the self-confidence to query varied crucial matters. She says the seminars had empowered them to put an end to lies told by leaders. She adds that contrary to the situation that existed in the past, they have realized that the preservation of the market environment is their duty, and not the sole responsibility of the government.