



# ACTION for COMMUNITY CARE

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACC	Action for Community Care
ACHIEVE	Adolescent and Child HIV Elimination Empowerment and Virus Elimination
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALIVE	Assessment of Life Skills and Values in East Africa
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
CBWSO	Community Based Water Supply Organisations
CCW	Community Case Worker
CHF	Community Health Fund
CHMT	Council Health Management Team
CMT	Council Management Team
CLHIV	Children Living with HIV
CTC	Care and Treatment Center
DC	District Council
DCDO	District Community Development Officer
DTP	Deutsch Tansanische Partnerschaft
ECD	Early Child Development
ELCT	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HLI	Health Links Initiative
KHNEZ	Kizazi Hodari North Eastern Zone
LGAs	Local Government Authority
LV	Livelihood Volunteer
NM-ECDP	National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Program
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
RALG	Regional Administration and Local Government
RDQA	Routine Data Quality Assessment
RUWASA	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency
TECDEN	Tanzania Early Child Development Network
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VSLG	Village Savings and Lending Groups
WORTH	Women Organizing Resources Together
YAA	Youth Accountability Advocate

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Action for Community Care is Non-Governmental Organisation officially registered on July 2019 with registration number OONGO/R/0222. The Organisation took over the activities of Sharing Worlds Tanzania which operated for 11 years from 2008 to 2019.

The Organisation envision for vulnerable groups in Tanzania access their needs and have good life. Its Mission is to empower vulnerable groups to gain full access of their needs. The organisation focuses on four thematic areas which are Health, Education, Livelihood and Social Protection. It also works on crosscutting issues including the environment.

As ways of support, Action for Community Care Provides Education and Comprehensive services on HIV and AIDS; Care and support of vulnerable groups including Most Vulnerable Children, People Living with HIV and AIDS, Elderly, Women, and Youth; Social Protection including promotion of Children and Women Rights, Gender Equality and Gender Equity; Provision of Nutrition Education, and Accessibility of Food; and Economic Empowerment emphasizing more on household income.

ACC implements various interventions to ensure that the intended objectives are met. In the year 2022 the following projects were implemented:

**Table 1: Projects implemented in 2022 and source of fund**

S/N	Project	Objective	Source of fund
1	USAID Kizazi Hodari Project	To improve the health, well-being and protection of OVC and youth age 0-17 years in high HIV burden communities	ELCT Tanzania
2	Mtoto Kwanza	To catalyse the implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP-2021/2022-2025/2026) focusing children from 0 to 8 years old	TECDEN
3	Hakika Project (Sunflower production)	to facilitate local community in Dodoma Municipal on sunflower production to help them increase production and access market.	Kembe Foundation & Own source
4	ACHIEVE	To support OVC access HIV-inclusive services that support their health and well-being	USAID through Pact Tanzania
5	Chibumagwa Water Project	Contribute to improve the quality of life and health of the population of the village of Chibumagwa and Msakile, by improving access to drinking water through rehabilitation of a drinking water supply	CAST Italy

		system for the village.	
6	DTP Volunteers program	Provide an opportunity for Tanzanian and German youth to volunteer to various organisations in both countries for learning and building skill in the areas of Intercultural exchange, Community Development, Early Child Development, Renewable Energies, Climate and Environmental Protection.	DTP German
7	Kijana Wajibika	To build the capacity of youth aged 15 to 35 years old on Civic rights and support them to be actively engaged in development activities and leadership	Ford Foundation through Restless Development
8	Assessment of life skills and values in East Africa (ALIVE)	Through open-sourced contextualized assessment tools, generate large-scale evidence through a household-based assessment of adolescents (13-17 years) to inform policy decisions and public awareness to focus on supporting the development of values and life skills	Uwezo Tanzania
9	HIV/AIDS and COVID 19	To ensure that during COVID-19 pandemic HIV services are not interrupted	Health Links Initiative

## 2. 0 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENT

### 2.1 USAID KIZAZI HODARI PROJECT

#### Overview

ACC started the implementation of Kizazi Hodari Northeastern Zone (KHNEZ) Project in November 2022. The KHNEZ project came after ACHIEVE project which phased out in October 2022. It is a five year project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). Action for Community Care (ACC) is a sub grantee of ELCT implementing the project in four councils of Dodoma region which are Dodoma City, Chamwino, Kongwa and Mpwapwa District Councils (DCs). The project is implemented in 36 wards of Dodoma City Council, 36 wards of Chamwino DC, 22 wards of Kongwa DC and 19 wards of Mpwawa DC. ACC worked with a total of 197 Community Volunteers (180 CCW, and 17 LEV) in all four councils to support the implementation of project activities. ACC had a target of enrolling 10074 beneficiaries, and succeeded to enroll 4056 beneficiaries by the end of 2022.

#### Implemented activities

- Introduction of the project at regional, council and ward level,
- Enrolment of new beneficiaries,
- Service delivery to OVC and their caregivers,

- Capacity building to community volunteers,
- Volunteers monthly meetings,
- Site supportive supervision by project staff,
- Routine data duality assessment (RDQA) exercise
- Household visit for provision of case management services,
- Developing and updating care plans
- Conducted Literacy and job aid trainings to Livelihood volunteers

Beneficiaries were reached with various services. In Dodoma CC 2237 (44.7%) beneficiaries out of 5227 were served, in Chamwino DC 856 (45.5%) out of 1881, in Kongwa DC 856 (40%) out of 2126 and in Mpwapwa DC 7 out of 840.



Project introduction meeting in Kongwa district



Orientation of Community Volunteers in Mpwapwa district

### Achievements

- The project were successfully introduced, and the government at all levels is positive and willing to support
- About 40% of beneficiaries were enrolled and received services

## 2.2 MTOTO KWANZA

### Overview

This is a three years project funded by Conrad Hilton Foundation which is implemented in Tanzania mainland to catalyse the implementation of the National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP-2021/2022-2025/2026) which was launched in December, 2021. The project is led by Tanzania Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) and ACC is one of the implementing partners implementing the project in Dodoma regional. It focuses on Early Childhood Development for children aged from 0 to 8 years old on the five components of nurturing care which are Good Health, Adequate Nutrition, Responsive Caregiving, Opportunities for Early Learning, and Security and Safety

## Implemented activities

### Launching of the National Multi-sectorial Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP) in Dodoma region.

ACC in collaboration with Regional Secretariat and ECD stakeholders conducted launching of the National Multi-sectorial Early Childhood Development Program at Dodoma region. The event was held at the conference hall of the Regional Commissioner. The Guest of Honour was the Dodoma Regional Commissioner Honourable. Rose Senyamule who also launched the program. The event involved participants from 8 councils of the region which included the District Administrative Secretary, District Social welfare Officers, District Nutrition Officers, District Education Officers, District Community Development Officers, Planning officers, District Executive Directors. ECD stakeholders across the region were present and at regional level included Regional Administrative Secretary, Regional Social welfare Officers, Regional Nutrition Officers, Regional Education Officers, Regional Community Development Officers, Regional Planning officers



Regional Commissioner Hn. Rose Senyamule, handing over the NM-ECDP handbook to DCDO of Chamwino DC

### Train Community Volunteers on NM-ECD program

Teamed with RCDO in training 6 community volunteers on NM-ECD program, who hence, cascaded the knowledge to 328 community members. Topics covered were: Introduction of Mtoto Kwanza project, Introduction to Early Childhood Development, Important things to enable the child to grow and reach his/her full potential, creating a Safe Environment at Home, Understanding how children think and feel, and solving the problems of Early Child Development.



Community Volunteers during orientation



One of the community volunteer creating awareness on ECD to parents and caregivers



### **Train Religious Leaders and Local Government Officials on Science of ECD**

Collaborated with Regional Secretariat and Champion Journalist to train religious leaders and LGA officials from all 8 councils of Dodoma in SECD and NM-ECD program. In total 15 religious leaders and 8 government officials trained.



### **Dissemination of NM-ECDP and ECD knowledge through media**

In collaboration with Regional Secretariat, Champion Journalist and Officials from the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups conducted radio sessions to explain about the NM-ECD program and dissemination of ECD knowledge. The dissemination was also done through newspaper, Television, and social media accounts including twitter and Instagram. From all these endeavour, listeners and readers within Dodoma Region and beyond were imparted with ECD knowledge.



ACC, Regional Secretariat, Dodoma City Council team and Champion Journalist in awareness creation sessions through media



### Quarterly Review Meetings

ACC in collaboration with regional Secretariat organised and conducted quarterly review meetings. The meeting aimed at reviewing the progress of NM-ECDP implementation in Dodoma region to oversee the progress (implementation, coordination and monitoring) of NM-ECD program at district and regional levels. It also gave an opportunity to Review the ECD implementation plans and reports from district councils. Participants for this meeting were the government officials from; the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG), the Regional Administrative Secretariats office, and representatives from all 8 district councils



In front is the guest of honour, Mr. Aloyce Mogofi, (Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary) talking to



DCDO from Chemba district, presenting on ECDP implementation progress.

### Achievements

- National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP) successfully launched at regional level by Hon. Rose Senyamule (RC Dodoma) who was guest of honour for the event. A total of 174 participants attended the event, out of these, 47 were representatives from council level, 81 from CSOs, 23 from various Medias and 23 from Regional Secretariat team.
- The program has been receiving support from the regional officials, this goes with special appreciation to RCDO who have been very supportive
- Through DCDOs and the trained key persons, NM-ECDP has been introduced at districts level and various interventions are currently taking place to cascade ECD knowledge to communities.
- Generally, stakeholders dealing with ECD programs have been cooperative and positive in implementing the program towards meeting the intended objectives

## 2.3 HAKIKA PROJECT

### Overview

Hakika Project is the sunflower production project funded by Kembe Foundation. “The Kembé Foundation is an official Erasmus University student- and alumni organisation”. The project aims to facilitate local community in Dodoma Municipal on sunflower production to help them increase production and access market. On the other hand it facilitates ACC with seed stocking business as an income generating activity to help the organisation earn income to finance its activities. The project is implemented at Gawaye village in Chihanga ward in Dodoma City. About 100 farmers have been reached.

### Implemented activities

#### Supportive supervision visit and Support farmers with farming equipment's

ACC board visited farmers in Gawaye to see the progress of the program. They had an opportunity to hear from farmers about their involvement and benefits of the project. The farmers shared that their production has been increased from 2-5 bags they were harvesting previously to 6-8 bags currently. Apart from that, the project helped them to be organised, form groups and establish other activities for income generation including the program of saving and lending. There are 5 groups with a total of 80 members. One group has an average of 15 to 20 members. Board members were motivated and committed to find more opportunities that can benefit them.

Also the organisation bought two seed planters and one ox plough for the farmers, thus Board Member handed over these equipment's.

Despite the benefits they get, they face some challenges. One of them is that, rain is not reliable which sometimes affects their harvest as they depend on rain in their farming activities.



ACC board members in a meeting with farmers, to the right is the chairperson of farmers group



Farmers in a meeting with ACC Board





ACC Board Chairperson Dr. Venance Kalumanga and one of the members Ms. Mary Ponela, handing over the equipment's



Group members and ACC Board

### Follow ups and technical support to farmers

ACC staff in collaboration with Agricultural Extension Officers conducted follow up visits to farmers for technical support and advice. Also they conducted an orientation on the use of the seed planters provided.



Farmers in an orientation on the saving and lending program. To the left (In yellow-standing) is ACC Economic Strengthening and Livelihood Officer Ms. Sara Mushi providing training to



### **Selling of sunflower oil from the previous season of 2021**

The seeds procured from last year (2021 season) were processed to get sunflower oil. The oil were stocked and sold at the beginning of the year. In total 480 liters of sunflower oil which were produced from 2000 Kgs of sunflower seeds were sold. The selling price per liter was TZS 5000 to make a total of total selling's to be 2,400,000. The buying price was TZS 1000 per kg of sunflower thus TZS 2,000,000 was used as capital. In this regard the project generated TZS 400,000 as profit. All running costs including transport were covered by the money generated from the selling of residues produced after pressing oil.

### **Buying of sunflower seeds for the season of 2022 and pressing oil**

In 2022 season a total of 35 bags equivalent to 2481 Kgs were procured. The total amount invested were TZS 3,000,000. The seeds were pressed to produce 760 liters of oil which were stocked. The plan is to sell at the beginning of 2023.

### **Finishing construction of rooms for renting**

ACC received fund from Kembe Foundation to finalise the construction of four rooms for renting. They construction is on progress. They will be finalized early 2023.



Part of the building with the rooms for renting

## Achievement

- The project is sustainable with a revolving fund to support farmers every year
- There is enough knowledge on good farming practices among farmers and they practice
- Farmers were linked to the market and were able to sell their sunflower seeds easily with a market price

## 2.4 ACHIEVE PROJECT

### Overview

ACHIEVE stands for Adolescent and Child HIV Elimination Empowerment and Virus Elimination (ACHIEVE). ACHIEVE project was a successor to KIZAZI KIPYA project. The project aimed to enable 1 million Tanzanian OVC age 0-17, young people age 18-19 years and household members to access comprehensive HIV related and other services for improved health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, and psychosocial well-being.

The project was implemented by Pact as prime with its consortium partners Jhpiego, Palladium, WIHER and No Means No Worldwide. ACC was involved in implementation of this project as sub grantee of Pact Tanzania implemented the project in one year from October 2021 to September 2022 in Dodoma MC and from April to September in Chamwino and Kongwa DC.

In Dodoma MC the project was implemented in 37 wards out of 41; 13 health facilities and 5 primary schools were involved. In Chamwino DC the project was implemented in 36 wards and 9 health facilities were involved. In Kongwa DC the project covered 22 wards and 23 health facilities.

ACC worked with a total of 315 Community Volunteers (240 CCW and 75 LV)

### Implemented Activities

For the year 2022 ACC through the implementation of ACHIEVE project enrolled and provided support to beneficiaries as follows:

**Table 2: Service Provision to OVC and their Caregivers (OVC\_SERV): Number of OVC reached with at least one core care service**

Year/Quarter	Council	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4		
		Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.
FY 22	Dodoma MC	3843	3711	97	4137	4128	99	5821	4379	75	10334	10150	98
FY 22	Chamwino DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	787	255	32	2996	2911	118
FY 22	Kongwa DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	784	401	51	2690	2644	99



**Table 3: Household Economic Strengthening (TZ\_ECON): Number of beneficiaries reached with economic interventions**

Year/Quarter	Council	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4		
		Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.	Target	Ach.	% Ach.
FY 22	Dodoma MC	1352	1341	99	1483	1482	99	1967	1893	96	4004	4032	101
FY 22	Chamwino DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	261	47	18	1008	1021	101
FY22	Kongwa DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	60	26	959	1027	107

### Vocational Scholarship Support

ACC through the ACHIEVE project supported three student on Vocational scholarship at Mikumi-VETA. The scholars studied computer application, tailoring and dress making and welding and fabrication. After course completion they received start up kits as per course and skills acquired



Start-up kits distribution to beneficiaries

**Table 4: OVC Nutrition Services (TZ\_NUT): Number of beneficiaries' reached with nutrition services**

	Council	# of CLHIV Supported			# of Other Youth Supported			Total # Supported		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
FY 22	Dodoma MC	98	101	199	11	6	17	109	107	216
FY 22	Chamwino DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FY 22	Kongwa DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>216</b>

### HIV/AIDS Services Provision (OVC\_HIVSTAT)

ACC in collaboration with community volunteers contributed much on reaching the UNAIDS 95-95-95. A total of 16,119 beneficiaries were enrolled, among them 9805 were OVC and 6314 caregivers.



HIV services have been given a high priority in the whole period of project implementation. Through community volunteers, project staff and health care workers; the community were sensitized and educated on HIV issues including prevention of new HIV infection, HIV testing and adherence to ART and treatment for opportunistic infections. Priority was given to families and communities that were at risk of HIV infection. Community volunteers conducted HIV Risk Assessment (HRA) to assess the risk of being infected with HIV, there after the assessment continued in quarterly basis to monitor the situation. Furthermore 47 escorted referrals have been issued to health facilities to access ART. Other services included HIV counseling and testing and disclosure support. Close follow-ups were made to beneficiaries to ensure that they have good adherence on ART. 15 Clinical home visits were conducted in Dodoma city to beneficiaries whose families and themselves refused to use medication. Social Welfare Officers and Health Care Providers visited the families with ART adherence challenges and provided support.

During the course of project implementation 14 Interruption to treatment were traced and returned back to services. All beneficiaries with interruption of treatment were from Dodoma city. ACC had not received interruption to treatment cases from Kongwa and Chamwino DCs.

A total of 9805 OVC received various HIV services among them 2032 OVC were from Chamwino, 1816 from Kongwa DC and 5957 were from Dodoma city. Also 920 CLHIV (457 boys, 463 girls) received escorted referral to health facilities for medication and other services, of these 520 were from Dodoma MC, 202 were from Chamwino DC and 198 were from Kongwa DC.

### **Achievements**

- Almost all beneficiaries were reached with various services: In Dodoma city were 10,150 equivalent to 98% of targeted beneficiaries, 2911 in Chamwino DC which is more than 100% of targeted beneficiaries, and 2644 beneficiaries for Kongwa DC equivalent to 2644 99% of targeted beneficiaries.
- A total of 123 groups (52 from Dodoma city, 37 from Chamwino and 34 from Kongwa DCs) were established with 2281 members (1994 females and 257 males), among them caregivers were 894 (787 females and 107 males). 52 groups out of 123 groups were supported to register as per Tanzania Government laws and guidelines.
- 776 boys aged 9 to 14 years old reached with preventive services through Coaching Boys into Men Intervention.
- Three youth benefited from VETA scholarship for vocation skills. After course completion they received start up kits to help them establish their own income generating activities

## **2.5 CHIBUMAGWA WATER PROJECT**

### **Overview**

ACC received fund from CAST Italy to implement the Chibumagwa water project. The project aimed to contribute to improve the quality of life and health of the population of the village of Chibumagwa and Msakile in Manyoni district Singida region by improving access to drinking water. Specifically the project aimed to rehabilitate a drinking water supply system for the village of Chibumagwa and Msakile, which is owned by the communities of the two villages and managed by a

water user association that ensures its sustainability. The organization designed this project in collaboration with Technical Staff from Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA)-Manyoni District. ACC implemented the project in close collaboration with this technical team of RUWASA-Manyoni, and UFUNDIKO NGO from Kongwa.

### Implemented activities

#### Construction of pump house

The technical partner UFUNDIKO under the supervision of Water engineers from RUWASA constructed a pump house as per provided drawings guides from RUWASA Manyoni office



Pump house

#### Supply and install power supply generator that is suitable

The project didn't buy the power supply generator, instead the RUWASA Manyoni office provided it to be used temporary as there is a plan of bringing electricity from the national grid through Rural electrification program.



Generator for power supply

#### Supply, install and set to work borehole submersible pump complete with motor and accessories with recommended pumping capacity, and Pipe works

ACC in collaboration with UFUNDIKO and RUWASA Manyoni installed new water pump to the existing bore, and excavated trenches and laid pipes in with appropriate fittings as directed by the Water Engineer. This helped to increase water supply in the village.



New water pump installed



The pipes to be laid out in trenches

### Public Domestic Water Points

Constructed three water distribution points as per drawings and directions provided from the Engineer. These are constructed at the village and are easily accessible by the villagers.



Villagers fetching water in the water distribution points constructed



## Strengthen and build capacity of Village Water Committee (Community Based Water Supply Organisations-CBWSO)

ACC in collaboration with Manyoni district council community development department and Manyoni Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) conducted trainings to leaders of the village water committee/association technically known as the Community Based Water Supply Organisations (CBWSO). Sixteen people (9 Male and 7 female) trained. The training aimed to build the capacity of leaders of the water users association to manage and monitor the water project in Chibumagwa and Msakile villages. Main topics included: Management and coordination of water association; Leadership structure; Qualities of good leaders; Roles and responsibilities of leaders; Roles and responsibilities of the association; Rehabilitation of water projects/systems; National water policy of 2002; Financial Management, and Reporting system.

After the training they prepared an action plan to help them in day to day operations and monitoring. Among other things they planned to re-active the bank account which was dormant for a long period. The action plan guided them in implementation.



Water Users Association in the venue for training



Participants outside the venue for practical training



## **Achievements**

- The project were successful implemented whereby the water system was successfully rehabilitated,
- Raised awareness to leaders of water association and within the community on the planning, management and implementation of water projects.
- The Water association were able to re-activate their bank account and strengthen the system of collecting money from the water users to facilitate administration costs
- Leaders were capacitated on developing financial and progress reports and submit them to the required authorities.
- About 4,046 inhabitants of the village of Chibumagwa, and 1,100 of Msakile benefited with the project

## **2.6 SUPPORT AND PROMOTE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VOLUNTEER SERVICES (DTP VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM)**

### **Overview**

This is the volunteer program for youth to learn and work in organisations in Tanzania and Germany. The volunteer program is meant to give volunteers the opportunity to collect intercultural experiences, share ideas related to community work, how to utilize renewable energies for sustainable energy provision, how to protect the environment and exchange of ideas in mutual practical and theoretical work. The volunteer program is similar to a long-term internship; hence, the role of volunteers is similar to long-term interns. Volunteers are not to be understood as experts. They are young motivated people with individual skills, knowledge and background with an interest in learning and participating in the organisations' activities in Tanzania and Germany.

### **Implemented activities**

#### **Recruitment of Tanzanian volunteers to Germany and coordination of the program**

ACC recruited four young Tanzanians (3 female, 1 male) who were sent to German for voluntary activities in four different institutions. They are doing well on their voluntary work. They were expected to finalise their service on August 2022, however they had an opportunity for extension till August 2023 where they will be coming back.



The four volunteers sent to German for volunteer services; to the left is the picture taken after their departure seminar in Dodoma



### **Coordination of volunteers from German to Tanzania**

In the beginning of 2022 also ACC received 16 volunteers from Germany to volunteer in different organisations in Dar-es Salaam, Zanzibar and Morogoro, they had to go back to Germany on September 2022, but also they had the opportunity to extend until March 2023. In the same year on August the organisation received another batch of xx volunteers who will stay for 12 months until August 2023. They are placed in various institution in Zanzibar, Arusha, Morogoro and Njombe. All of them had the opportunity to learn in those organisations, but also assisted the organisations in day to day activities and some of them in collaboration with hosting organisations succeeded to develop and implement small scale projects that were funded by the program





Volunteers from German for the first intake with ACC staff and Hosting Organisations Leaders, during introduction meeting

Volunteers from German for the second intake



### Midterm Seminar

ACC in collaboration with DTP conducted midterm seminar with volunteers to reflect their voluntary service in Tanzania, as well as sharing knowledge and experiences gained. They used that time to share challenges encountered and the strategies for addressing those challenges. They also had time to plan and strategies for the remaining months.

### Host Family Seminar

In this program volunteers lives in host families to help them interact and understand the Tanzania culture easily. The organisation conducted seminar with the host families with the aim of bringing them together for orientation about the program and share the relevant information that helped them improve their stay and relationship with volunteers. For the year 2022 two seminars were conducted on April 2022 in Zanzibar (for the host families of the first intake) and on November 2022 for the host families of the second intake. During the seminar host mothers and fathers had time to reflect on their roles as host families, shared various information and experiences, as well as challenges and strategies for addressing those challenges. The main challenge mentioned was language barrier whereby most of the volunteers were not able to speak Swahili. As a way forward they tried to involve them in families and community activities as much as possible and communicate with them in Swahili to help them improve their Swahili language skills.



Participants for the host family seminar in Zanzibar



Participants for the host family seminar in Zanzibar

### Host Organisation Seminar

ACC in collaboration with DTP organized a seminar for the hosting organizations whereby heads/leaders of the organisations participated. The seminar provide a platform for learning, sharing experiences, and reflecting on the work of the volunteer program and the organisations in general. For the year 2022, 7 organisations that hosted volunteers participated in three days seminar which was conducted in Morogoro. These organisations are: TASUWORI and Ngerengere River Eco Camp from Morogoro; Practical Permaculture Institute Zanzibar, Motto Handcraft, Zanzibar Cultural Arts and CHUMBE Island Coral Park Ltd from Zanzibar. Various issues related to the volunteer program and management of organisatios were discussed.



Participants during hosting organisations seminar in Morogoro

### Supportive Supervision Visits

ACC conducted supportive supervision visits to the volunteers, hosting places and hosting families to meet with the volunteers and their co-workers at the hosting places as well as meet with the family members at the host families.

### Achievements

- The program were successfully implemented, volunteers from both countries were placed in respective institutions as planned and are progressing well with their voluntary work
- There is good collaboration between ACC, DTP, volunteers, Hosting Organisations and Hosting Families

## 2.7 KIJANA WAJIBIKA PROJECT

### Overview

Kijana Wajibika (Youth be Responsible) SDG 16.7.2 is funded by Ford Foundation and implemented by Restless Development. It is an initiative, which builds a movement of youth aged 15 – 35 to be well informed on civic rights and actively engaged in development activities and political processes that reflects on young people, particularly young women and people living with disability. ACC is an implementing partner of Restless Development implementing the project in Dodoma City Council in four wards which are Ipagala, Mbalawala, Tambukareli and Chang'ombe.

### Implemented activities

#### Recruitment and Training of Youth Accountability Advocate (YAA)

In Collaboration with Restless Development ACC recruited and trained one Youth Accountability Advocate (YAA) to help in project implementation. Among other things, YAA is responsible on advocating, preparing and conducting meetings and events demonstrating expertise, and youth passion, as well as conducting sessions to the young people about civic education

#### Project Introduction to Council Management Team (CMT)

ACC in collaboration with Restless development succeeded to introduce the project to the Council Management Team (CMT). There was positive responses from CMT of which they agreed and committed to provide support during the project Implementation. Local government leaders insisted on collaboration during the project implementation so as to reach the targeted goal.



Introduction meeting to Council Management Team-Dodoma City Council

#### Civic Education Training to youth

ACC in collaboration with Restless Development trained 33 youth on civic education whereby 13 were female (4 of them were PWD) and 20 male. Specifically they were trained on Capacity building on different opportunities available in the communities, Research and Influence, Youth priorities, Youth rights and responsibilities, Citizenship, meaningfully Youth engagement and Youth's power and authorities.





## **2.8 HIV/AIDS AND COVID 19**

### **Overview**

ACC in collaboration with Health Links Initiative (HLI) and Dodoma City council implemented an intervention about HIV/AIDS and COVID 19 to ensure that during COVID-19 pandemic CSOs will be able to provide all necessary support to ensure that HIV services are not interrupted. HLI trained CSOs from 12 districts, and provided small funding to facilitate these CSOs to reach the community particularly those living with HIV and AIDS for awareness creation and emphasizes on continuum of care for HIV. ACC was among the trained CSOs.

### **Implemented activities**

#### **Awareness creation sessions and follow ups for continuum of care for HIV**

ACC in collaboration with Dodoma City Council and the HIV Cluster of Dodoma City (“Konga Dodoma Jiji”) created awareness, emphasized and conducted follow ups about HIV services including prevention of new infection, the use of ART and viral load suppression. LGAs, health care providers, community health workers and groups of PLHIV from three wards of Chang’ombe, Mpunguzi and Makole were reached. A total of 75 people have been reached as follows: 12 LGAs, 3 Health Care Workers, 14 Community Health Workers and 46 PLHIV.

## **2.9 ALIVE ASSESSMENT**

### **Overview**

Uwezo Tanzania engaged ACC to coordinate implementation of the Assessment of life skills and values in East Africa (ALIVE) in Mpwapwa district. ALive is an initiative of the Regional Education Learning Initiative (RELI) Partnering with UWEZO through the Values and Life Skills Thematic Cluster. It is a 3-years initiative, whereby 20 civil society organizations in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are collaborating to Develop open-sourced contextualized assessment tools, Generate large-scale evidence through a household-based assessment of adolescents (13-17 years); Inform policy decisions and public awareness to focus on supporting the development of values and life skills and Develop local assessment capacities and amplify East Africa’s voice on the regional and global platforms. The initiative has prioritized the measurement of four competencies across the three countries: Self-awareness, Problem-solving, Collaboration and Respect.

### Implemented activities

ACC implemented the activity in Mpwapwa district in Dodoma region. The assessment included 20 Enumeration Areas (EAs) which are Hazina, Mabalangu, Chamnye, Mazae Kati, Mazengo, Mpondi, Mbigili, Ipera, Mtakuja, Vikundi, Wisunzaje, Ilolo, Kambarage, Ikuka, Ilolo kati, Majengo, Mseche, Jamhuri, Ng'ambo and Shuleni. The people involved in the assessment are 4 ACC staff in the position of District Coordinator (1), Assistant District Coordinator (1) and 2 Village coordinators; 40 assessors, and Local Government Authority Leaders and targeted beneficiaries from Mpwapwa district. The assessment activity was divided into three sections which are household listing, training and data collection. All activities were conducted as planned and 380 youth aged 13 to 17 years were reached for data collection.



One of the youth with data collectors/assessors during data collection

### 3.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

In the year 2022, the Organization had 18 employees, out of them 12 were female and 6 were male. The organisation also worked with 8 local volunteers (4 female and 4 male).

The organization has internal system of training and orienting staff to improve their technical skills and facilitate them to implement projects in an efficient way. This is done internally by using expertise available within the board and staff. Staff also are built their capacity in various issues by partners we are working with. The partners continued to support the organization in institution capacity building including trainings and coaching to staff.

### 4.0 CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

There are some areas that were hard to be reached due to limited resources and unreliable infrastructure, however these community needed much support. To address this ACC will put much effort in looking for more resources for these hard to reach areas. And we request for the government at council level to have a special attention for these hard to reach areas

## **5.0 LESSONS LEARNT AND BEST PRACTICES**

- Working closely with LGAs at all levels and the government in general simplified the project implementation and ensures projects sustainability
- Collaboration between ACC and other implementing partners simplified implementation of projects activities towards reaching the intended goals
- The community appreciate and acknowledge the efforts and support provided by the organisation