

TANZANIA YOUTH ESPOUSE FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT



ORGANIZATION PROFILE



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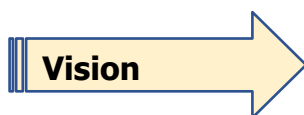
Introduction and brief history of TYEGD

Tanzania Youth Espouse for Gender and Development (TYEGD) is a youth Non-profit organization registered in 2017 under NGO Act 2002, with registration number 00NGO/0009374. It is focused on training, advocacy campaigns, economic empowerment programs and access to innovations in the Agriculture, Environmental, Education, Health and Gender Equality and Social inclusion sector in Mara and Mwanza regions.

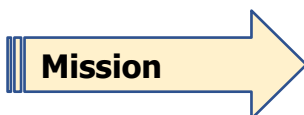
Our goal is to increase the health, well-being and livelihood of communities, particularly women and youth. We deliver training workshops, develop and disseminate social awareness campaigns, introduce farmers and other beneficiaries to innovative solutions, and organize conferences and dialogues.

All these activities relate to our 3 strategic areas of actions, Agriculture Livelihood and Environmental Protection, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Youth Empowerment through Education and Health. Currently, TYEGD has representatives in five Regions of Mwanza, Geita, Mtwara, Iringa and Dar es Salaam.

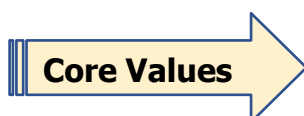
Organizational Vision, Mission and Core Values



Equal community that respects human rights where young people are empowered to become the main actors for social change.



To support young people to become main actors for social change in the community by fighting against inequality through education and empowerment.




- **Dedication** – *we are dedicated to provision of quality services in our programs*
- **Empowering**- *We empower young generation to lift-up their endeavor*
- **Engaging**- *We are committed to diverse involvement of stakeholders*
- **Equality**- *We influence equal participation in community development*
- **Volunteerism**- *We are committed to giving back to the community*

Strategic objectives

- To empower Tanzanian youth on promoting integrity, respect and protecting Human Rights
- To establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality
- To ensure the health, safety, and well-being of children and women in Tanzania
- To promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy
- To enhance and enable provision of life skills for socio-economic development to the community, prioritizing the vulnerable youth groups.

- To promote sustainable integrated agricultural knowledge and skills through training of individual youth farmers and pupils/students.
- To create unity and peace among youth groups
- To promote environmental conservation strategies towards climate change and its mitigation measures
- To ensure full participation of stakeholders in decision making process including problem identification, planning, management, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation for sustainability.
- To facilitate access to financial services and promote group-based savings for improvement of income generating activities.

Beneficiaries

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth aged 15 to 35 years 2. Women 3. People living with HIV/AIDS 4. Students/graduates 5. Children 6. Adolescent girls and boys |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of School Youth • Youth in Agriculture • Unemployed Youth • Youth in the informal sector • Drug addicts and substance abuse • Young Women • Youth with Disability • Orphans Youth • Street Youth |
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Key Strategic Areas of Focus

Gender Equality and Social inclusion

TYEGD empowers diverse groups of youth and community in general to recognize their constitutional rights and roles in addressing Gender Equality and Social inclusion focusing on the following key areas.

- Women empowerment.
- Raising awareness and education on Human rights.
- Legal assistance services to marginalized women and girls.
- Fighting against Gender Based Violence.
- Policy advocacy.

Youth Empowerment through

The program aims to encourage and engage youth in development programs as well as assisting them to identify opportunities around their surroundings. Under this thematic areas TYEGD engage youth

Education and Health

as agent of change in the communities it works through the following key areas

- Vocational training e.g. Garment designing and making, computer training, carpentry, shoe making,
- Entrepreneurship skills training and Income Generating Activities
- Women and Youth economic empowerment
- Civic education
- Sexual reproductive and health services
- Nutrition education
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- Education

Livelihood and Environment programs

TYEGD implements sustainable livelihood programs that aim to strengthen local and national economy status through creation of local jobs, provision of life skills education, dialogues and conferences and strive to transformation and diversification of agricultural practices to improve food security.

Under this thematic area, it implements the following programs

- Agriculture
- Linkage of women and Youth groups with financial institutions
- Peer Support Group and coaches
- Environmental awareness and practice
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Current Operation Area

The organization is registered to conduct its operations in Tanzania Mainland. The headquarter is in Bunda District, Mara Region in Tanzania, currently TYEGD operates in Mara, Geita and Mwanza Regions and also works with representatives in other regions of Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, and Iringa

Approach: TYEGD uses bottom-up and holistic approach in identifying and implementing its programs. It adopted a participatory and self-sustainable approach through which beneficiaries and stakeholders are involved throughout project identification, planning, management, implementation, and evaluation. The organization does this through, Partnership, Capacity building and empowerment, Peer to peer education, Health Clubs, Advocacy and Influence, Dialogues, Conferences, Research and Learning.

Achievements

- TYEGD has managed maintain its office in Bunda district and representatives in other 4 regions of Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Iringa and Geita to manage operations within Tanzania mainland.
- TYEGD in collaboration with Weather Impact, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Esoko Company Limited are working together in the Kilimo Thabiti project, focused on integrating weather information and good agriculture practices (GAPs) for cassava and maize crops production in Bunda DC, Bunda TC and Butiama District in Mara region
- TYEGD has so far reached four districts of Bunda, Butiama, Musoma rural in Mara Region and Ilemela in Mwanza Region during implementation of the African Cassava Agronomy Initiatives (ACAI) project, reaching out extension officers, Lead farmers, food processors, buyers, farmer groups and famers as main actors in improving cassava crop production and productivity. Cumulatively TYEGD has reached more than 15,500 farmers through African Cassava Agronomy Initiative (ACAI) project with the use of digital literacy learning materials and bundling services.
- Reached in and out of school, 860 adolescent girls and 450 boys through our response to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services (SRHS) programs
- Integrated gender related programs in 57 existing "*club ya juu*" in 57 primary schools in Mara region

Projects Implemented

2025-2026: TYEGD, in collaboration with Weather Impact, TARI, and Esoko Tanzania, is undertaking a crucial study titled "***Technical support for strengthening digital climate-informed advisory services and scaling climate-resilience seeds in Tanzania.***" This project, a component of the Global Center on Adaptation's support to the World Bank-funded Tanzania Food Systems Resilience Program (T-FSRP). The core objectives are to enhance Digital Climate Advisory Solutions (DCAS) for smallholder farmers to adopt climate adaptation strategies and to conduct a vital scoping study on seed systems to bolster the production of climate-resilient seeds by addressing environmental vulnerabilities.

2025-2026: Women in Coffee Project: Funded by Stitching Women Win, TYEGD is implementing the project aims to foster resilient and sustainable communities by empowering and equipping women coffee producers and other smallholders in Butiama - Mara region on environmental, health, and gender equality initiatives with timely weather information and knowledge to understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change and weather patterns

2024-2025: Kilimo Thabiti Project. Funded by **Fund for Innovation in Development (FID)** Focused on integrating weather information and good agriculture practices (GAPs)

for cassava and maize crops production in Bunda DC, Bunda TC and Butiama District in Mara region, Tanzania.

2023: Mtoto Kwanza Project: TYEGD together with AICT Mara, are collaborating with Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) a national umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) to implement the Mtoto Kwanza Project, focused to create wider community awareness and public demand on child protection, nutrition as well as ECD services delivery.

2022: Zijue Fursa Conferences. TYEGD partnered with SISI Tanzania to conduct a series of conferences that aimed at informing youth on available opportunities related crude oil pipeline project between Tanzania and Uganda.

2020-2022: African Cassava Agronomy Initiative (ACAI) project. Funded by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) under Bill and Melinda Gates foundation funding aiming to increase the availability of appropriate and affordable technologies to sustainably improve short and long-term agricultural productivity of cassava crop in Mara region.

2017-2019: Kijana Tuongee Project, (Own Sources) aiming to see young generation are well empowered with the right information, skills, knowledge and experience concerning their rights, roles, responsibilities and the ability lies on them on making their communities country, region and globe at large a better place for everyone

2015-2016: ELIMISHA Project, (Own Sources) aimed at contributing to the Promotion gender equality in secondary and primary schools through raising awareness that youth protection is a shared responsibility.

Volunteer program

Projects targeted in 2024

- Support community combat with climate change through sustainable initiatives with a gender perspective
- Integrate gender related interventions in TYEGD's and partners programs
- Promotes increased citizen engagement in the transparent governance of public services
- Linking farmer groups with financial institutions, processors, and buyers to maximize their production and profit
- Support cassava growers with knowledge and recommendations to intensify their cassava-based cropping systems (Bundling service)
- Work with government to establish community library and promote its use for adult

and students learning

- Create forums and platforms that will unwind opportunities to youth around program areas
- Possible solution to adolescent girls to attain quality education despite menstrual hygiene challenges
- Introduction of micro credit groups to youth and women
- Youth empowerment projects
- Conduct a series of conferences that will bring youth together to see opportunities around them
- Create youth friendly services including reproductive health services and HIV/AIDS
- Tree for every student that will promote planting of trees in schools and communities
- Life skills and peace building education to adolescent girls and boys

Resources

SN	Name	Qualification	Position
1.	Benjamin Kadikilo	Bachelor's Degree in Gender and Development	Founder and Executive Director
2.	Bernado Bulugu	-Continuing students MA. Monitoring and Evaluation -B.Sc. Home Economics & Human Nutrition	Founder and Technical Advisor
3.	Hellen Kissa	-Master of Arts in Psychology. -Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration.	Founder and Education Program Coordinator
4.	Benjamin Mosha	Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance (BA-AF).	Finance and Administration Officer
5.	Osiana Lukali	-Master of science with education -Bachelor of Education in science	Youth Empowerment Program Coordinator
6.	Zabron John	-Continuing students Bachelor of Art in Population and Development -Bachelor of Education in Special needs	Livelihood Program Coordinator
7.	Nyerere Lubare	Diploma in General Agriculture	Agriculture project Officer
18.	Magreth Damas	-Diploma in Cross cultural communication -Bachelor's degree in Rural Development (BRD)	Program Coordinator-Gender Equality and social inclusion programs