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# SAUTI FOR CHANGE EMBRACING NATURE





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By Alpha Nsemwa,  
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# National Director FOREWORD

It has been a wonderful journey as we recall memories of the implementation period of SAUTI Youth Project in Eastern Cluster. These have been years of hard work and consistency in building strong and resilient communities. There are many ways to appreciate the good work that everyone contributed throughout the entire program duration but we give all the Glory to God.

I wish to thank WV staff in cooperation with our donors in Europe, the Government, community members and other stakeholders who have contributed in bringing transformation to the most vulnerable communities. I am humbled that all of us joined in this tremendous journey with the bigger goal of aspiring for child well-being which has forever stood as one of the strongest pillars of operations for World Vision.

This has been realized through making sure that: Children are having good relationships with God and their neighbours; Children are protected from violence; Children are well nourished; and Children are educated for life.

God extended his hand and gave us life which we have used to serve the people focusing our efforts and energy in bringing transformation through different programs with the aim to contributing on tacking action toward the impact of the climate change in Tanzania. These programs have shielded most of the beneficiaries against poverty.

With a strong transformed economic foundation for the youth in Korogwe and Handeni Districts, the project facilitated formation of 38 groups in Tanzania with a total of 921 youth members (442 males and 411 females) and 68 (38 male, 30 female) youth with disability. The project has managed to reach 24,551 (12775, Female 11776 males) project beneficiaries out of 24062 (11,956 male and 12,106 female) targeted population with the awareness of climate change and environmental protection through CVA model approach.

It is our hope and prayer that, the community will continue to preserve the legacy of bringing hope to children especially our youth.

A time has come for WV to hand over the good work achieved in Korogwe and Handeni to the community, which marks the end of the program cycle. However, this is not the end of the positive changes that have been realized in many years. It is our hope that love, peace, harmony and strength shall radiate within the community all the time as you continue to ensure the wellbeing of most vulnerable children.

Lastly, I wish to share my love with all of you and urge us to continue pushing through sharing the word of God and the good news of serving the most vulnerable children. Brethren this is as benevolent as one can get to be in this one-time life, I love you all and may we prosper together as we spread hope and joy in Christ.

**James Anditi**  
National Director  
World Vision Tanzania





In a world where the delicate balance of nature is constantly under threat, it is with great pleasure and hope that we present this storybook as part of our environmental conservation project. Within these pages, you will embark on a journey filled with wonder, curiosity, and a deep appreciation from the community and staff members.

This collection of stories is more than just tales; they are windows into the enchanting beauty of our planet and the importance of protecting it. Through the vivid narratives and captivating characters, we aim to inspire young and old alike to become stewards of the environment.

Our environment is not just a backdrop for our lives; it is our home, providing us with the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the landscapes that fill our hearts with awe. As we flip through these pages, may we rediscover our connection to nature and our responsibility to safeguard it for future generations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to dedicated individuals and organizations who have contributed to this project. Special appreciation goes to the European union, AU- EU delegation Hub, World vision Ireland, The government of Tanzania for the guidelines and technical support through Korogwe and Handeni districts and the World Vision Tanzania Senior Leadership Team for an overall leadership during the implementation of SAUTI project. I therefore invite you, dear readers, to join us in celebrating the outcome highlighted in these few pages as we continue to figure out the best ways to achieve for the SDG targets ahead us.

**Juliana Charles**  
World Vision Tanzania,  
Eastern Cluster Manager

# Message from the CLUSTER MANAGER





# PROGRAMME MANAGER MESSAGE (IRELAND)



It has been an immense privilege to support the-SAUTI Youth Project since its inception in February 2020. Over the three and a half years of implementation, the project has shown the immense potential of youth participation in climate action initiatives and of cooperation between Europe and Africa on issues of shared concern. SAUTI-Youth has enabled substantial change in the communities where it has been operating at the individual, community, regional and international level.

Over 1000 youth across Tanga and Galway have been trained on the Citizen Voice and Action Model and are now leading awareness





raising activities on environmental protection and climate change in their communities. We have seen a substantial increase in youth involvement in local governance structures, with over 70 youth from Handeni and Korogwe appointed to their village environmental committees. In Ireland, where the project has been operational in Galway City and County, we have witnessed the first instance the

CVA model has been implemented in a global north country, resulting in Youth Climate Assemblies which incorporated youth feedback into both council's Climate Action Plans. Accountability mechanisms have been strengthened on a wide variety of environmental issues including the protection of forests and water sources in Tanzania and litter, biodiversity and public transport issues in Ireland.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the project donors, the EU Delegation to the African Union whose generous support has made SAUTI-Youth possible. I also wish to thank the members of the Governance Cluster of the AU-EU Youth Cooperation Hub, whose support and guidance has been a tremendous help to the project management team over the past number of years. My appreciation to local government staff in Handeni and Korogwe who have been valued partners in the delivery of SAUTI-Youth activities and whose openness to youth involvement has been crucial to the success of the project.

My thanks to the World Vision Tanzania senior leadership team who have provided ongoing support, guidance and leadership in the delivery of SAUTI; also to the SAUTI Project Coordinator, Shukrani Dickson, Project Officer Deogratius Martine and Letizia Gorini in Youth Work Ireland Galway who have shown enormous professionalism and energy in ensuring that all activities were completed and reported on to a high standard.

Finally, I wish to recognise the dedication, energy and passion shown by the youth in Handeni, Korogwe and Galway. The success of SAUTI belongs to these youth and the positive change in their communities could not have occurred without their tireless efforts.

Asanteni Sana,  
Aidan Sinnott

Programme Manager -  
Development Programmes  
World Vision Ireland



# Project Manager MESSAGE

The SAUTI project is funded by EU and carried out by World Vision Ireland and Tanzania. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the European Union for funding the project from 2020 to completion in 2023. I do appreciate also the good collaboration and support from WV Ireland for working closely with the project to ensure that all the donor agreement has been achieved.

SAUTI - YOUTH Project **Sustainable Accountability Uniting Tanzanian and Irish young people;** it is the youth led and three years project 2020-2023 funded by EU to empower youth to monitor local government commitments on climate action. In Tanzania it was implemented in Tanga region within two districts Handeni and Korogwe. In Handeni district, it was implemented in all eight (8) villages falling under Mkuburu Area Program same in Korogwe the project implemented in all twelve (12) villages falling under Mnyuzi AP.

The project goal was to build capacity to the Tanzanian and Irish youth to fully engage in local Government processes that contribute toward positive climate action by 2023. Through the SAUTI project implementation we had contributed to the sustainable development goals (SDGs) number 13 climate action and its targets and SDG number 16 peace, justice and strong institutions and its targets SDG 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and SDG 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all levels

Through the SAUTI project in Tanzania, the project managed to build capacity to 85 youth Training of Trainees (ToTs) on CVA model and awareness on climate change. The ToTs had been empowered with knowledge on policies, strategies and by laws that the Tanzania Country has stipulated on tacking action for combating climate change and protection and conservation of natural resources.

The project achieved to form 38 groups in Tanzania with the total 921 youth members, where by 442 males and 411 females and 68 (38 male, 30 female) youth with disability. The project has managed to reach 24,551 (12775, Female 11776 males) project beneficiaries out of 24062 (11,956 male and 12,106 female) targeted population with the awareness of climate change and environmental protection through CVA model approach.

In Tanzania the SAUTI youth also focused on increasing youth participation into local government processes to ensure that they have opportunities to contribute on improvement of welfare of the communities through holding their governance on accountability of good governances. Through the advocacy (CVA) model the SAUTI youth contributed to empowered 55 out of 85(ToTs) youth who were able to be elected and appointed to be part of local governances in their communities by taking different leadership position from the local level to the district level.





Contributing on tacking action toward the impact of the climate change in Tanzania, the SAUTI youth for though its implementation contributed to National tree planting campaign by planting 101700 fro the year 2021 to 2023, where 22,000 were fruit trees supported by SAUTI project and 67,030 trees were shadow and timber trees supported by TFS ( Tanzania Forestry Authority Services) through the support of Handeni and Korogwe district and 12, 670 tress were mixed timber trees planted by the youth from the established nurseries trees.

Apart from the above the SAUTI youth project contributed on youth exposures and exchange of knowledge and experiences of different programs through their participation in different national and international conferences were organized by different organization; also the youth has good experience on how the AU-EU youth HUB cooperation's operates, as through the life time of the project implementation , they youth has good exposure of working closely with different expertise from the AU-EU Youth HUB cooperation through physical or online exchange capacity building.

The SAUTI project team express its gratitude to Government of Tanzania through Tanga region leaders specifically for Handeni and Korogwe district for accepting and participating in the implementation of the project in both districts. The appreciation goes to the youth who were the key implementors of the project in good collaboration with community leaders. The success that we are cerebrating now (as can be reflected in summary of this photo book) has been achieved because of positive collaboration of all the stakeholders that were part of the project design.

Shukrani Dickson  
Project Manager



# PROJECT OVERVIEW AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## FUNDED BY EUROPEAN UNION

Project start date: June 2020

Project end date; October 2023

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- Sustainable development goal number 16 peace, justice and strong institutions and its targets SDG 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and SDG 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all levels. To achieve this the youth will be empowered on how they will make engagement in local Government processes through the social accountability approach and model of making advocacy by involving citizens known as Citizen Voice and Action (CVA). Through this, the good Governance and social accountability will be achieved only when youth will be able to realize their basic human rights and being responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative in decision making and develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.

## PROJECT BUDGET EURO

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
PLANNED	220,330	181,996	165,314
APPROVED	180,00	257,742	
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3 to date

Target population	Target youth	Youth Groups	Youth engaged by project	Citizens benefiting from project
Tanzania	800	40	4000	24062 (Men: 5269, Women: 5839, Boys: 6687, Girls: 6267)
Achievement	951	38	4428	Male 7752, female 6645, Children 3322)



# ACHIEVEMENTS

The project has managed to form **38** active youth group with total of **1,100**; youth (621 (56.4%) males and 479 (43.5%) females and 3 (0.2%) in 2020, Though active members by (February 2022)**921** youth members, where by **442** males and **411** females and **68** (38 male, 30 female) youth with disability.



**38**

Active youth group 2020



**56.4%**



**43.5%**



**921**

Youth members 2022



**442**

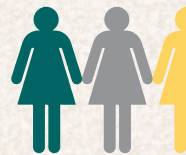


**411**



**38**

Youth with disability.



**30**

Youth with disability.

**23** youth group have been registered at district level out of **38** groups formed. The groups registered as Income generating groups

The project has managed to reach 22,142 (10775 male, 11367 female) project beneficiaries out of 24062 (11,956 male and 12,106 female) targeted population with the awareness of climate change and environmental protection through CVA model approach



**10775**



**11367**

4-youth group with total of 21 (14 male and 7 female) youth members have acquired women, youth and disability loan of the



**14**



**7**

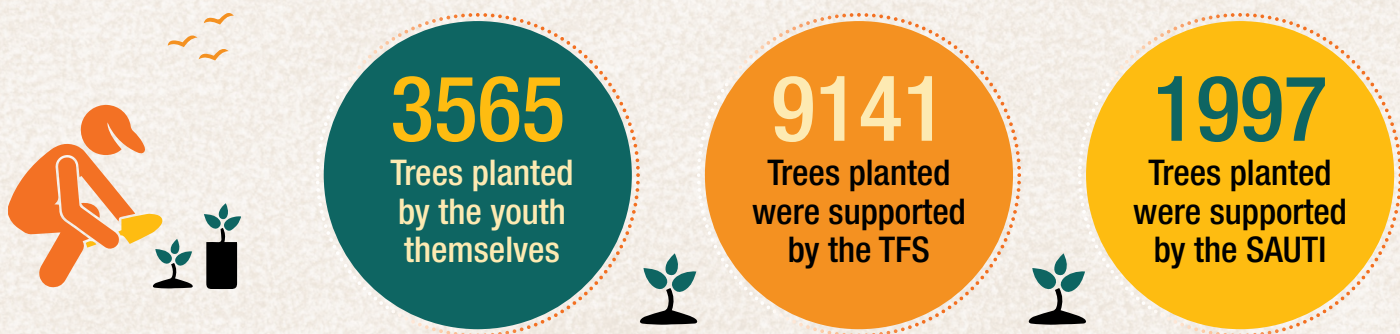


**28,200,00**

total amount 28,200,00TZS of 10% interest rate from Korogwe and Handeni district council



SAUTI youth project has achieved to plant **14,703** trees in FY2021 where 3565 trees planted by the youth themselves from their nurseries, 9141 trees planted were supported by the government through Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) and 1997 trees planted were supported by the SAUTI. In FY2022 the project has managed to plant. For Year 2022, The project has planted 14,476 tree seedlings from TFS supported through the districts of Handeni and Korogwe, and 8000 fruits trees supported by SAUTI project. In total **22,476** trees seedlings have been planted. A total of 5,546 house holds have been reached with the exercise.



**50,000**

4 nursery trees have been established with expectations of producing 50,000 tree seedlings for planting tree exercise in Fy2023. The nursery trees are established at Ngomeni, Mnyuzi, Kwamzindawa and Mtomchafu.

**TZS**

The project has managed to form Saving groups( S4Ts) 12 in Mnyuzi AP and 6 for Mkumburu AP. The S4Ts has been trained and supported with Cash boxes and other requirements

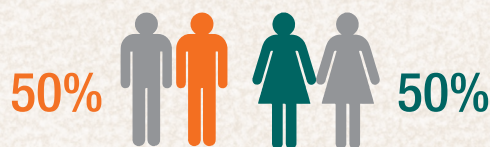
**10,000**

The project has supported 6 water tanks of 10,000 liters to the groups are practicing horticulture cultivations. Not only that the groups have been supported with Horticulture seeds like tomatoes, cucumber, green paper, chinise, onions and water melons.

Collaborating with community leaders at village level, groups has been supported with piece of land for them to practice their activities. The government has allocated piece of land for youth activities.

## PROGRESS TOWARDS PROJECT OBJECTIVES

# new action plans taken; target **10** action plans achievement **8** action plans



% of youth engaged by project who believe they have a role in shaping government policy and actions – Target 50% the achievement 85% and the participation of Youth Males and Female 50%/50% the achievement is 50% by 55%

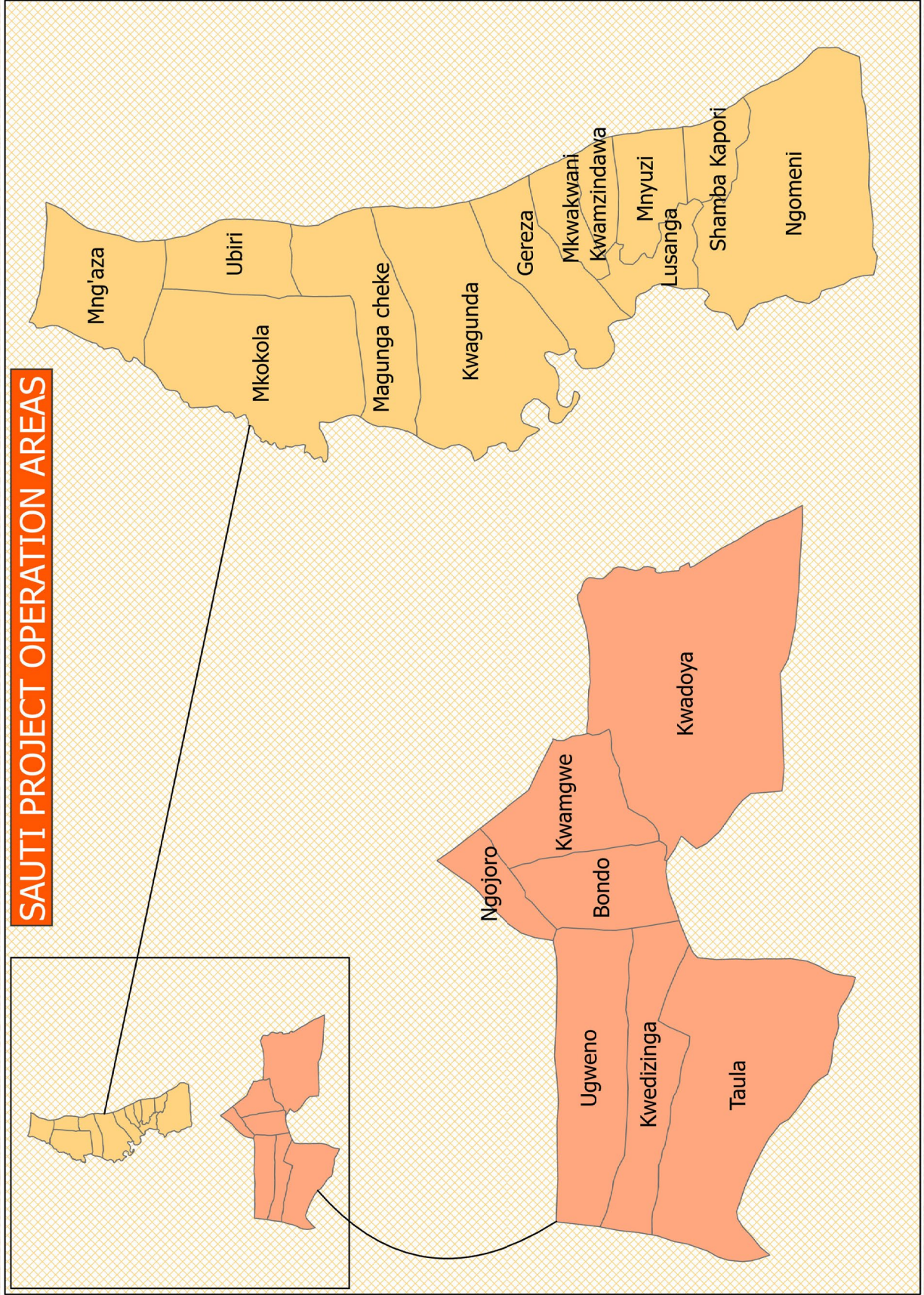
youth groups who can demonstrate progress in CVA action plan target **40** groups (**800**) youth achieved **38** groups (**951** youth) **118%**

# community/group members reached through project awareness raising activities on governance and climate target **34,000** achievement **40, 573 (119.3%)**

#people reached with information on findings/learning of SAUTI Youth target **169,000** achievement **112,208(66%)**



# SAUTI YOUTH PROJECT OPERATION AREA MAP





# INFLUENCING CHANGE FOR COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

One of the best way for reducing any sort of inequality, reducing poverty, and laying a foundation for a sustained economy is education and lack of education is one of the leading reasons why many Tanzania are lagging behind the rest of the world.

It is said that Inequality in Africa has always been there and currently, it is on the rise, especially in urban areas. UNESCO report states that, of all regions, sub-Saharan Africa has the highest rates of education exclusion. Over one-fifth of children between the ages of about 6 and 11 are out of school, followed by one-third of youth between the ages of about 12 and 14. According to UIS data, almost 60% of youth between the ages of about 15 and 17 are not in school

World Vision partners with SAUTI Youth to ensure the voices of the unheard are now on the front to bring about change, by creating awareness CVA model has paved a new way for the so-called illiterate community inspire change on their own.

“We used to be seen as inadequate, simply because we are women and our education background is not good, I am so happy that currently am taking part in a good movement, through CVA I managed to get education on various matters such as leadership and being involved, currently I have managed to mobilize my fellow youth and together we have formed our own group called “AMKA TWENDE”, which means wake up and let us move”, says Eveline Yakobo an executive secretary of CVA group at Mng’aza Village.

It takes a lot to tell someone what they have believed in their all life is sometimes a lie, CVA model has not only capitalized on educating people it has been about equipping people with knowledge which substantially allows them to instill a spirit of change to others.

“When we started few months back it was a myth that we were going to develop, it was so sad to see people criticizing us but in a short period of time we have managed to change that, currently am with my husband in the same group, and he is a Government



*Fadhili Miraji and his wife Eveline join hands to symbolize unit in their group*





*Fadhili Miraji pose for a photo at their farm group in Mng'aza Village*



official I managed to convince him participate in the groups meetings and since then as a social worker he has been using his influence in the Government to help us by sharing his experience we have managed to start our own programs for mobilizing community members to take part in development activities”, adds Eveline.

The project does not offer service provision, it doesn't build hospitals or provide school building, on the contrary CVA model helps community members to bring these services on their own, gatherings and engagement together forms a productive unity which simply gives a responsibility to every community member and a sense of ownership to the initiated projects.

“We have community gatherings which we tell members of the community the importance of taking part in development projects, we have managed to involve Government officials who lets us use their platforms to address our issues, this helped us a lot gain public trust, we have managed to start tree planting campaigns, encouraging environmental conservations, and established equal participation in decision making of matters of urgency such as budget discussions, we thank CVA members who have tirelessly been on the front educating community members on the said issues and more”, adds Yohana Ernest a Chairman of AMKA TWENDE Group.

As known most African communities are influenced by outdated policies which have been a major setback in development of many African countries, it is not different in Tanga there are many issues have been lagging behind because of these policies.



I am a Sub-Village Chairperson and a Community Social Welfare worker, I am in charge of all infrastructures in my community therefor I use my influence to advice my fellow CVA members on the best way they can engage with the Government for policy change and introduce friend by laws which help spearhead development”, says.

**Fadhili Miraji**

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The discussions that take place during CVA meeting have been alive in the communities where these young stars live, it is a dialogue mostly not demonstrations which take place when community members are mobilized for change, this is one way to ensure any change that happens doesn't come at a cost of peace, this has been a factor which has led to the successfulness of CVA in Tanga Region.

“We take time to educate people, it is not a war hence we don't fight we explain calmly, if they don't understand we don't give up, after a while you come back again and despite the challenges we have managed to address many issues especially preservation of environment, letting women have that idea of financial freedom, equal participation in decision making our CVA group withing a short period of time has managed to influence the Government for change of many of its policies”, added Eveline.

The need for prosperity should match the efforts to acquire the needs, it is essential to embrace change but the means to reach that goal should be mutual to that of making sure children are protected to enjoy the fruit of that labor and that youth should always be protected for the future of tomorrow.



# YOUTH VOICES CALLING FOR CHANGE



*Amina Athuman with seedling trees to plant at her home in Ugweno village, Tanga region*

In spite of the National Climate Strategy (Government of Tanzania, 2012), the region of Tanga in eastern Tanzania has continued to experience deforestation due to poor control, which has led to the ongoing degradation of fertile coastal habitats. The situation demands increased action from all partners and can only be addressed through effective community involvement. World Vision Tanzania (WVT) works to engage youth in the region, and supports communities to take urgent actions to combat climate change and its impact under the EU funded SAUTI (Voices of Youth) project. The project empowers girls and boys to raise their voices and to tackle climate change and promote environmental protection. The SAUTI project encourages the empowerment of girls and boys through the identification of various critical social priorities including ending child marriage. So far the project has reached a total of 2,665 direct beneficiaries, 7,500 trees have been planted by the youth participants and they have distributed more than 12,000 trees to other community members. This

story focusses on the members of **“Kwa Pamoja Tunaweza”** (Together We Can) Youth Group, which has 25 members in Ugweno village in Tanga region, where local boys and girls have been empowered by SAUTI project to become powerful voices for change in their community.

Before WVT initiated the SAUTI project in Ugweno village, youth in the area lacked knowledge and capacity to address the impact of climate change and to implement adaptation strategies. Their lack of understanding regarding climate change had resulted in a situation where many youth were engaged in income generating activities that had a detrimental impact on the environment, including charcoal production, cutting trees for timber, shifting cultivation and illegal mining. Although Tanzanian law acknowledges their rights they didn't have a platform through which they could raise their voices and so they had limited ability to address the various issues which affected their lives. Rashid Salim Rashid, the Village





*Rajabu Iddi (left) and Amina Athumani planting a tree in Ugweno village*

Executive Officer told WVT that “There was a high risk of early marriages and pregnancies for girls in this area and people cut down trees without a plan for reforestation. Young girls and boys didn’t know that they could raise their voices and fight for their rights.”

When the project started it was not easy to mobilize and unite the community members. Many of the youth felt excluded and were not involved in community activities. “We had community meetings where we wanted to invite youth to share their views but it was difficult, we were unable to get youth to participate as they didn’t want to be involved,” said Rashid.

WVT conducted training for youth groups and leaders to encourage community advocacy using Citizens Voice and Action (CVA) project model. CVA encouraged participation and accountability among youth and local leaders who came together to work towards a common goal. Rashid explained “We have seen the impact of SAUTI project on our youth. It is very easy to get help from them nowadays, to give one example, they helped us to construct a road in our village, they really worked hard and in response the government

gave them five acres of land to further the project activities. They used two acres to plant one thousand trees which greatly improved our local environment.” He added, “They have been having campaign rallies to eradicate child marriage and sexual violence against children. They are also conducting community sensitization on the importance of addressing climate change, which is the issue about which they have been directly supported by the SAUTI Project.”

Kwa Pamoja Tunaweza youth group have become effective, committed change makers. They have been planting trees and selling them to get income. The money they have been generating has also been used to support group members to address various issues. The group uses public art and slogans to promote positive messages to the community. They perform dramas and music where they advocate for ending child marriages and sexual violence and encourage local people to plant trees and get involved in preserving the environment. The project has helped youth to develop realistic ways of addressing issues related to climate change. Amina Athuman (aged 20) is a female member of Kwa Pamoja Tunaweza. She explained “Before World Vision’s SAUTI



Youth project I didn't understand the importance of planting trees. I used to think drought was a normal condition and I didn't understand the impact that it was having in creating the scarcity of water in our village." She continued, "Sometimes girls were married at a very young age, but I didn't see what it had to do with me so I never bothered to do anything about it."

Amina has transformed from a quiet, passive girl into a champion of change, she is motivated to make sure that more trees planted in her community. Now she aspires to improve the lives of other young people who look up to her as she works in the community to ensure there are no more early marriages and that all children stay in school. "I have been speaking up for my siblings and other children in my community, since I became aware of the issues and our local leaders encouraged us to address our problems and defend our rights," concluded Amina.

SAUTI youth project continues to create young leaders who spearhead the proper utilization of natural resources for environmental conservation and speak out to empower youth to participate in community development. Rajabu Iddi, the chairman of Kwa Pamoja Tunaweza, participates in the village community development committee

as a youth representative.

"Before World Vision's SAUTI project I spent my time aimlessly and it is fair to say that I had no purpose, but a lot has changed for me in a short time. After World Vision's intervention I have become a youth representative in the community development committee and now I am really motivated and I have high goals for myself." says Rajabu Iddi. "World Vision has helped us through SAUTI youth. They empowered me with knowledge on how to plant trees, and now I have been using my position to influence the government to support us and they have given us five acres of land so we can help preserve the environment."

The experience from the SAUTI project demonstrates what can be done to bring about positive changes and reduce harmful practices to improve young people's lives and promote various aspects of development when we harness the power of youth and support them to raise their voices and call for action and change. Unite with World Vision in Tanzania to help us to support more girls and boys to complete their education, fight against early marriage and violence against children and address the consequences of climate change.



*Members of Kwa Pamoja Tunaweza on their 5 acres of land at Ugweno village*



# BUILDING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

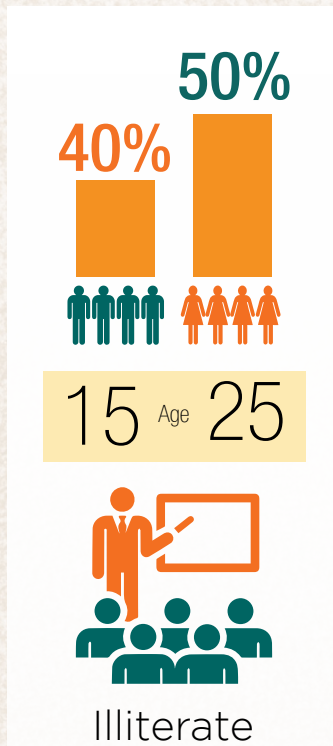
Accommodating youth with essential skills to generate income is the best way to fight against poverty, tools and materials are necessary but knowledge is a powerful resource that if utilized well it can break any barrier.

Knowledge itself can be defined as education, it creates awareness which helps to transform many communities by changing the poor beliefs, but one of the articles written in All Africa website, stated that literacy rates have improved substantially in Africa but still 40% of Africans over the age of 15, and 50% of women above the age of 25 are illiterate.

In our culture most of the challenges we face are set into beliefs, from poor practice of some customs to traditions reforms which are practiced by our own people, many of these have been a barrier to reach that change we have desired.

“Before we engaged with SAUTI Youth project from World Vision, our time was spent in coffee gatherings where we played games and talked mostly about women, it is surprising but we would have an entire team of youth in the village and spend a whole day just drinking cheap liquor and enjoy discussions which were never intended in helping us develop”, says Yohana Richard.

Various initiatives are set into place to help various youth as many as possible to achieve their goals, through SAUTI Youth a climate change-oriented project many young girls and boys, men and women have been



*Samimu Amili in a jovial mood at her group farm in Mng'aza Village*

are involved in various projects which help them to implement life best practices and through Community Voice and Action Model (CVA) they have managed to influence a great deal of change in the community.

“We heard about CVA from our village local leaders who invited us to the village meeting, we went there and met WVT experts who the introduced to us SAUTI Youth project and learned about CVA, it has been a journey but we thank God we are currently active members of a CVA group and we have done a lot that we didn't think we are capable of, if you would ask me two years ago I couldn't event buy my own piece of cloth but this project has given us an opportunity to be financially independent”, said Samimu Amili an accountant at Tunaweza group.

Through CVA initiatives the members at Tunaweza group have not only encouraged environment best practices for ensuring they take action on climate change.

These young girls and boys have stopped the majority of people in their own home villages from burning trees for charcoal, poor farming practices, they have encouraged a proper utilization of resources and improved hygiene in their homes, while ensuring proper preservation of water resources.

“For two years now we have been preaching proper utilization of water resources, preserving our own trees, stopped the burning of forests for charcoal business, it has been a tough journey but we managed to motivated





*Yohana Richard planting a tree at a farm in Mnyuzi*

others by starting amongst ourselves, when we first got the trees we made sure every member plants in their own home, this helped us become an example of what we are telling people to do, from there we took steps to start educating people on many other things such genders equality, the importance of education to children and mostly our fellow youth, we urged them to join in our groups and fortunately this year we have added a new group”, added Frank Raphael who is a Chairman of Tunaweza group at Songea Ward.

There have been various plans implemented before, which aimed at bringing the youth together, but ever since the ignition of CVA model many youths have been interested in joining the groups whose movement identifies and attracts mostly community members to engage in various activities to bring change.

“We have been highly motivated by SAUTI Youth, CVA has been helpful to us we have adapted to many things which are new to us, we have volunteer programs, which involves our own members going around talking to community members on how they can join our campaign to bring change, we have managed to plant 300n tress, through the education we got from SAUTI Youth experts in World Vision, we have managed to practice proper farming methods which preserve the environment”, adds Frank Raphael.

The plans for this amazing group which has 8 members, with 2 girls and 6 boys, has a plan to start a tree farm which will be used as a demonstration farm and also help people learn how to manage forests.



*One of the members of Tunaweza group jovially smiles holding a papaya they produce*



# CHILD ADVOCATE BEARS WITNESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON COMMUNITY

SHANIA, 15-YEAR-OLD FROM TANZANIA TO SPEAK AT COP27



Growing up in East Africa, Shania, age 15, knows first hand the effects of climate change. In her home country of Tanzania, where more than 80 percent of population depend on agriculture for their income, she and her community have raised the alarm of what they need to protect their livelihoods, conserve their environment, and allow children to live their lives in all its fullness.

At COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Shania will be raising her voice to advocate for climate mitigation efforts at the first Children and Youth Pavilion at a COP meeting. Shania was chosen to be a speaker at the President's event as part of Youth and Future Generations Day on November 10.

Shania's advocacy is part of her involvement in Kwedzinga Secondary school environmental





club, the environmental club was initiated by SAUTI project. In Swahili, SAUTI means “voice” and these clubs, supported by the European Union to help to raise the confidence of youth to speak on behalf of their communities and themselves.

“We started the environmental club because our school had no shade trees, and the land was dry due to the over-cutting of trees for charcoal and other unsustainable land uses,” said Shania. Through the SAUTI program, she has learned to monitor policy and environmental protection law in Tanzania, and engage her fellow students in advocacy. She also participates in income producing projects such as in planting fruit and shade trees, and expanding drip irrigation systems to conserve water.

By using the Citizen Voice and Action (CVS) strategy, teenagers involved in the SAUTI program in Africa and Europe learn to track their local governments’ climate action pledges. Children and youth are trained in monitoring the expenditures and pledges of their local governments on climate change, and engage in dialogue to develop creative solutions to address global issues from a local perspective.

According to UNDP, recent severe droughts in Tanzania have had “consequences on food production and water scarcity,” and

economic activity is threatened by water level decreases in Lake Tanganyika, Lake Victoria, and Lake Jipe.

Shania is excited about this opportunity at COP27 to discuss how climate change is affecting her community, their livelihoods, and her future. She looks forward to expanding participation in the local SAUTI environmental group so that they can organize tree planting for the next rainy season, and spread their knowledge of climate change with family members so that they can all work towards a brighter future.



*Shania 15-year student from Kwedizinga Secondary presenting during COP27 at Egypt*



# YOUTH VOICE AND ACTIONS FIGHTING TO END HUNGER



*Theresia Nehemia a treasurer of Fishers Youth group smiles cheerfully holding green pepper.*

Located in the Northern part of Tanzania alongside the Coast of Indian Ocean is a beautiful city of Tanga with a population of 2,045,205 according to 2021 people and resident's census.

The city is blessed with a beautiful vegetation, mountainous in nature with various sources of water, from natural springs to rainfall, which provides a promising environment for agriculture activities.

Amongst the city residents which has almost ten districts, lives a total of 1,615,866 who are agricultural household members according to 2012 census.

“Before we practiced poor habits which were bad for environment preservation, but ever since we got training from SAUTI Youth and joined CVA groups we managed to employ our skills and channeled our efforts to preserve the environment and use it better, for a sustainable food security and nutrition,

we raise awareness to our community on the importance of caring for the environment for organic food farming and nutrition to achieve sustainable development,” says Theresia Nehemia a treasurer of Fishers Youth group at Mng'aza Village in Tanga region The initiatives taken to implement SAUTI Youth project have been a product of hard work in collaboration with other stakeholders which has resulted into greater impact.

Through CVA model it has acted as a pillar which has produced an outstanding result, pairing the model to the project has increased a determination for youth to bring change while inviting the youth to take part and bring about a positive impact to the most vulnerable children.

“Due to global climate change, it is important young people are involved and serve as part of mobilization to take care of the environment, there are various methods we can use to achieve food production at the



same time caring for the environment, when there is less rain we use temporary seed, for a short period of time which is friendly to irrigation agriculture and will greatly reduce even cutting of trees and give us good food at the same time”, says Halidi Kibua Fishers Group Chairman.

Understanding the need to support the fight against hunger World Vision Tanzania through SAUTI Youth Project has partnered with other Global agencies to make sure there is enough food production which will provide a sufficient Nutrition for a better future.

According to Food and Agriculture Organization, among 821 million undernourished people in the world, 257 million are located in Africa, representing 20 percent of the population. Despite efforts to decrease the number of undernourished populations, the region is not yet on track to meet the second Sustainable Development

“We have been educating the community to produce food, this year SAUTI project enabled us with trees from which we have

used to establish tree nurseries, we have motivated the community to farm for food, through that we managed to create employment opportunities, which has helped them avoid crime activities, we have established vegetable farms which we plant nutritious food, helping reduce malnutrition”, adds Theresia.

Tanzania is one amongst African Countries and last year it reached an important milestone in July 2020, when it formally graduated to lower-middle-income country status to middle income, positioning itself as one amongst the fastest developing countries.

This milestone achievement is a reminder of how the youth plays an important role in production which contributes to National Development, as you can see the youth in Tanga city are not behind either who through SAUTI Youth project they have managed This milestone achievement is a reminder of how the youth plays an important role in production which contributes to National Development, as you can see the youth in Tanga city are not behind either who through



*Halidi Kibua Fishers Group Chairman in a cheerful mood at their farm.*





*One of the members of Fishers group jovially smiles holding vegetables farmed at their farm.*

SAUTI Youth project they have managed to plant prominent food crops in terms of area coverage which are maize, cassava, fruits such as oranges, vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes and many more.

The project initiative was to establish Climate change campaign through CVA model, the movement included tree plantations campaign, but as time went through it was vital for the youth to think about serving the community with Climate change battles but at the same time use the platform to produce food.

“We as agricultural groups provide education to the community about good nutrition as well as planting trees in the households, but we also use the best methods of farming using natural fertilizers or cultivation, we grow vegetables and advise community

members to follow good nutrition and proper use of fruits and vegetables, apart from that we have used sports as platforms to meet our fellow youth and community members and talk about good food farming and the importance of caring for the environment,” added Halidi.

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During my time with the SAUTI-Youth project in Galway, I had the incredible opportunity to be involved as a young person connecting with young people in Tanzania. From the beginning, I was fascinated by the parallels between life here in the global north in Galway compared to life of the global south in Tanga. My perspective of country's in the global south, especially African countries, was very limited. I did not have the opportunity to communicate with a young person actively living in the global south until my time with SAUTI-Youth. I noticed how similar Tanga and Galway are, not only geographically both coastal towns, but by the spirit of community present in both places, through different contexts.

Before joining the project, I was extremely disillusioned with the local government, not feeling like it was possible to see a difference

in how young people were engaged with policy-making procedures. I must commend the tireless persistence of our project worker, Letizia, for her ongoing encouragement to ensure that we kept going, even when we felt unheard or dismissed by local authorities. During the project, we managed to reach a large number of young people through various youth groups to implement the CVA model. This was successful, as the members of the youth groups could already see the issues in their local area, but now felt like they could use a process that was meaningful to engage with local climate policy. The young people could then engage in conversations with local representatives and express their concerns while also actively contributing ideas to bring about solutions. Although this was an ambitious process, with a few challenging conversations, young people were engaging with the local government



for the first time ever through the SAUTI-Youth project.

The project's success in Galway can be seen in the successful implementation of the City and County Youth Climate Assemblies. The assemblies were an impressive collaboration between the project with numerous valuable stakeholders. I was amazed by the outcome of these events, with young people being represented from all corners of the local government's area of jurisdiction. The local assemblies were the first of their kind in Ireland, an amazing impact for the project. The findings of the assemblies will directly contribute to the local climate action plans, a first in the history of local policy-making. The project's work on the assemblies would not have been possible without the knowledge of global youth work within Youth Work Ireland Galway. I learned more about meaningful, impactful youth engagement through working closely with Leti and the other talented youth workers of the organisation. The assemblies have a lasting legacy, giving inspiration to many organisations across the country, such as Cork City Council and Cavan youth groups, who would like to recreate the model of the events.

SAUTI-Youth project in Galway had the challenge of implementing a model that was never before used in a global north context, and managed to do so even with the intricacy of the unique challenges faced, ones different to those found in the global south.

Upon reflection of my time in the project, I can confidently say that myself and the other participants involved are proud of the work undertaken and believe that it is a fantastic example of how local governments can meaningfully engage with young people both in the global north and the global south.

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