

## YEE PROJECT END AND HANDOVER EVENT DAR ES SALAAM - 23, AUGUST 2018



### BACKGROUND:

Plan International on behalf of Voluntary Overseas Services (VSO), Vocational Educational training Authority (VETA), Uhamasishaji Hifadhi Kisarawe, Community Development Relief Trust (CODERT) and CCBRT as implementing partners handed over the three - year (2015 - 2018) project; "Partnership to enhance livelihoods and social inclusion of marginalised young people dependent on the informal economy", popularly known as Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE). The project was worth EUR 3,874,980 and implemented in the 10 councils (Temeke, Ilala, Kibaha Town Council, Kibaha District Council, Kisarawe, Ifakara, Lindi Municipality, Lindi district Council, Mtwara District Council and Mtwara Mikindani

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Town Council) across Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Pwani, Lindi and Mtwara regions in Tanzania.

The project reached 10,132 young people aged between 15 – 35years exceeding the projected number of 9,100 of the same age group.

#### **OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT:**

- Sharing and showcasing project successes
- Handover of the project to the government

#### **PROJECT HANDOVER:**

The Deputy Minister of State for Parliamentary affairs, Labour, employment, youth and people with disabilities, also the Guest of Honour, Hon. Anthony Mavunde, received the youth project on behalf of the Government of Tanzania.

During his speech, the deputy minister committed that the government, will ensure project results are sustained and youth are supported to ensure the skills acquired are used for the benefit of the nation.

“This is one of the projects that the government has interest in, and therefore we commit to continue supporting the youth and ensure they continue from where the project ended, we cannot stand aloof and see the project results being squandered”, said the minister.

Other government officials who attended the events were Regional and district commissioners, District Executive Directors and their relevant staff from implementing councils, EU officials from the Tanzania Delegation office, the media, implementing partners, project beneficiaries, members of the civil society organisations and other stakeholders at different government administrative levels.



"I would like to thank implementing partners and relevant government ministries who made this project realize its objectives. Let us continue working together to ensure realization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and take our country towards achieving vision 2025. Together, let's not leave any child/youth behind", shared the Acting Plan International Deputy Country Director - Programs, Dr Benatus Sambili.



"I have closely worked with project implementers especially in monitoring and officiating various events. Supporting all these youth to be who they are today was not easy. And as local government, will continue working with the youth to ensure that results are cemented" said Dr Steven Kebwe, the Regional commissioner Morogoro.



"European Union is pleased to associate with government and other development partners to serve the communities. With this youth project's achievements, EU is committed to enhance the partnership such that marginalised youth are empowered", said Simon Vanden Broeke, Head of Governance European Union Tanzania Delegation.

### THE EVENT:

Young people who benefitted from the project showcased their acquired skills and demonstrated their new entrepreneurial abilities during the event; they were blessed to exhibit their products and skills.

Plan International engaged a consultant to conduct the YEE project evaluation, and during the handover, he presented the report where he revealed that approximately 78% of beneficiaries are now in employment, 68% being self-employed while 10% are in formal employment.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** The event was widely publicized and broadcasted by many national media as below; Five TV stations, 5 Radio stations, 6 print media and various blogs and social media;

1. Newspapers coverage samples;



## We will support you, govt assures

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

THE government will continue to provide a supportive environment to development partners, towards supplementing its efforts to help the youth in the country to address their problems.

The remark was made recently by the Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Youth, Mr Anthony Mavunde.

He was speaking in Dar es Salaam while presiding over a European Union funded programme to Plan International Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE) phase one closure, under which 3,874,980.66 EUR (about 9,812,455,518/-) was spent.

Implemented in 10 councils in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Coast, Lindi and Mtwara regions, he said he was a witness to the EU's spirited efforts particularly in empowering the youth with appropriate skills in line with the government's industrialisation mission.

Citing Simiyu Region

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## Youths, show willingness and cooperation to DFPs

WITH one of the qualities of money being a scarce commodity in Economics, the alms and show of the European Union (EU) recently as one of the donors in Tanzania in their Donors in Funding Programmes (DFP) to finance many projects in the country like the Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE), alongside other partners like the United States Aid (USAID) in their Feed the Future, the youth and the general public should show total appreciations to them as they form part of the government's drive to realise its domestic goals.

These are true friends who have decided to travel thousands of miles away from their native motherlands to join us (Tanzanians) in the fight against local unemployment crisis, poverty, diseases and ignorance (read illiteracy), with their taxpayers monies which must be jealously controlled and see into it that no leakage and spillover occurs into the hands of untargeted marginalised group.

Like the Plan International's YEE programme with other collaborators, where the EU doled out over 89m/- to train the local youth to acquire the right skills to raise their livelihoods as well as for the country's development, besides presenting them additionally with start-up tool kits, this shows that working together with the development partners, the youth, in a matter of years will live their dreams.

In the course the youth should show willingness and appreciation to fully adhere to the expectations of the development partners, form groups, and stop harbouring baseless stereotype ideas that once after acquiring the skills and given start-up tools as well as assisted to acquire loans for self-employment, they take their days again to walk up and down in offices in suits looking for salaried employments.

It is not that they have plenty in their homes, but it is voluntary assistance to a brother in need that is why their heart is taxing them to part with part of their taxpayers monies and donations to assist us in our development plans, and hence as a country especially the youth, should show readiness to be helped and cooperation to see into it that the collective goals are realised.

The youth should work closely with their local government leaders in registering their income generating activities groups, regardless of their education levels, status in life, and gender to farther acquire more loans from District Youth Development Funds and Presidential Self Reliance Funds, which once used wisely, will provide them with basis to address their economic challenges.

Once this is done, with the Fifth Phase government strong drive of the country climbing farther ranks in industrialisation, what is ahead is being fully patriotic, shunning shortcuts to excel, fighting grafts and saying no to the general crime networks, which may land one in jail or draw one back to square A with time, resources and energy being lost.



## 2. Online presence

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