

THE ONGOING PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

OMT is currently implementing projects that are hugely contributing to the empowerment of young people and women in areas of operation. Hereunder is a brief description of ongoing programs/projects.

1. CURRENT PROJECTS

i. Kuku Kizimba Program

Kuku Kizimba Program is an green innovative agribusiness program in partnership with Tanzania Indigenous-Farmers' Association (TIPA) a network of local farmers with more than 4,500 local farmers/beneficiaries network. The program focuses on involving women and youth in keeping indegenous poultry in an innovative ways and becoming profitable agribusiness vantures. Our business model is keeping chicken through chicken block farming. Further, the farmers are connected to Kuku Diary App for further virtual extension services. These farms cultivates green feeds and horticulture produce such as vegetables and green grass for feeding the chicken and communities at large. Currently, the model is implemented in by two groups of 10 women and youth at Malolo Agriculture Resources Center under Kinondoni Municipal. Moreover, we have trained 84 women and men and now opening poultry block centers women and youth in Dodoma in collaboration with the Regional Commissioner of Dodoma, in Ifakara in partnership with Ichonde Cooperative we have trained and recruited 87 women and men who have registered for groups, and in Bagamoyo with partnership with Kaole Wazazi Agriculture College whereby two groups of 10 youth are in the program. These centers are also doing reseaches in green feeds inclusion program to fight climate change. This program is partly supported by the Foundation of Civil Societies (FCS).

ii. Iringa Avocado and Horticulture Agribusiness Project

This is a community engagement green agribusiness program which is in implementation at Rungemba ward in three villages i.e. Kitelewasi, Itimo and Rungemba in Iringa. The program is done in collaboration with Rungemba Community Development Institute at Mafinga. The project has community demonstration farms that are used to train youth and women in agribusiness in avocado and horticulture farming i.e. vegetables.

The program started in 2018 with the vision to increase a day household income from TZS 1,333 (2018) to TZS 3,000 (2026).

Currently, the community tree nurseries contain several avocado none and grafted seedlings have been setup. Moreover, trees nurseries for timber and firewood are added as another focus to reduce desertification. The farms use improved seeds which are further grafted to increase productivity. Further, the intention is to put beehives to harvest money as well as beeswax.

By 2024 the impact of the program is that 204 farmers are recruited to the program with 156 (76.5%) male and 48 (23.5%) female. A total of 204 acres is planted 16,528 avocado trees. One tree produces 120 kilograms with a total of 1,983,360 kilograms. In terms of income one kilogram is TZS 1,800; and in total for all farmers TZS 3,570,048,000 (Billion 3.5) entered into farmers pockets.

iii. National Youth Budget and Tax Analysis



This is the mini project under ‘Youth Employment Initiatives Dare-es-Salaam’ (YEID). The activity is conducted in partnership with Policy Forum. The aim is to gather evidence-based information that brings informed data to be used in conducting advocacy for increased budget and implementation of youth activities for their livelihood development. The activities under this project includes pre and post-budget and tax analysis, publication and dissemination, and advocacy to Members of the Parliament and other youth stakeholders as well. So far, eight analyses have been published for the years 2018/19.

iv. Bagamoyo Business School Program



With support from Sustainable Preservation Initiative (SPI), Open Mind Tanzania (OMT) is expecting to start a new project named, “Business School Program in

Bagamoyo Tanzania” at Kaole, Dunda ward in Bagamoyo district, Coast Region. The aim of the project is to create sustainable economic opportunities to people, women in particular who are living around Bagamoyo archaeological sites by using the advantage of locally available cultural heritage resources to earn and increase their income and build a better life for themselves and their families while motivating local protection of the Bagamoyo archaeological site, as described in the joint proposal. The project will run for the first cycle of two years starting at a total of Tshs. 276,000,000.

To start with, the baseline activity has been conducted to get background information on the need for trainees Women artisans and micro entrepreneurs in Kaole, Bagamoyo. A total of 125 women were reached for possible recruitment for the project.

v. Open Mind Financial Network (OMFN)

OMT championed for the establishment of the village banking model (VICOBA) project aimed at building the culture of saving and providing credits to young entrepreneurs. It also has part of social services for the members who come across social undertakings such as weddings and sickness. It started 12 members and now more than 60 youth have already been subscribed. Currently, members are accessing loans from VICOBA. Upon availability of more funds, the scheme will extend its services to none members too.

The network also has helped other youth to open groups for sustainability and replicates the established model. It is the ideal of the project to grow to become the first youth micro-finance in Tanzania.

vi. DIGITAL BRAIN Promoting Education, Inclusion and Nutrition

This project that we do in collaboration with Digital Brain College at Mbezi Beach for Kidomole village in Bagamoyo and Malolo village in Kinondoni. The aim of the project is to improve inclusion, promote education by boostin teachers and students digital morale and improve nutrition for children through community agribusiness. For activities villagers are trained by observations and digitaly to use local available resources to establish household small farms for food production to support their families. This ensures that hoseholds meals has green and eggs (vitamins and

proteins) always and families can save cash. The program is supported as CSR by Aquinus Farms Limited across its project sites.

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2. PAST PROJECTS

i. Youth Employment Initiatives Dar-es-salaam (YEID) Project



YEID is a program under the program Decent Work and Labour Rights in East Africa (DWLR). It is a joint partnership program between youth organizations in Tanzania i.e. Open Mind Tanzania (OMT), Youth for Africa (YOA), and Tanzania Youth Vision Association (TYVA) supported by Forum for International Cooperation. In Tanzania, the program is under the project Youth Employment Initiatives Dare-es-Salaam (YEID). The phase one program started in 2014, now is under its second d phase. The program is focused to tackle unemployment challenges facing youth in East Africa by empowering them through information meetings, business skills, and entrepreneurship training, labor market training, and advocacy. The project works under the partnership with Dare-es-Salaam Government Youth Officers as well as Don Bosco. The stakeholders meet under Cluster Meeting which acts as a Board of the project.

The project has already recruited 10 trainers and 10 mentors who are facilitating training, mentoring sessions, and employment-related forums. A total of 997 (561 female) have been reached through training (825 [482 female]) and mentorship (172 [79 female]) respectively.

We also conduct follow-ups to track the utilization of knowledge and skills taught, and the impact of the same. Out of 513 trainees followed up, 179 (35%) have started and are expanding their businesses; 113 (22%) are in different stages of starting a business, 118 (23%) have made up their minds to start a business but are yet to start the processes and the remaining 103 (20%) are still pondering whether or not to embark on the entrepreneurship journey.

ii. TADIO - Tanzania Development Information Organization

This was a pilot project assignment to train digitalization training and mentoring to 30 community radio stations marketing officer in helping the communities to access information. The project has started as a pilot and is expected to expand in the near future.

The aim of the project is to enhance local community radios to embrace digitalization especially the use of social media for continuous interactive engagements with the listeners. The experience gather in this pilot will be used to craft a new project in this area.

iii. Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights for Youth and Women (SRHR)



This project is implemented in partnership and through the support of MARIE STOPES Tanzania. The project trains youth and women on their sexual and reproductive health rights. It aims at promoting the usage of sexual and reproductive health services among youth and women by identifying local champions and train them on health issues facing youth and women such as cervical cancer, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and other non-communicable diseases which are increasing in an alarming rate. The champions cascade the training in local communities. On the other side, the program embarks into advocating for the Maputo Protocol which is not yet rectified by the Tanzanian parliament.

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3. IMPACT & AWARDS

The OMT team is dedicated and motivated to perform and provide creative, innovative, and tailored solutions to achieve sustainable results of the highest quality. Our team is composed of experts that possess extensive knowledge and experience in the social and economic development sphere. The embrace of professionalism in OMT and having sound governance, control, and accountability systems in place have made it possible for the organization to be recognized for its outstanding performance locally and internationally as evidenced by the following awards:

- i. In 2021 OMT was awarded during the National Youth Awards with two awards one as; The Best Youth NGO in Tanzania and the second; The Best Youth Project in Tanzania.
- ii. Our project 'Youth Employment Initiatives Dar es salaam-YEID received **Outstanding Award for Livelihood Development in Tanzania** awarded by Foundation of Civil Societies (FCS) during CSOs Week in Dodoma, 2019.
- iii. OMT was independently assessed by Molly's Network in 2015 and Accredited from 2016.



ACCREDITATION STAMP: This is a sign of excellent performance in OMT Programme Management in Programming and Finance.



YEID Outstanding Award for Livelihood Development in Tanzania

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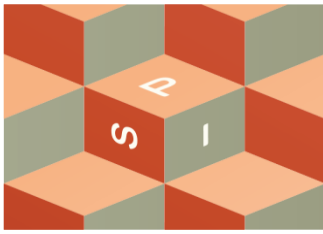




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