



USAID SUPPORT TO ZANZIBAR

Key Sectors:

Education, Health,
Agriculture and Nutrition, Good
Governance

Key Implementing Partners:

- ACIDI/VOCA
- Africare
- Chemonics
- EngenderHealth
- Fintrac, Inc.
- Jhpiego
- Price Waterhouse Cooper
- Research Triangle Institute
- Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA)
- University of North Carolina Measure Evaluation
- Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening

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Despite strong economic growth and recent improvements to public services, Zanzibar faces a number of obstacles to eradicating poverty and improving quality of life for its citizens. Nearly a third of Zanzibar's population lives below the basic needs poverty line, and unemployment is on the rise—particularly among the rapidly growing youth demographic. Schools and educators are as overburdened as ever following the rollout of tuition-free education, and in an underperforming health sector, malnutrition and maternal care remain points of concern. Zanzibar has also been subject to closing democratic space in recent years, making it increasingly difficult for media and civil society organizations to operate, and for citizens to make their voices heard.

To counter these destabilizing forces and create opportunities for inclusive economic growth, USAID works with its partners in Zanzibar to improve health and education outcomes, expand economic opportunities in agriculture, reduce malnutrition, and promote democratic governance. In doing so, these efforts stem the tide of poverty, hunger, poor governance, and lack of opportunity, helping advance peace and security in the region.

Education

Although access to education in Zanzibar increased dramatically over the past decade, many children are not mastering basic reading and mathematics. In response, USAID/Tanzania's education programs work to improve learning achievement, with a focus on early grade reading.

USAID/Tanzania's flagship education program, *Tusome Pamoja* ("Let's Read Together") works to improve student performance in reading in Kiswahili for grades one through four. This involves collaborating with stakeholders on teacher guides, student materials, and the training to use them in the classroom; coaching and mentoring for teachers; and monitoring and collecting data to guide decision making.

Malaria

Since 2006, the U.S. Government has invested in the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP) with strong results. Malaria surveillance has been scaled up to cover all 142 public health facilities and the number of malaria cases at health facilities dropped from 25 percent in 2005 to 0.7 percent (2015-16 Demographic and Health Survey).

USAID supported 10 rounds of annual indoor residual pesticide spraying; continuous distribution of mosquito nets to maintain high coverage; prevention campaigns communicating the importance of seeking immediate treatment for malaria; a state-of-the-art malaria surveillance and response system; and improved technical capacity and case management within ZAMEP.



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Health Systems Strengthening

USAID supports the development of a strong public health supply chain to ensure availability of quality health commodities at all health facilities in Zanzibar. This includes commodities provision, technical assistance to quantify commodity needs, information systems that will improve supply chain management, and training for health care workers on managing health commodities.

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health

USAID works to strengthen antenatal and delivery care to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Zanzibar. This is achieved by improving emergency obstetric and newborn care in health facilities; strengthening supportive supervision to health providers on service delivery; and strengthening the use of the maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response tool to improve the quality of services. USAID also partners with community health workers to educate women on safe delivery, risk factors in pregnancy, and to promote facility-based delivery through a pilot program in which emergency transportation is facilitated for rural women. In the coming year, USAID and partners will assist in the development of a new, five-year reproductive and child health strategy.

HIV/AIDS

USAID works to mitigate the impact and spread of HIV through home-based care for people with HIV/AIDS; care and support for orphans and vulnerable children; treatment of people infected with both tuberculosis and HIV; sustainable livelihoods and income generation for people infected and affected by the disease; and training and financial assistance for community-based organizations responding to the epidemic. USAID also supports the implementation of the Zanzibar Most Vulnerable Children National Plan of Action, as well as its monitoring and evaluation plan and data management system for tracking needs, services, and providers for orphans and vulnerable children.

Agriculture and Nutrition

USAID provides key agronomic services to smallholder farmers in Zanzibar. Within the horticulture value chain, investments have included technical assistance to produce fruits and vegetables for the local market and high-value hospitality markets, as well as improving post-harvest practices in getting produce to market. USAID also collaborates with the Tanzania Horticulture Association to improve the enabling environment for private sector investment and give smallholders better access to improved inputs such as seeds and drip irrigation.

Since 2013, USAID provided grants to increase rice productivity and profitability among at least 2,000 smallholder farmers, and to provide quality training services to develop an extension and lead farmer network in Zanzibar.

USAID also participates in national nutrition efforts to improve the nutritional status of women, children under five years of age, and marginalized



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groups. This includes investments in behavior change communications to promote positive nutrition behaviors and social norms. In addition, interventions provide training for women's groups on horticultural crop production for income generation, and developing village community banks to establish savings and loan groups.

Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

Through the *Pamoja Twajenga* ("Together We Build") program, USAID provides training on advocacy and governance for organizations including the Tanzania Media Women's Association – Zanzibar, RECLAIM, and the Zanzibar Legal Services Center. USAID also partners with Internews under the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS) program to train Zanzibar journalists in conflict-sensitive content and reporting on issues facing women and youth.