

**TANZANIA COALITION ON DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT
(TCDD)**



**2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON
TRAINING, COACHING AND MENTORING REPORT
AT DISTRICT LEVEL**

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1.0. INTRODUCTION

The Tanzania Coalition on Debt and Development (TCDD) is a Coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Tanzania that has dedicated to undertake various lobbying and advocacy activities on policy, budget, debt cancellation/relief, poverty eradication and sustainable human development. TCDD was launched as a loose Coalition in 1998, and was then officially registered as a Non Governmental Organization on 17th December 2007.

TCDD in Collaboration with Norwegian Church Aid as partners had conducted training workshop to develop the capacity of Religious leaders to Establish Public Expenditure Tracking system (PETS) at grass root level among interfaith groupings at different districts such as Geita, Same and Chunya. The contract between NCA and TCDD as resource partner was officially signed to conduct PETS activities at grass root level among interfaith districts such as Chunya, Same and Geita.

2.0. The Current Economic, Political, and Social changes in the event of Country Program Economic situation

The economic situation in the country is bit stable as currently have witnessed the going down of inflation and devaluation of Tanzania shilling against US dollar which made it steady for the whole year, creating conducive environment for investors both local and foreign. Also the price of fuel has been steady for the whole year.

3.0. Political trend

The political situation in Tanzania continued in a mixed situation due to the Constitutional Review process which reached a stage where when Constituent Assembly (CA) started, members of one political group called UKAWA walked out of the CA to show dissatisfaction with the process. The CA went on until it passed the proposed constitution which divided the Tanzanian society widely. The nation is heading to a referendum while divided into political groupings in that CCM and the government is supporting the proposed constitution while UKAWA parties and the church is against the proposed constitution.

4.0. A PROGRAM: OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

TCDD conducted trainings, coaching and mentoring at three districts as a means of building capacity to local communities at grass root level to demand transparency and accountability from

their leaders. The targeted groups for the training were the new selected PETS and old committees from these districts such as persons who were not imparted with the PETS knowledge and some of them had already started to undertake PETS in their respective areas targeting to build a common understanding (harmonization) of PETS stakeholders at districts level to work in together as well as to build the basic understanding of PETS to the new selected PETS committees. This incorporated the village and wards officers on one hand and the PETS Committees which represented the citizens on other hand.

Training, coaching and mentoring was carried successfully by TCDD as **table 1** shows bellow

District	Date	Institution	Facilitator
Chunya	29 th September to 2 nd October 2014	CCT	Hebron Mwakagenda
Same	15 th – 19 th September 2014	CCT	Hebron Mwakagenda
Geita	1 st – 5 th September 2014	CCT	Hebron Mwakagenda

5.0. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. GEITA DISTRICT

Geita district is a CCT project area, where the training session was organized from 1st to 5th September 2014. Fourteen new members of PETS committee were trained.

Outputs of the training

Fourteen new members participated in the training sessions in two different stations as mentioned above. Training on PETS as conducted by TCDD covered pre determined set of topics which would be used as a guideline during the tracking processes and make PETS committees so resourcefully. Topics were, *The concept of PETS, PETS processes, Public funds, Public properties, Public officials and sources of revenue, How to track public expenditures, Budget cycle in Tanzania and entry points, Advantages and disadvantages of PETS as well as Sharing of case studies from their village.*

Expected to see

After the training it was expected that PETS committees will be tracking up the directional focus of the budget starting from the stage of budget approval at the centre to the final stage of resources use by the beneficiaries down at the village or community level

The training achievement

Generally, the training/seminar has achieved to bring a sense of belonging, responsibility, patriotism and unity in fighting against poverty through PETS among local government officials and PETS committees. After an effective training to the members of PETS committee are ready to go and face the public officials without any fear since they now understand what is all about PETS.

Challenges

One of the challenges related to the training is that some participants have low level of education about even common issues related with the training modules. This has led to the consumption of much time, energy and funds.

Lesson Learnt

In preparation for referendum and general elections next year some public officials believe that PETS committees can be used by the opposition politicians to challenge them to be seen as uncountable and corrupt officials. Because of this some public officials are making silent hostility with PETS committees since they consider them as political enemies.

The way forward

In other coming trainings, TCDD will continue to impart PETS skills to both local public officials and PETS committees together. This will iron the differences and improve the working relationship between them.

5.2. SAME DISTRICT

Same is the project areas for Christian council of Tanzania (CCT), Same district covering five wards of Njoro, Vuje, Mwembe, Bombo, and Kirangare, The mentoring and coaching in Same district was done around 15th to 19th September 2014 involving 30 participants from five wards.

Training Outputs

The coaching and mentoring included visiting them in their respective wards trying to understand what they have done since the last training and discussing with them the challenges they encountered in the course of implementation and how to address them.

5.3. CHUNYA DISTRICT

Chunya district is a CCT project area. The training was conducted at Makongolosi Township for a new PETS committee around the area which had 14 participants. The training was held on 29th September to 2nd October 2014. The formation of PETS committees was done by the local coordinator how the facilitator went through the guidelines to ensure that the process followed due diligence.

Expected to See

After the training of the new PETS committee formed recently in Makongolosi Chunya district it is our hope that they will start conducting effective execution of the budget which includes producing accurate and reliable financial information from public officials to enable expenditure tracking and properly informed decision making.

Training output

The national budget process, the budget cycle, PETS, The basis for PETS in the URT constitution, laws and regulations, criteria for selecting PETS committee, conducting PETS, report writing and analysis are among the things that were trained.

6.0. FUTURE PLANS

Our plan for 2015 is mostly dependent on the needs of our partners i.e. NCA and its partners who are CCT, BAKWATA and TEC.

ANNEX I

The Training workshop proceedings

- Public Services Delivery (Provision)
- Understanding PETS
- Group Work
- Entitlements and rights: The legal and financial Basis of PETS
- The right to financial Information
- The basis for transparency in Local authorities