

# TANZANIA ECD NETWORK QUARTERLY UPDATES (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022)



**TECDEN**  
TANZANIA ECD NETWORK

Mtandao wa Malezi, Makuzi na  
Maendeleo ya Watoto Wadogo Tanzania

## The Science of Early Childhood Development Training



Mwajuma Rwebangila Tanzania  
ECD Network Executive Director  
giving opening Remarks during  
the SECD training on 4th July  
2022

The 6 day training was participated by 80 participants including 2 representatives from 10 Civil Society Organizations implementing Mtoto Kwanza Project from phase I implementing regions: Dodoma, Dar Es Salaam, Arusha, Mbeya, Kagera, Tabora, Morogoro, Rukwa, Lindi and Manyara; 20 Regional officials (Regional Social and Community Development Officers) from the same 10 regions, 28 ECD champion journalist from 28 regions on Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar; Government officials representatives from key ECD Sector Ministries including Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs), Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST), President Office Regional and Local Government (PO-RALG) and Prime Ministry Office (PMO).

### SCIENCE OF EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SECD) TRAINING

The Science of Early Child Development (SECD) is a knowledge mobilization initiative designed to make current research accessible to anyone interested in learning more about the profound impact of early life, from conception to about age eight, on lifelong health and well-being. The Aga Khan University Institute for Human Development and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation (the Foundation) in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania, Tanzania ECD Network, Children in Crossfire (CiC) and Union of Tanzania Press Club (UTPC).

80 ECD workforce received  
on job training

### SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS

The course targeted those who directly manage, assist and/or deliver early childhood development programming in Tanzania.



Group Photo: Course participants with Hon: DR Dorothy  
Gwajima Minister of Community Development,  
Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs)  
on 4th July 2022.

### TAKE OFF NM-ECD PROGRAMME 2021/22-2025/26 AT REGIONAL LEVEL FOR IMPLEMENTATION

NM-ECDP in 10 regions of  
Morogoro, Lindi, Arusha,  
Manyara, Rukwa, Dar Es  
Salaam, Tabora, Kagera,  
Dodoma and Mbeya.

Mtoto kwanza Project which aimed to catalyze the implementation of the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development (NM-ECDP) 2021/22 -2025/26 has facilitated program dissemination across 10 regions of Morogoro, Lindi, Arusha, Manyara, Rukwa, Dar Es Salaam, Tabora, Kagera, Dodoma and Mbeya.



The launching of the NM-ECDP at regional level created understanding of the programme objectives across ECD stakeholders at regional level.



# National ECD ADVOCACY Strategy is under development

With support from African Early Childhood Network (AfECN) TECDEN coordinated ECD stakeholders (ECD sector Ministries and agencies and non-state actors) to develop the National ECD Advocacy Strategy which aimed to support the implementation of the programme. The team of ECD stakeholders led by the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs) met in Morogoro to work on the draft NM-ECDP Advocacy which is expected to be launched in November, 2022 by NMECDP Technical Working Group.



The process of development of the NM-ECDP advocacy strategy was initiated by the ECD stakeholders as an important tool to advocate for increasing investments on early years.

*To all ECD stakeholders:*

*Kindly* stay tuned to input and validate the strategy ready for implementation. It is an opportunity for all ECD stakeholders to be engaged for the effective implementation of the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme 2021/22 - 2025/26.



# THE MTOTO KWANZA PROJECT CSOS REVIEW MEETING

CREATING ROADMAP TOWARD  
REGIONAL NM-ECDP QUARTERLY  
REVIEW MEETING.

The Mtoto Kwanza Project team and ECD stakeholders conducted two day CSOs review meeting at Nashera Hotel from 29th to 30th September 2022. The meeting engaged Children in Crossfire (CiC); Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN); Union of Tanzania Press Club (UTPC); ECD sector Ministries- Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs), President Office Regional Administrative and Local Government (PORALG), Prime Minister Office (PMO), Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) Civil Societies implementing Mtoto Kwanza Project from phase 1 regions and other ECD stakeholders.



During the review meeting Hon. Mwantumu Mahiza Chairman of Board of NGO Coordination got an opportunity to speak to CSOs implementing Mtoto Kwanza Project from 10 regions of Tanzania Mainland including Dodoma, Dar Es Salaam, Arusha, Mbeya, Kagera, Tabora, Morogoro, Rukwa, Lindi and Manyara. She emphasized on child protection as key intervention to protect children from in Tanzania. The Tanzania ECD Network Executive Director handling handling Hon. Mwantumu Mahiza the NM-ECDP 2021/2022- 2025/2026 documents. During the review meeting, the Mtoto Kwanza Project team were able to share their stories of success and challenges for learning.



The Mtoto Kwanza Project is the catalytic investment to support the implementation of five years launched National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme (NM-ECDP) 2021/22-2025/26 across all 26 Tanzania mainland regions. Through this partnership, Mtoto Kwanza project contributed into establishment of NM-ECDP implementation structures- National Technical Working Group (TWG), National ECD Stakeholders and National Secretariat to support program implementation.

# TANZANIA ECD NETWORK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tanzania ECD Network conducted a Special Annual General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The main objective of the meeting was to validate the changes and amendments of the network constitution of (2014).

## THE CONSTITUTION CHANGE PROCESS

During the meeting it was explained to members how the whole process was done in improving the constitution of the Network. Briefly explained that the consultancy was able to go through various documents of the organization including the constitution of 2014 and

was able to interview various groups to get their opinions on the improvements of the constitution including TECDEN Secretariat, the Board as well as some members of the Network (Manyara, Kagera, Iringa, Pwani, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Morogoro, Ruvuma, Njombe and Mbeya). The consultancy was also able to conduct an interview with the registrar's office at the MoCDGWSGs.

## MAIN CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

1. The new structure of TECDEN (General Meeting, Board, Secretariat, Regional ECD Coordination Units (RCU) and Members.
2. Types of members (Regular members with voting power, affiliate and strategic members)
3. TECDEN board charter
4. The tenure of the Executive Director of the Network



**THE NETWORK IS UNDER THE PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW CONSTITUTION.**



# Tanzania ECD Network: Networking and Partnership



The World Health Organization, Tanzania ECD Network and Pediatric Association of Tanzania representative visited The Second Vice President office in Zanzibar. The main objective was to discuss around Global Standards for Child Development (GSED) and Maternal Mental Health and advocating for implementation of Nurturing Care Framework by initiation of National Multi-Sectoral ECD Program as well as establishment of National ECD Network in Zanzibar.



Tanzania ECD Network engaged in training of Community Health Workers (CHWs) as Trainer of Trainees in Dar Es Salaam region. The training involved 620 CHWs across all 5 Municipals of Dar Es Salaam. With support from Benjamin Mkapa Foundation (BMF), the training collaboratively organized by the President Office Regional Administrative and Local Government (PORALG), Ministry of Community Development, Gender,

Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs), Dar es Salaam Regional Health Management Team and Council Health Management Committees and ECD stakeholders from non state actors working implementing ECD programs in Dar es Salaam. The training aimed to integrate ECD components on the Community Health Workers' comprehensive community-based health packages. .

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