TANZANIA INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP – TIP

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ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

1. Introduction

Tanzania Interfaith Partnership (TIP) is a national interfaith organization established and registered in 2012 under Registration No. S.A. 18023, through the collaboration of four major faith institutions in Tanzania: the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), the National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA), and the Office of the Grand Mufti of Zanzibar (MoZ).

TIP brings together the extensive national and grassroots networks of these faith institutions to strengthen coordination, collaboration and joint action to address health, socio-economic and other development challenges affecting communities across Tanzania. The four partner institutions provide TIP with a broad, diverse platform for engaging religious leaders, congregations, communities, government authorities, development partners and other stakeholders at national, regional, district and community levels.

Since its establishment, TIP has leveraged its unique position, influence and community presence to promote health and well-being, community empowerment, social protection, gender equality, children's development and sustainable development. TIP works closely with government ministries, local government authorities, UN agencies, development partners and communities to facilitate community engagement, strengthen health promotion and support responses to emerging public health and social challenges.

1.1 Vision

A dynamic and sustainable interfaith network contributing to a healthy and vibrant Tanzanian society.

1.2 Mission

To strengthen coordination and networking to address health and socio-economic challenges for sustainable development in Tanzania.

1.3 Strategic Goal

To improve the quality of life and social well-being of Tanzanians, particularly those in vulnerable and marginalized communities.

1.4 Key Strategic Focus Areas

TIP's strategic work focuses on four interconnected areas:

1. Promoting holistic, inclusive and quality health and well-being of the people of Tanzania.
2. Enhancing sustainable economic development and livelihood empowerment processes, particularly among vulnerable and underserved communities.
3. Promoting women's empowerment, children's development and gender equality, with particular attention to vulnerable and marginalized groups.
4. Strengthening interfaith approaches and systems for effective coordination, collaboration and implementation of development interventions.

Through these strategic priorities, TIP seeks to harness the collective strength of Tanzania's faith communities to promote sustainable development, strengthen community resilience, and improve quality of life and social well-being across the country.

2. Technical Areas of Expertise

TIP’s institutional experience includes:

- HIV/AIDS and TB prevention and care, including HIV testing and counselling, community care and support, and referral and linkage to treatment;
- Community health promotion and demand creation, including prevention, early care-seeking and uptake of essential health services;
- Maternal, newborn and child health, including linkage of pregnant women, mothers and children to appropriate health and nutrition services;
- Adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Infectious disease prevention, preparedness and outbreak response;
- WASH and infection prevention and control;
- Health promotion and social and behaviour change communication;
- Community mobilisation and engagement through faith-based and community structures;
- Gender equality, women’s and girls’ rights, child protection and disability inclusion;
- Capacity strengthening of faith leaders, community leaders and community-based structures;
- Collaboration with Government ministries, local government authorities, health facilities and development partners.

TIP has particularly strong comparative experience in using faith-based and community structures to translate public health priorities into community-level action. Its organizational model enables engagement from national-level religious leadership through regional, district and grassroots structures.

3. Geographic Reach

TIP has experience implementing programmes across both Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. Its organizational network provides access to communities through the four national faith institutions and their structures from national to grassroots level.

TIP's documented project experience includes implementation or engagement in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kigoma, Geita, Kagera, Manyara, Ruvuma, Simiyu, Mara, Coast, Arusha, Shinyanga, and Unguja and Pemba.

4. Relevant Institutional Experience

Project / Assignment	Donor / Client	Period	Geographic Scope	TIP's Role	Key Achievements / Results
Effective HIV Prevention and Enhanced HIV/AIDS Community Care and Support	PEPFAR through CDC	2013 - 2018	Kigoma and Shinyanga regions	Implemented community-based HIV testing and counselling, demand creation, community mobilization, SBCC, referral and linkage to HIV prevention, care and treatment services through faith and community structures.	143,010 people tested through community-based HTC; 1,355 commercial sex workers and 968 AGYW reached through targeted testing in Kigoma and Shinyanga; 1,220 people who tested positive linked to CTC; 96 HIV-positive pregnant women linked to ANC; and 560 people referred for VMMC and STI services.
Our Church and Mosque Lights the Way (OCLTW)	PEPFAR through CDC	2013 - 2015	Kigoma and Shinyanga regions	Used churches, mosques, and faith leaders as entry points for HIV prevention, awareness, testing, knowledge of HIV status, care, treatment, and community support.	Strengthening the capacity and engagement of faith leaders and communities in HIV prevention, testing, referral, linkage to care, and reduction of HIV-related stigma.
Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)	UNESCO	2019 - 2021	Multiple regions, Tanzania	Leveraged existing faith structures to increase awareness of adolescent SRHR, promote positive social and behaviour change, and address harmful stereotypes and social norms affecting adolescents.	Increased awareness of adolescent SRHR; strengthened faith leaders' capacity and community structures to provide accurate SRHR information and promote supportive environments for adolescents.
WASH Programme	UNICEF	2020 - 2024	Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam	Implemented WASH awareness and behaviour-change activities through faith organizations and religious leaders, promoting safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices and preventing waterborne diseases.	Strengthened community awareness and adoption of safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices and increased understanding of the health risks associated with unsafe water and poor hygiene.

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COVID-19 Prevention and Response Interventions	UNICEF	2021 - 2022	Dar es Salaam, Geita, Mwanza, Ruvuma and Kagera regions	Supported risk communication and community engagement, disseminating IEC materials and distributing handwashing equipment through faith structures, government facilities and FBO facilities.	Expanded access to trusted COVID-19 information; strengthened community prevention measures and promoted appropriate protective behaviours and vaccine-related awareness through faith and community platforms.
Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) Prevention and Response	UNICEF / Government of Kagera Region	2023 to date	Kagera Region	Worked with UNICEF, the Regional Government, LGAs, CHWs, bodaboda groups, faith and community leaders, to support risk communication, community engagement, prevention, and outbreak response.	Strengthened community preparedness and awareness of MVD prevention and control measures; facilitated timely dissemination of health information through trusted community structures and supported coordination with government and health authorities.
Cholera Prevention and Outbreak Response	UNICEF / Government Health Authorities	Various outbreak periods	Multiple regions, including Mwanza, Simiyu, Rukwa and Kigoma	Collaborated with MoH, PMO-RALG, regional and local government authorities, faith structures, and government health facilities to support risk communication, community mobilization, and cholera prevention.	Strengthened community awareness of cholera prevention and control; promoted hygiene, early health-seeking and adoption of appropriate preventive behaviors during outbreaks.
Chaguo Langu, Haki Yangu (My Choice, My Right)	UNFPA / Government of Finland	2023 - 2025	Mara and Shinyanga regions, Unguja and Pemba	Worked through faith and local government structures to promote the rights and choices of women and girls, including women and girls with disabilities, and to address harmful social norms.	Strengthened faith-leader engagement and community-led approaches to preventing and responding to GBV, child marriage and FGM, while promoting women's and girls' rights and access to appropriate information and support.

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Child Protection and Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)	UNICEF	2023 to date	Kigoma and Mtwara Regions	Strengthened faith leaders' capacity in child-protection tools (Faith in Action: Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Children in Tanzania: A Pocket Book for Muslim and Christian Religious Leaders) and supported them to use existing religious platforms to prevent, identify, refer, and respond to VAWC.	Strengthened faith leaders' capacity as child-protection advocates and expanded community awareness, prevention, identification, and referral of VAWC cases through established faith networks.
Responsible Parenting and Child Wellbeing	UNICEF	2023 - 2025	Ileje, Tunduma, Mbozi and Songwe districts, Songwe region	Trained faith leaders and conducted community outreach to promote responsible parenting, positive parenting practices, and child wellbeing.	Increased awareness of positive parenting and strengthened the role of faith and community structures in supporting children and families.
Njombe Stunting Reduction and Nutrition SBC Campaign - "Lishe Yake, Mafanikio Yake"	UNICEF/ Government authorities/ Nutrition Stakeholders	2023 to date	All six councils of Njombe Region	Conducted a rapid SBC diagnosis, facilitated a multisectoral SBC design workshop and community pretesting, and supported identification of priority nutrition behaviors and development of the campaign concept.	Developed an evidence-informed, community-tested nutrition SBC campaign adopted by the Njombe Regional Government. The campaign has been implemented for three consecutive years, promoting ANC attendance, early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding, dietary diversity, male involvement and improved maternal and child nutrition practices.
Health Programme Assessments	UNICEF	2024 - 2025	Dodoma, Kigoma, Zanzibar, Mbeya, Mtwara, Katavi, Dar es Salaam and Songwe regions	Conducted assessments of selected health indicators and community-level experiences to assess programme performance, identify gaps, and generate evidence for programme improvement.	Generated community-level evidence to inform programme implementation, accountability, learning and strengthening health interventions.

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Mpox Rapid Assessment	UNICEF	2024	Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Kigoma, Zanzibar, Kagera and Arusha regions	Assessed community knowledge, attitudes and practices related to Mpox and identified gaps in prevention, preparedness, risk communication and response.	Generated evidence on community KAP and identified priority information and behavioural gaps to strengthen Mpox prevention and response interventions.
Mpox Risk Communication and Public Awareness Intervention	UNICEF	2024 - 2025	Tanzania Mainland	Supported dissemination of accurate, timely, and actionable health information through television and radio to improve public awareness of Mpox prevention, early recognition, and preparedness.	Expanded access to reliable Mpox information and strengthened public awareness of prevention, early recognition, and appropriate response measures.
El Niño Light Rapid Assessment and Response	UNICEF	2024 to date	Kibiti and Rufiji districts, Coast Region	Conducted an El Niño rapid assessment in vulnerable communities and supported identification of priority risks and community needs.	Generated community-level evidence to inform targeted response and preparedness measures for vulnerable populations affected by climate-related risks.
Kijana Imara – Adolescent and Youth SRHR	UNFPA	2025 to date	Bahi and Kondoa, Dodoma; Unguja, Zanzibar	Strengthened the capacity of faith leaders, adolescents, women and youth leaders, persons with disabilities and SRHR service providers to promote positive SBC and improve access to SRHR information and services.	Strengthened the capacity of faith leaders, adolescents, women and youth leaders, persons with disabilities, and SRHR service providers to provide accurate SRHR information, promote positive social and behaviour change, challenge harmful norms, and improve community awareness and access to appropriate SRHR services.

5. HIV/AIDS Experience and Relevance to TB

HIV/AIDS is one of TIP's strongest areas of institutional experience. TIP implemented Effective Prevention and Enhanced HIV and AIDS Community Care and Support and Diffusion of Evidence-Based Interventions (DEBI) programmes in Kigoma, Tanga, Lindi, Shinyanga, Mara and Manyara Regions. These programmes used faith-based and community structures to strengthen HIV prevention, testing, care and support, referral and linkage, and access to essential HIV-related services.

The DEBI programme focused on strengthening community-based HIV services, improving access to Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services, supporting the roll-out of Option B+, and increasing the number of pregnant women initiating antenatal care (ANC) early.

TIP also supported community-based HIV testing and counselling, demand creation, health education, referral and linkage to care and treatment, VMMC and STI services, and engagement of faith leaders and community influencers. In addition, TIP supported the linkage of people living with HIV to appropriate health services and strengthened community participation in HIV prevention and care.

TIP's HIV/AIDS programmes demonstrate strong capacity in community mobilisation, targeted outreach, demand creation, Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC), referral and linkage, faith-leader engagement and collaboration with government health services.

6. Broader Public Health, Nutrition and Community Health Experience

Beyond HIV/AIDS, TIP has extensive experience across the broader public health spectrum, including nutrition and stunting prevention, maternal, newborn and child health, adolescent and reproductive health, infectious disease prevention and outbreak response, WASH, health promotion, Social and Behaviour Change (SBC), risk communication and community engagement (RCCE).

In nutrition and stunting prevention, TIP played a key role in developing the Njombe Stunting Reduction Campaign, "Lishe Yake, Mafanikio Yake." TIP conducted a rapid SBC diagnosis involving mothers, fathers, adolescents and elders; facilitated a multisectoral SBC design workshop with stakeholders from all six councils of Njombe Region; and supported community pretesting of campaign concepts and messages. The process identified priority behaviours including early ANC attendance, early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding, dietary diversification for pregnant women and children aged 6 - 23 months, and increased male involvement in maternal and child nutrition. The campaign was subsequently adopted and spearheaded by the Njombe Regional Government and has been implemented for three years since 2023.

TIP has also contributed to maternal, newborn and child health through its HIV programmes, including referral of HIV-positive pregnant women to ANC, as well as through community education, demand creation, health promotion and referral and linkage activities. TIP's engagement with religious leaders and community structures provides an effective platform for promoting maternal and child health practices and encouraging timely use of health services.

In infectious disease prevention and outbreak response, TIP has worked with UNICEF and government authorities on COVID-19, Marburg Virus Disease, cholera and Mpox interventions. TIP has engaged faith leaders, community health workers, local government structures, FBO facilities, community influencers and other trusted networks to share accurate health information, counter misinformation, promote preventive behaviours and strengthen community preparedness and response.

In WASH and health promotion, TIP has promoted safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices and strengthened community understanding of the difference between hygiene and preventing waterborne diseases, including cholera. TIP integrates health promotion messages into existing faith and community platforms, enabling interventions to reach households and populations through trusted local structures.

TIP has substantial experience in adolescent and youth SRHR, through programmes supported by UNESCO and UNFPA. These interventions have strengthened the capacity of faith leaders, adolescents, youth leaders and community actors to promote accurate SRHR information, positive social and behaviour change, and prevention of harmful practices including GBV, child marriage and FGM.

Across these interventions, TIP works closely with the Ministry of Health, PMO-RALG, regional and local government authorities, health facilities, community health workers, faith-based organizations and community structures. This approach enables TIP to translate national and regional health priorities into community-level action, strengthen demand for services, improve referral and linkage, and promote community ownership and sustainability.

Overall, TIP brings a strong community-centred public health platform that combines faith leadership, community mobilisation, SBC, health promotion, referral and linkage, rapid assessment, risk communication and engagement with government structures.

7. Engagement with Government and Community Structures

TIP has extensive experience working with:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups
- Prime Minister’s Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG)
- Regional and District authorities
- Government health facilities
- Faith-based health facilities
- Community health workers
- Ward and village leaders
- Religious and faith leaders
- Community-based groups and volunteers

8. Legal and Registration Status

TIP is a national interfaith association registered under Registration No. S.A. 18023, with its Secretariat based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. TIP is registered to operate across all 26 regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, enabling it to leverage its extensive interfaith network and institutional structures to implement programmes at national, regional, district, and community levels.

9. TIP's Comparative Advantage

1. Strong institutional experience in public health and community-based programming, with experience spanning HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, nutrition, SRHR, WASH, health promotion, and infectious disease prevention and response.

2. Extensive experience in HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, care, and referral, including community-based HIV testing, targeted outreach, PMTCT, demand creation, SBCC, referral, and linkage to treatment and other HIV-related services.

3. Demonstrated experience in nutrition and stunting prevention, including the development of the "Lishe Yake, Mafanikio Yake" stunting reduction campaign in Njombe Region through SBC diagnosis, multisectoral design, community pretesting, and engagement of government and community stakeholders.

4. Strong SBC and community engagement capacity, including rapid assessments, community consultations, behavioural analysis, message development, pretesting, risk communication and demand creation.

5. Experience in infectious disease prevention, preparedness and outbreak response, including COVID-19, cholera, Marburg Virus Disease, Mpox and polio, with a strong focus on community mobilisation, risk communication and engagement of trusted community influencers.

6. Established relationships with Government and development partners, including the Ministry of Health, PMO-RALG, regional and local government authorities, health facilities and other public-sector structures.

7. Access to extensive faith and community structures across Tanzania, enabling TIP to reach diverse and underserved populations through trusted religious leaders, faith institutions, community health workers and community influencers.

8. Strong experience engaging religious leaders as agents of health promotion and social and behaviour change, using faith platforms to address health behaviours, social norms, misinformation, stigma and barriers to service uptake.

9. Established programme, monitoring and evaluation, financial and administrative systems, supporting quality implementation, accountability, learning, compliance and effective management of donor-funded programmes.

10. Proven experience working with international development partners, including CDC/PEPFAR, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNESCO, and collaborating with government and other stakeholders to implement community-based health interventions.

11. Strong capacity to translate evidence into community-level action, combining technical public health expertise with community knowledge, faith leadership, and government systems to promote sustainable health and nutrition outcomes.