



Across section of the 71 youth, attending training on opportunities found in fishing industry at the Limestone Conference Hall in Tanga city council. The trainees drawn from the city's various wards heard from community leaders, industry professionals and government officials about opportunities to secure livelihoods through fisheries.

INTRODUCTION

We headline this March, 2023, TangaYetu Newsletter with the training of youth on opportunities to increase their participation in the fishing industry. The training was also meant to equip them with valuable skills for sustainable income generation through the exploitation of fisheries resources in the larger Tanga region.

Also, during the month under, there was significant milestone in the project to Combat Violence Against Children and Adolescents following a court's conviction of a child molester, while some 350 students enrolled under the Enhancing Learning Outcome for Primary Schools successfully completed their reading lessons.

**LEADERS RALLY YOUTH
FOR BLUE ECONOMY
OPPORTUNITIES**

Tanga City Mayor, Hon. Abdulrahman Shiloo, the City Director Dr. Sipora Liana and representatives of TangaYetu and Fondation Botnar were among speakers at the training of youth about fishing, to sensitize them on opportunities and equipping them with knowledge and skills of venturing into the fishing industry in the larger Tanga region.



Tanga City Mayor, Hon. Abdulrahman Shiloo, addressing participants during the official opening of the Fishing Industry Training for youth who were trained by experts on how they could participate and benefit from opportunities available in the fishing sub-sector.

The fishing industry is one of Tanga's economic mainstay, and offers a pathway for young men and women to meaningfully and sustainably engage in income generating activities, hence helping alleviate youth unemployment and improving the livelihoods of whole communities.

The Hon. Mayor Shiloo and Dr Liana welcomed the training and pledged that city authorities would lend support as required in the endeavor to ensure that the objective of availing economic opportunities to more young people, especially through the fishing industry succeeded.

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“We as authorities will be ready to extend our support to the initiative and build a better and inclusive Tanga City,” She said.

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“Tanga region has many opportunities in the fishing industry which could be harnessed to positively impact the lives of our young people. I thank TangaYetu and Fondation Botnar for running several initiatives in Tanga City to empower more youth to take part in the development of our region,” Mayor Shiloo said.

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Mr Philotheusy Mbogoro from Fondation Botnar and Ms Sadaka Gandhi who is a member of TangaYetu steering committee both underscored the importance of placing young people at the forefront of productive activities as a critical group in local community economic empowerment and generational development.

Mr Mbogoro said Fondation Botnar will continue to invest in empowering young people through education and skills development, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and supporting sustainable economic growth.



Tanga City Director, Dr. Sipora Liana, gives her address during the training of youth on the fishing industry in Tanga region. She said participation of young men and women in the fisheries sub-sector would be key to the success of the blue economy.

Dr Liana urged the trainees to be pro-active and seek knowledge and gain new skills from the training that will be beneficial as they look forward to running successful businesses in the fishing industry.



Mr. Omary Mohamed, the fisheries project lead under the TangaYetu initiative during his presentation to young trainees attending a fishing industry training event held in Tanga City Council.

TangaYetu fisheries project lead, Mr. Omary Mohamed, took the youth through expert knowledge sharing such as different types of fishing, how to acquire capital and sustain a business, how to search for markets for fishing and fish products and the industry's national and international standards.

The trainees were also taken through the available opportunities in the industry. In the end, the attendees said they were impressed with the depth of knowledge gained during the training, noting it opened their eyes and instilled a sense of belief to make a living out of fishing and related services.

EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST ADOLESCENTS BEARING FRUIT

In slightly under one year of working with stakeholders to enhance the protection of children and adolescents from violence, progress is being seen in the increasing reporting of suspected cases, especially by school going children who mostly bear the burden of such abuse.

Mr. George Bwire, the director of Tanga Youth Talent Association (Tayota), is excited about the positive response about the campaign to sensitise the community in Tanga on violence against adolescents was receiving.

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“We are noting that unlike before, more and more people are now coming out in the open to report suspected cases of violence against children and adolescents. Pupils, parents, local leaders and ordinary members of the community are eager to act and are actively contributing to the efforts to end the vice,” Mr. Bwire observed.

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According to Bwire, stakeholders are sharing information freely, signifying the early success of the campaign to get everyone involved. With more understanding, stigma, cultural and traditional beliefs barriers are being shunned in the war against children and adolescent violence among local communities.



In March, 2023, TAYOTA held a community sensitization meeting at Mwang'ombe Primary School in Tangasisi Ward. The meeting was attended by among others, teachers, parents, local leaders and an officer of the police special desk for gender.

It is also significant that authorities such as teachers, the police and officials from the government's community development office in Tanga have demonstrated willingness to join in efforts to jointly carry forward the campaign and tackle any challenges that will help enhance initiatives under the project.

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“It is encouraging that we are now able to go to the field as a team, including with the official representatives of the government to sensitize the targeted public on the nature of the problem and what to do to combat it. It is good that we are receiving calls from teachers to go to their schools to offer the campaign or when there is a matter to respond to,” explained Mr Bwire.

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Tayota is currently pursuing five cases, including one where a school reported that 12 of its children had been violated. The organization is also in the process of appealing a court judgment that handed what appears a lenient punishment to a suspect who for years been abusing a minor. The Usagara lower court in Tanga gave a suspended sentence of one year and also ordered the 17 year old suspect to pay TSH.70,000 in compensation to the eight year old victim who has been violated since the age of five years.

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“This is clearly a misnomer and while we respect the court of law, we are going to appeal the case to offer more protection and deserved justice to the victim,”

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Tanga City Mayor Abdulrahman Shiloo (Seated middle) and to his right, Tanga Urban District Commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa pose for a photograph with journalists and representatives from Tayota during training and sensitization on the role of the media in combating violence against children and adolescents.

So far, Tayota has put in place the systems to allow smooth involvement of school children in the campaign through clubs and cultural festivals and performances.

80 primary and 24 secondary schools have been reached and 106,000 beneficiaries through the various campaigns, including advocacy and information communication campaigns in 27 wards of Tanga City targeting parents, religious leaders and service providers to provide platform for discussing violence against children and adolescents, capacity building training for 27 Wards NPA VAWC protection committees through Reflective Approach for Transformative Leadership and the training of 35 Journalists to encourage media to cover stories about child protection system and issues related to violence against children.

INDIA-PIONEERED TEACHING METHOD HELPING IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Some 350 pupils enrolled under the Enhancing Learning Outcome for Primary Schools Students have successfully completed their reading training. In total, 457 pupils are enrolled for the pilot phase training of the program, which uses Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) approach to improve the performance of pupils. This approach was pioneered in India and emphasizes on teaching children at their own learning levels, rather than at their school grade or age.

“TaRL was introduced to benefit pupils who have weak foundational literacy and numeracy skills and were always left out or lagged behind in learning.”

explained Salome Materu, the coordinator of the project to enhance learning outcome for primary school pupils.

Through learning skills, strengthening skills delivery systems, and increasing the engagement of parents and community in education, the project aims to improve performance of primary school students in Tanga City Council. So far, 40 teachers from 20 Primary Schools have been trained.