



**HelpAge**

**Tanzania**

# **Championing Social Protection**

## Social Protection for all

We work to ensure that more older people have improved dignity, income security and resilience through improved social protection in old age, greater social accountability and stronger inter-linkages between relevant policy sectors.

Our program put more emphasis on three pillars: **gender, learning, and cash transfer.**

Our interventions seek to address the barriers affecting older people which who are amongst the poorest and most marginalized in Tanzania including lack of awareness on rights /entitlements, Ageing not effectively mainstreamed in key policies, Social Protection not being explicitly gender responsive, Specific and multiple barriers to older women in control/ownership of assets and resources, Limited public engagement/awareness on ageing issues, Weak social accountability mechanism, Lack of inclusion of older women and men, Gaps in policy frameworks and reduction of space of civil society to engage with/hold duty bearers to account.

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# Our Strategies

## We Empower Older People

at household & community level, older citizens are informed, empowered & organised in community groups (e.g. OPAs) to realise and protect their rights, and actively participate in decision-making processes

## We Facilitate Access To Essential Services

Provision of effectively designed and delivered social protection programmes (including cash transfers) responsive to the specific needs of OPs, including the most marginalised.

## We Mobilise Individuals And Communities

at individual and community level, individuals and groups of all ages are informed & mobilised to better support the realisation of OPs rights and entitlements.

## We Advocate For Enabling Laws & Policies

Coordinated advocacy plans (including media, research, technical support to governments, civil society networks) to support a robust legal and policy framework advancing the rights of older people to more dignified, secure and resilient lives (focus on social and health protection)

## We Learn And Disseminate

Learning on best practices, innovations and impact is shared with the wider HelpAge network and disseminated widely across the sector at global level; programme-based learning to review ToC and inform programme adaptation.

**"A society for all ages encompasses the goal of providing older persons with an opportunity to continue contributing to society".**

Madrid Plan para 19



**"When poverty is endemic, persons who survive a lifetime of poverty, often face an old age of deepened poverty."**

Madrid Plan para 45

**Older people contribute  
it's time to invest in them**

# Our Achievements in Tanzania

## Our successful efforts to push the agenda of a better life for the elderly

- Influenced enactment of Zanzibar Elderly Affairs Act.
- Supported the development of Zanzibar Universal Pension Management Information System (MIS)
- Influenced increased inclusion of older people in TASAF cash transfer program benefiting 574,608 OP – 316,034 older women.
- Increased Zanzibar Universal Pension (ZUP) value from the current TZS 20,000 to TZS 50,000 which is 150% benefiting at least 28,513 older people where 16,614 older women.
- Influenced development of Social Protection Policy which is inclusive of Universal Pension for older people in Tanzania Mainland.
- At least 120,000 older people (56% women) accessing financial institutions and local council's top-up funds to engage in small income generation activities.
- Older people having high levels of confidence in dealing with financial service providers.
- More older men and women have increased access to digital literacy including ability to own a mobile phone.
- Increased number of governments, MPs and CSOs championing and mainstreaming older people issues in plans and budgets.
- National social protection policies, public governance systems and structures at all levels being more responsive and accountable to older women and men's income security needs and rights.

## Working with Zanzibar

- Jumuiya ya wazee Zanzibar - **JUYAWAZA in Unguja & Pemba**
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- Reach All For Development Organization - **Mbarali, Mbeya**

## **Vision**

A world in which all older people fulfil their potential to lead dignified, active healthy and secure lives.

## **Mission**

Ensure older people in Tanzania have equal access to resources and services as provided in the various policies and legislative frameworks by seeking the mainstreaming of ageing issues into the development agenda of the country, thereby alleviating intergenerational poverty that affects older people and their dependants.

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