



VOYOTA Q2 2026 UPDATES

Voice of Youth Tanzania

Impact & Partnership Newsletter

“From Opportunity to Impact:
Empowering Tanzania's Youth to Build Sustainable Futures”



VOYOTA-supported youth leaders on stage

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS THIS MONTH



300,721+

Youth reached through
YEFFA – Ajira Yangu



98

Youth employment
outcomes verified, Q2
2026 .



63

Young entrepreneurs
trained in digital skills



25

Young women graduated
through Her Voice Ujuzi
Wangu .

"Together with committed partners, VOYOTA is scaling youth-led solutions that create employment, strengthen communities, and advance sustainable development across Tanzania."

— VOYOTA Partnership Statement

Quarter 2 at Glance

EVIDENCE OF TRANSFORMATION

Between April and June 2026, VOYOTA moved from delivering training to proving its impact. Rather than counting new participants, this quarter's flagship work verified — farm by farm, classroom by classroom — that earlier investments in Tanzania's youth are producing measurable, durable change: yields that have multiplied, young women stepping into paid work, and a growing seat at the table in national policy conversations.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS THIS QUARTER

YEFFA Project

 **98**

Youth in Work

A structured, field-verified adoption cycle confirmed 98 new Youth-in-Work outcomes across the YEFFA – Ajira Yangu programme.

Going Beyond

 **63**

Youth entrepreneurs reached

63 young entrepreneurs completed digital business training through the new Going Beyond partnership

Her voice Ujuzi

 **25**

Young Women graduated

25 young women graduated from Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu vocational training, with 8 already in jobs or enterprise placement.

REST Project

 **3**

National Health & Gender forums

VOYOTA carried youth and community voices into three national health and gender policy forums through the REST project.

U HUB Project

 **18**

Mentors & Mentees

A new mentorship partnership with Maryland University (U-HUB) reached its programme midpoint with 11 mentees and 7 mentors.

WHERE WE WORK THIS QUARTER

VOYOTA is a nationally registered NGO operating across 12 regions of Tanzania. This quarter's verified fieldwork spanned five regions — Rukwa, Katavi, Singida, Kagera, and Dodoma — alongside vocational and mentorship programming in Arusha and advocacy engagement in Dodoma and national forums.

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter's results were made possible with AGRA Tanzania, E-MAC Tanzania, Digital Opportunity Trust, the Mastercard Foundation, Maryland University, MSTCDC, and Monduli District Council — partnerships that combine international capital and technical expertise with VOYOTA's grassroots reach.

Why Partner With VOYOTA?

- ✓ A proven, community-based approach with 12 regions of operational reach
- ✓ A youth-led programming model that builds local ownership and leadership
- ✓ Evidence-driven implementation, including field-verified adoption and employment data
- ✓ Strong government and community relationships, from Ward Extension Officers to District Councils
- ✓ Demonstrated experience managing multi-partner, multi-donor programmes (AGRA, Mastercard Foundation, Maryland University and more)

Executive Director's Message

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*Vincent Uhega (Executive Director)
in a working session with NGO
workers*

DEAR PARTNERS,

This quarter asked us a harder question than usual: not how many young people we reached, but whether what we gave them actually changed anything. Our YEFFA – Ajira Yangu team spent April and May finding out, returning to farms and youth groups across five regions to verify — plot by plot — whether earlier training had taken hold. The evidence exceeded our expectations: a farmer in Msange Ward increased his maize yield tenfold on the very same land; a group in Katavi harvested 85 bags and, in the process, created four new jobs for young mechanics nobody had planned for.

Elsewhere, 25 young women graduated from Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu carrying real job offers, 63 young people gained digital business skills through our new Going Beyond partnership, and our REST project carried Monduli's youth voices into three national forums shaping Tanzania's health and gender policy.

None of this happens without partners who share our conviction that Tanzanian youth are not a population to be served, but a workforce, a leadership pipeline, and a market waiting to be unlocked. Looking ahead, VOYOTA invites foundations, development partners, and responsible private sector actors to join us in scaling proven approaches that enable young Tanzanians to create livelihoods, lead communities, and contribute to sustainable development.

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YEFFA – Youth Entrepreneurship for the Future of Fod and Agriculture

8 regions across Tanzania



Turning Agricultural Training Into Verified Livelihoods

The Challenge

Tanzania's agriculture sector holds four times the youth employment potential of any other sector, yet more than one million young Tanzanians enter the labor market every year against only 40,000 new jobs created economy-wide. The result is a persistent perception among youth that farming is a last resort rather than a viable career — driving rural-to-urban migration and leaving agricultural productivity gains on the table.

Evidence of Change

Since inception, YEFFA – Ajira Yangu has reached 57.2% of its three-year target — and this quarter produced the programme's first systematic, field-verified proof that earlier investment is translating into real income and employment.

VOYOTA's Solution

YEFFA – Ajira Yangu mobilizes and equips young people, with a focus on young women and disadvantaged groups, to build careers across sunflower, horticulture, paddy, and maize value chains. Village-Based Advisors and Field Officers deliver structured agribusiness training, Good Agronomic Practice coaching, and market linkages — then, critically, return months later to verify whether that investment produced real change. This adoption-verification model, aligned with AGRA's Work Enabling Outreach (WEO) framework, is what sets VOYOTA's evidence apart: results are confirmed in the field, not assumed from attendance sheets.

300,721+

Youth reached since inception (of 525,853 target)

98

Youth-in-Work outcomes verified this quarter

4,260+

Cumulative confirmed Youth-in-Work, Q1+Q2

186

Village-Based Advisors active in the field

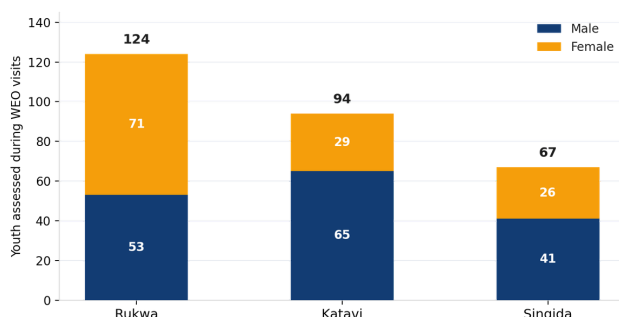
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Cooperatives capacitated (120% of target)

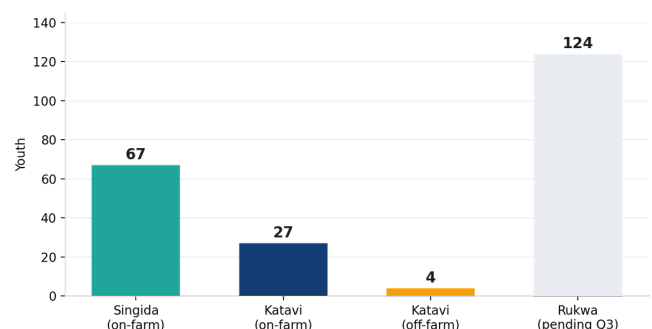
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Demo farms verified for GAP adoption this quarter

YEFFA Q2 2026: Youth Assessed During WEO Adoption Visits



Youth-in-Work Outcomes Verified — Q2 2026 WEO Cycle



YEFFA – Youth Entrepreneurship for the Future of Fod and Agriculture

Story of Change: From Two Bags to Twenty

"I used to guess when to plant and how much fertiliser to use. VOYOTA showed me how to calculate it properly. This season, for the first time, I harvested enough to sell – not just to eat."

– Youth Farmer, Msange Ward, Singida Region



A young farmer in Msange Ward, Singida, had spent several seasons harvesting just one to two bags of maize from his plot – barely enough to feed his household. After receiving Good Agronomic Practice training and coaching from VOYOTA, our Field Officer returned in May to verify what, if anything, had changed.

Investment Opportunity

With additional investment, YEFFA can expand climate-smart agriculture training, strengthen youth-led enterprises, and connect more young people to profitable agricultural value chains — replicating verified results like Msange Ward's tenfold yield increase across all eight YEFFA regions.

BEFORE

1–2 bags of maize per season from the same plot of land — insufficient even for household consumption.

INTERVENTION

Good Agronomic Practice training: row planting, correct fertiliser application, and agronomic timing, followed by a field verification visit.

AFTER

20 bags harvested from the same land in the same season — a tenfold increase, now enough to sell as well as eat.

Going Beyond

Preparing Young Tanzanians for the Digital Economy



Digital Skills, Real Businesses

In partnership with E-MAC Tanzania, Digital Opportunity Trust & Mastercard Foundation

The Challenge

Across Arusha region, young entrepreneurs are building businesses without the digital tools that could multiply their reach, formalize their finances, or protect them from online risk — a widening gap as Tanzania's economy digitizes.

VOYOTA's Solution

Delivered through E-MAC Tanzania alongside Digital Opportunity Trust and the Mastercard Foundation, Going Beyond equips youth with practical digital marketing, financial management, business planning, and online safety skills — taught through interactive, experience-based facilitation rather than lecture-style training.

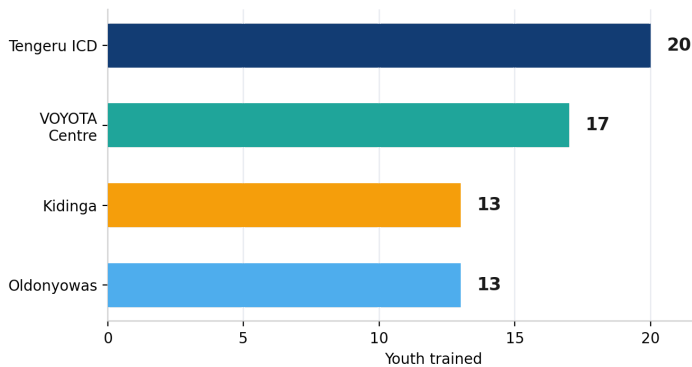
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Young entrepreneurs trained across 4 locations

4

Arusha region districts and councils reached

Going Beyond Program — 63 Youth Trained Across Arusha Region



Youth trained by location, June 2026

Skills Delivered

- ✓ Digital marketing and social media management
- ✓ Financial record-keeping using the Cash Book App
- ✓ Business plan preparation for investors and lenders
- ✓ Online safety, protecting youth from cyberbullying and fraud



Scaling Opportunity

Future investment will enable expansion of digital entrepreneurship training to more youth-led businesses across Arusha region and beyond — building a generation of digitally fluent, financially literate young entrepreneurs.

Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu

From Skills Training to Economic Independence



Closing the Gap Between Training and Employment

The Problem

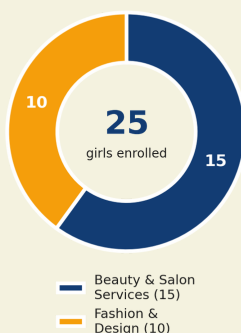
Young women in Monduli and surrounding communities face structural barriers to employment: limited vocational options, few entrepreneurship pathways, and inadequate support to translate skills into sustained income.

VOYOTA's Solution

Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu combines vocational training in market-relevant trades with entrepreneurship education and structured mentorship — placing every graduate into a real workplace before certifying her as job-ready.



Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu — Q2 Enrolment by Track



Enrolment by training track, Q2 2026



Story of Change: Queen

From day one, teachers and classmates noticed Queen's drive — always first to arrive, last to leave, endlessly curious about her craft. That work ethic followed her into her field placement, where she is now developing advanced skirt- and dress-tailoring skills with a host employer. If she keeps up this pace, a permanent job may not be far away — one young woman's trajectory from student to professional.

Beyond vocational skill, every participant completed entrepreneurship training in production of batik, shampoo, tile and sink cleaner, and soap — diversifying income pathways beyond a single trade. The cohort's field placements in May gave hands-on work experience under host businesses, with VOYOTA conducting supportive supervision visits through June. English language, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health rounded out a curriculum designed around the whole young woman, not just her trade.

25
Graduates

15
Beauty & Salon

10
Fashion & Design

4
Secured jobs with VOYOTA partners

4
Joined the Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu Hub

Why Investment Matters

Investing in young women's economic empowerment creates ripple effects for families, communities, and future generations — from household income and delayed early marriage, to daughters who grow up watching their mothers run a business.

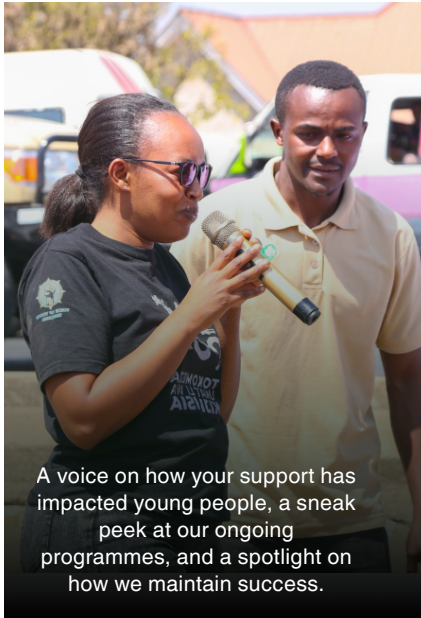
REST Project

Youth Voices Influencing National Health Policy



From Community Realities to National Decisions

Monduli District, Arusha



A voice on how your support has impacted young people, a sneak peek at our ongoing programmes, and a spotlight on how we maintain success.

through this advocacy, VOYOTA helped shape concrete national recommendations — from reducing water costs for schools with girl students, to tracking sanitary pad access within education budgets, to embedding menstrual hygiene guidance in district council planning nationwide.

REST connects the lived realities of Monduli's youth directly to Tanzania's national policy processes on health and gender. This quarter, VOYOTA represented community-level evidence at three national platforms: a NACONGO technical working group on health and disability (Arusha, April), the fifth annual Tanzania Youth Forum bringing together 600 youth and government officials (Dodoma, May), and a National MHH high-level meeting convened with five government ministries and 40+ organisations (Dodoma, June).



Partnership Opportunity

VOYOTA welcomes support for expanding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) programming, strengthening youth advocacy capacity, and advancing gender equality initiatives that connect grassroots evidence to national policy influence.



Youth Leadership & Mentorship

Developing the Next Generation of Youth Leaders

Leadership is not an afterthought at VOYOTA — it is built deliberately, through international exposure and sustained mentorship. This quarter combined both.

YouLead Summit Africa 2026

Two VOYOTA interns represented the organisation at this continental summit, engaging directly with a former African Vice President and a panel of leading women executives on leadership, resilience, and civic voice — experience that feeds directly back into how VOYOTA develops its own youth cohorts.



VOYOTA interns among summit delegates



Presidential Address session

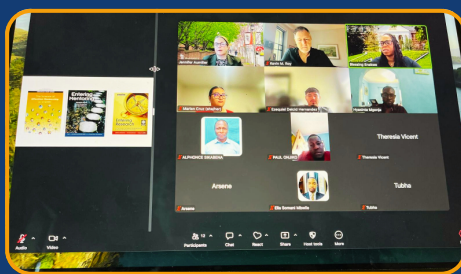
U-HUB Mentorship Programme

In partnership with Maryland University via MSTCDC, VOYOTA launched an 11-week mentorship pilot guiding 11 mentees through communication, financial literacy, mental health, and career transition, with 7 trained mentors delivering weekly sessions.

"This programme is unique — the flexibility to plan my own path, and finally getting real guidance on the transition from academic life to a career."

— Mentee, U-HUB Pilot Cohort

Early results point to a clear scaling opportunity: expanding U-HUB beyond university students to reach the far larger population of youth outside the education system altogether, where mentorship gaps are widest.



Community Transformation Stories

Behind every statistic in this newsletter is a young person who made a deliberate choice to change their circumstances, and a VOYOTA team that walked alongside them. Four of their stories:



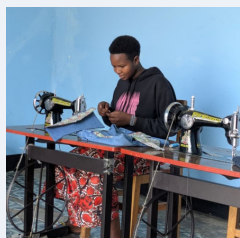
Youth Farmer · Msange Ward, Singida Region

Before: Harvesting only 1–2 bags of maize per season from his plot — barely enough for his own household.

VOYOTA support: Good Agronomic Practice training and agronomic coaching under YEFFA – Ajira Yangu, followed by a field verification visit.

Change created: A tenfold yield increase to 20 bags in a single season, now sharing his technique with two neighbouring farmers.

"This season, for the first time, I harvested enough to sell — not just to eat."



Queen · Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu, Monduli District

Before: One of 25 young women entering vocational training with no prior professional experience.

VOYOTA support: Fashion and tailoring training, entrepreneurship education, and a supervised field placement with a host employer.

Change created: Recognised for outstanding work ethic; now advancing toward a permanent tailoring position.



Kaya Rivkin Haag · International Intern, Arusha

Before: An international volunteer seeking hands-on development experience in East Africa.

VOYOTA support: A placement teaching English, mental health, and reproductive health classes, and representing VOYOTA at the YouLead Summit Africa.

Change created: Co-launched a community library book drive with Braeburn International School and helped shape VOYOTA's youth programming from the inside.

"I became part of the VOYOTA family."



U-HUB Mentee · Mentorship Pilot Cohort

Before: A university student uncertain how to navigate the transition from academic life into a career.

VOYOTA support: Eleven weeks of structured mentorship covering career planning, financial literacy, and mental health, delivered jointly with Maryland University.

Change created: New clarity, confidence, and a personal plan for life after graduation.

"This programme is unique — the flexibility to plan my own path."



PARTNERSHIP ECOSYSTEM

Working Together for Greater Impact

Transforming Lives. Strengthening Communities. Creating Opportunities.

“VOYOTA’s results are only possible because of a deliberate diverse network of partners — funders and technical agencies who bring capital and expertise, government structures that bring legitimacy and reach, and community institutions that bring trust. VOYOTA welcomes collaboration with organisations committed to youth empowerment and sustainable development.”



Funding & Technical Partners

- AGRA Tanzania — YEFFA — Ajira Yangu agribusiness programme
- E-MAC Tanzania, Digital Opportunity Trust & Mastercard Foundation Going Beyond project
- Maryland University & MSTDC — U-HUB mentorship programme
- Direct Help — Her Voice Ujuzi wangu Project



Government Partners

- Monduli District Council — REST project and community health advocacy
- Ward and Village Extension Officers — covalidators and YEFFA field verification across 5 regions
- National MHH Coalition & five government ministries — mensual health and hygiene policy engagement



Community & Institutional Partners

- Eco Tanzania
- Tanzania Forest Services (TFS)
- TANAPA
- Malihai Club of Tanzania
- Environmental programming and community trust networks

Collaboration that scales proven youth impact across Tanzania.

PARTNER WITH VOYOTA

Investment Opportunities

Transforming Lives. Strengthening Communities. Creating Opportunities.

VOYOTA has built the field presence, government relationships, and delivery systems to scale what already works. The areas below represent the clearest opportunities for partners ready to deepen or launch an investment in Tanzania's youth.



1. Youth Employment

Expand YEFFA – Ajira Yangu’s verified adoption model to all 8 target regions and additional agricultural value chains.



2. Women's Economic Empowerment

Scale Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu to reach more young women with vocational training, mentorship, and job placement.



3. Digital Skills

Prepare more youth-led businesses for the digital economy through expanded Going Beyond training cohorts.



4. Youth Health

Strengthen sexual and reproductive health programming and youth-led policy advocacy through REST.



5. Leadership Development

Build the next generation of youth changemakers through expanded mentorship and leadership exposure.

“Your investment can help transform more young people from job seekers into opportunity creators.”
— VOYOTA

IMPACT DASHBOARD

CUMULATIVE & VERIFIED RESULTS

Transforming Lives. Strengthening Communities.
Creating Opportunities.



These results reflect VOYOTA's cumulative organizational impact alongside verified Q2 2026 programme achievements, demonstrating our commitment to measurable, sustainable, and youth-led development across Tanzania.



300,721+

Youth reached
(YEFFA, since inception)



4,260+

Cumulative confirmed
Youth-in-Work



693

Village-Based
Advisors deployed
org-wide



146

Youth groups
strengthened



39

Cooperatives
incorporated
org-wide



12

Regions of operation
across Tanzania



63

Youth trained in
digital business,
Q2 2026



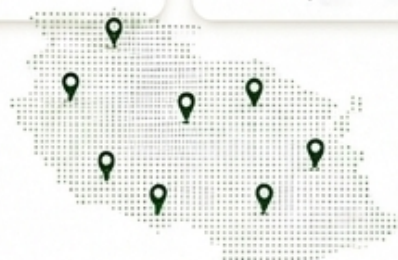
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Young women
graduated,
Her Voice Ujuzi Wangu
(Q2 2026)



Real Impact. Real Change. Real Futures.

VOYOTA continues to empower young people with the skills, resources, and opportunities they need to build sustainable livelihoods, lead their communities, and contribute to Tanzania's development.



Thank you
for being part of
our journey

Let's Build Tanzania's Youth Future Together



We Welcome



Funding partnerships – grants and multi-year programme funding



CSR investments – corporate social responsibility programming aligned to youth development



Technical partnerships – expertise in agribusiness, digital skills, health, or M&E



Research collaboration – joint evaluation, data-sharing, and evidence-generation



Volunteer and internship opportunities – for individuals and institutions alike

*Together, we can
empower a generation.*



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When young people are empowered, communities thrive and nations prosper.



YOUTH-LED

We empower young people to lead.



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN

We build solutions with communities, not for them.



EVIDENCE-BASED

We measure what learn matters as we grow.



SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

We create lasting change for people and the planet.