



**VOICE OF YOUTH
TANZANIA**



Annual Report

2022

Empowering youth for sustainable development

I am pleased to share with you the remarkable achievements of the VOICE OF YOUTH Tanzania in 2022. The organization was able to record notable success at the strategy, oversight level as and at the programmatic level.

The year 2022 marked the commencement of the implementation of our new strategic plan, 2022-2026, The strategy builds on the accrued achievements of our work over the last seven years. Motivated by the importance of having bold, value driven, creative and focused youthful leaders, the strategy aims to foster youth involved in civic and governance processes, health education, environmental conservation and youth economic empowerment among others.

As an organization we are aware that civil society organizations are facing various challenges...from lack of funding, to unfair legislation. However, we will continue to make our contribution to a society that is accountable, upholds the ideas of gender equality, freedom of where diverse youth can equally participate in and benefit from governance, economic empowerment and decision-making processes. Through this strategy, we at VOYOTA continued to soar like an eagle' and set the pace not only on at the national Level but also on the regional and landscapes. VOYOTA has been at the forefront of strengthening the capacities of youth leaders, advocating for fair SRHR policy environment and good governance among others.

2021 saw us improve internal governance, project management and financial controls by strengthening the finance department, project volunteers as well as administration assistants among others. I am glad to be serving on the Board with highly accomplished, knowledgeable and committed youthful feminist leaders with extensive experience in management and corporate governance and with whom I am confident we will take Voice of Youth Tanzania to greater heights.

Sustainability of the Organization remains a key issue for the Board. As a Board, we pledge to ensure that VOYOTA becomes a more sustainable organization. This has become even more imperative in view of the ever-evolving funding dynamics that continue to change.


We will be counting on the support of all friends, allies, stakeholders and development partners (past and present) as we embark on this ambitious and yet important journey. I would like to thank the hardworking Executive Director, Management, Staff and Volunteers of VOYOTA, and commend them for their dedication. Your wavering effort to enable us achieve our targets is highly appreciated. I thank my fellow Board members for the invaluable advice and unwavering commitment to the organization. Together we can achieve more!! Lastly, I thank our allies at global, Regional, national and local levels and our development partners for all the support that was rendered to us in 2022.

I believe that the future is bright and that in 2023 and beyond, we will consolidate the gains made and continue to grow the organization into an even stronger and credible brand.

Together, Empowering youth for sustainable development!

**Naamala Samson
Board Chairperson**





Voice for Youth Tanzania (VOYOTA) adopted an integrated approach following a decade of partnership with government, development partners to build and strengthen youth to sustainable development. 2022 marked another successful year that created and touched the lives of young people and stamped a landscape of resilient youth, however, this would not have been possible without goodwill, support and cooperation of the government and development partners through their technical resources, financial resources, expertise and influence we leveraged to deliver lasting benefits to the youth.

For more than 4 years, VOYOTA have been contributing to achieving 2030 SDG's through investing in youth, with 65% of the population now is between the age of 15-35, Tanzania can only accelerate its economic growth if it harnesses the full productive potential of its youth, 800,000 of whom enter the workforce annually, it requires creation of new jobs, better financing opportunities, government support, enabling entrepreneurs and investing in the future of youth, Investing in leadership opportunities where young people voices can become part of the decision making processes and ensuring youth make healthy life decisions.

We believe, youth bring about economic transformation when they have stake in the society through economic empowerment, promoting health accountability, enhance their leadership capabilities and civic engagement spaces, life skills and livelihood. We assist young people to protect their future by helping them access quality health services and information.

In 2022, VOYOTA through youth economic empowerment we have reached 20 young people, through tailoring, small scale entrepreneur activities We have linked 10 young people with numerous opportunities that include district funds and employment opportunities .

VOYOTA understand the importance of health accountability to youth through which we have helped 506 gain SRH skills and have subsequently helped youth promote healthy life style, access to health information and friendly health services. Also we have reached 1900 youth with Gender Based violence education ,100 young girls with Menstrual hygiene education and 500 youth with HIV/AIDS awareness

VOYOTA will continue to support the youth and strengthen our strong bilateral partnership and contribute to economic growth and self-resilience. We remain to be committed to supporting young people become leaders, live a healthy life and entrepreneur who will drive and elevate Tanzania economic growth.

We would like to especially acknowledge and appreciate the cordial relationship with Local government authorities, DSW,Eannaso ,TTCN,GYPLUS ,V4Y,-MYCN,PACT .Freedom House ,Women Fund Tanzania ,Ms-TCDC,Africa Rising ,DH4T,United Planet ,Men Engage ,WIDE,TICD .TAESA, and other as I cannot mention all but I knowledge their support.

To find out more about our work, please visit our website (www.voyota.org) and or contact us through (info@voyota.org) 2022 marked another amazing year at VOYOTA as we continued to create impact into the lives of youth through a stamp mark into their landscape of self-resilient. . Leaving the tremendous challenges, achievements of the lives we have sustained to transform in the year 2021The year 2021, came and ended with many matters to contend with, but none the less, the resilience of our team made us come through even stronger. At the beginning of 2023, we started from where we had stopped in 2021. I must admit that in 2022, we have had tremendous achievements. We have seen the number of staff grow and our reach expanded.

Our impactful programs, amazing staff, and the incredible stakeholders that we worked with nationally and in various countries across the globe enabled us to further build and nurture young people's voices and place them at the center of decision-making and benefit from the governance process among others. Through our programming, we were able to reach more than

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I invite you to read through this great document.

Vincent Uhega
Executive Director



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Acronyms

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
EAC	East African Community
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
RECS	Regional Economic Blocs
UN	United Nations
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
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DH4T	Direct Help 4 Tanzania

OPERATING CONTEXT

External Context

Engagement with broader networks and coalitions

In 2022, we concentrated on the analysis of existing national, regional and international frameworks on youth, governance and economic empowerment and realized that young people were sidelined in various ways and were not meaningfully benefiting from decision making processes. We rallied various national, regional and international institutions.

Operating environment for CSOs

CSOs in Tanzania continue to work under tight scrutiny from the government. This tight grip by the State creates an aura that creates fear among civil society actors for fear of reparations from the security and state agencies. This means that CSOs are unable to freely undertake their work hence affecting the contribution that they would be making to the socio-economic development processes.

Several laws regulating the use of social media and the internet pose a threat to the efforts of CSOs to harness the power of the internet to cause socioeconomic change and foster good governance among others.

Internal Context

Development of new Strategic Plan 2022–2024

During the year, VOYOTA finalized the development of her 2nd Strategic Plan 2022-2024 that defines the organization's direction for the next three years. The Strategy sets the strategic goals, determines actions to achieve the goals, and guides on mobilizing resources to execute the actions.

Enhanced Policy Environment

In 2022, the Board approved various policies and commissioned the review and development of many policies that were believed relevant. The policies provide a framework that guides the VOYOTA Board, staff, and other stakeholders with clear principles and practices to enhance relationship building, set parameters for implementation of agreed goals and ensure smooth running of the organization's plans. The success of these Policies will require the active commitment and involvement of all actors who must familiarize themselves with the policies so as to ensure their successful implementation.

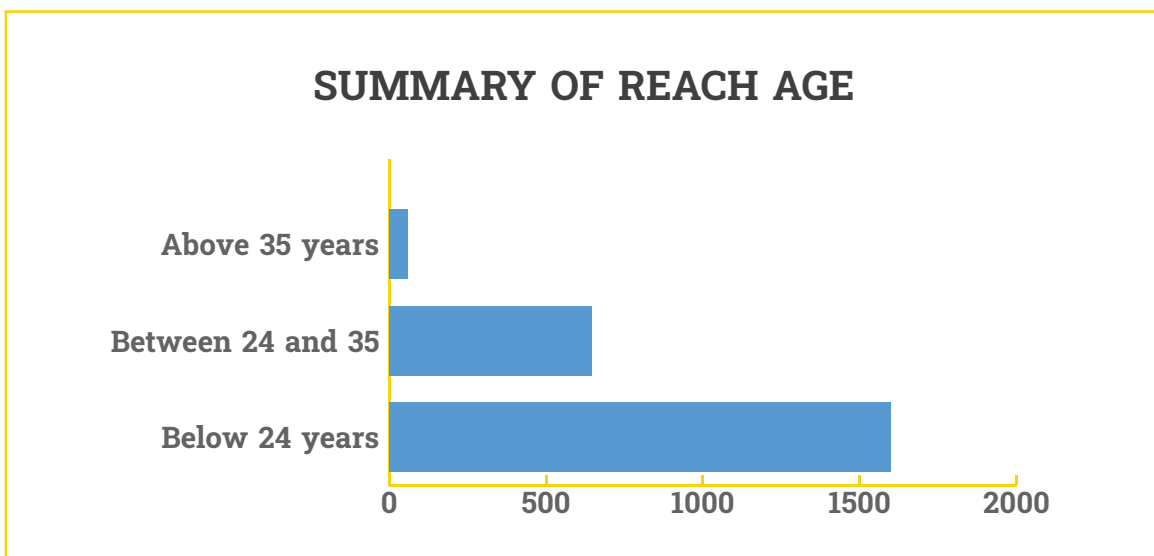
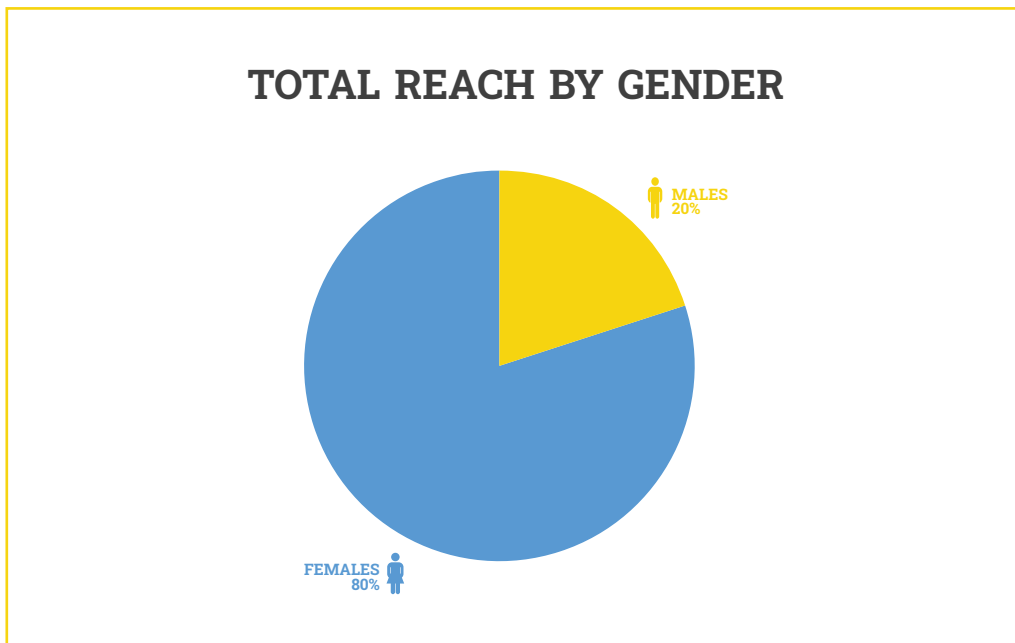
Increased staffing and improved staff welfare

In partnership with TAESA and United Planet Tanzania, we have been able to bolster our team given the availability of volunteers and interns from International and National. The welfare within the office has been improved due to different partners support. This helps to create a favorable working environment that has helped to enhance productivity.

Either VOYOTA through Our project called Youth Skills hub managed to help and hosting university students to be trained of office works ,this help most of them to fit in job market, 2022 8 students benefited on the project.

Enhanced governance environment

The year 2022 saw VOYOTA make a transition from an old board of directors to a new one. This is intended to enhance institutional governance as the board plays an important role in approving work plans and financial expenditures among others.



THEMATIC AREA 1: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Budget Analysis and Advocacy:

VOYOTA built the capacity of and facilitated 10 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) to undertake SRH district budget analysis and advocacy. The AGYW were empowered to understand the budgeting process from local, Ward, District and to National levels and why it is important for them to do advocacy. The AGYW were able to identify SRH budget gaps and propose budget alternatives that were incorporated on the district budget framework for 2023/2024.

Civic education continues to be at the heart of VOYOTA's citizens' awareness raising because it promotes a participatory governance process that is intended to deliver sustainable growth and development. We successfully reached 10,000 youth through Instagram, Facebook,.....however, there have been an increase of 80% engagement of youth in a six month time frame, 500 new followers to our tweeter account, 50 subscribers to our youtube and Instagram account. These spaces have been quite participatory and very engaging on addressing SRHR issues and advocate to ending sexual harassment. Through partnership with Government and other Partners, we have managed to establish SRSR youth clubs which have been reaching out to other vulnerable young people and ensuring sustainable solution is found and no youth is left behind

One way of ensuring citizens' active participation in governance processes is by increasing awareness through conducting civic education campaigns at the various levels. VOYOTA has used twitter, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp to create awareness on SRHR, advocate against sexual harassment and enhance citizen participation in advocating for a safe environment for AGYW.

Digital skills Enhancement

Capacity building has been and continues to be at the Centre of VOYOTA's interventions. Over the year, VOYOTA enhanced the capacities of youth and youth leaders in digital Security skills for groups while using digital platforms to engage with communities, organisations. The training was further aimed at establishing the challenges while using digital platforms and the best practices on enhancing digital space collaboration.

Through the training, participants learnt how to create digital collaboration and engage activities performance through online and ensuring digital security while using digital space in our own realities in community and organization settings instead of working together in person or face to face.

Additionally, VOYOTA trained 50 students in the use of social media such as Facebook, twitter, WhatsApp among others to create awareness about pressing gender issues such as sexual harassment, gender based violence issues in their communities. 41 of the participants were able and capable to identify types of social networks (Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and twitter) explain the concept of cyber bullying, social networks abuse and the positive side of using social networks such like for posting educative content, business and getting useful information.

The participants were able to understand the meaning of youth, meaning of social media with examples, the use of social media, how youth can utilize social media in a positive way so as to get a right and useful information. Additionally, they were able to understand the negative effect of social media to them and how they can be affected.

Capacity building for school club leaders

Through this training, 20 School club leaders were imparted with leadership skills and currently they are able to organize, lead and direct their fellow students on running Gender clubs and reporting issues of abuse (if any) to the responsible authorities. They were taught about the meaning of leadership, roles and responsibilities of a leader, and attitude of a leader among others.

Leadership Skills Training

VOYOTA collaborated with Global Platform in the training of leadership and capacity building which was conducted with Global Platform in VOYOTA residence. The training aimed to enable youth, especially women to identify and take the opportunity of leadership in the community through engaging in community meetings, also needed to know how youth see themselves as leaders in the community and also in the future, 20 youth impacted.

CSO Stakeholders Gathering:

VOYOTA has and continues to work with various stakeholders as a means of advancing collective efforts in development. Such key stakeholders are the CSOs. We hosted stakeholders from CSO fraternity where representatives of 25 organizations from Meru District. The meeting attracted the presence of the District NGO registrar and Coordinator, District Community Development Officer, District Youth Officer and District Gender Officer. The meeting provided an opportunity to share our work especially her Voice Project and shared our advocacy with the CSOs and district development leadership. This meeting was aimed at interfacing with government agencies to foster understanding of the challenges of CSOs and enhance smooth collaboration with government. The meeting was also an opportunity for VOYOTA to discuss about the forthcoming project. By the end of the meeting, participants were aware of the project and we got a buy-in from the district administration. Either the audience agreed to formulate and NGO forum which will be managed by CSO so will be safe space for CSOs to heard their voice through different issues and send the white papers to the key policy makers.

SIO POA CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AND CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES AIMED TO CREATE AWARENESS, PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND ACTIVATION OF MALE CHAMPION

There is an increased Intimate Partners Violence (IPV) and Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) In Tanzania, almost 2 in 5 women aged 15 to 49 years experienced physical violence at some point in their lives, 44% of ever-married women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by their current or most recent husband or partner, and 37% of ever-married women.

More than 100 community members were reached that included women, small business owners and boda-boda through GBV campaign in partnership with MS TCDC under the coordination of police gender desk. SIO POA project campaign designed stickers and poster with GBV carried messages moreover discussed on types of violence, quiescence of violence concerning economic growth among the community especially women.

16 Days of Activism at Monduli

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day

VOYOTA Team conducted an event in Monduli District during of 16 days of activism we visited two secondary schools where the aim was to create awareness among the students over gender-based violence

We started with a girl school known as Engutoto secondary school, and reached more than 800 girls' students. After we went to a boys' school known as Erksongo secondary to conduct the same activities with the inclusion of Doctors from Mount Meru Hospital under one-stop center department, a police officer from the police gender desk, activists, discipline master and social workers. More than 600 boys were reached.

Both students got an education on how to bring awareness on gender-based violence and its types, where is the best place to report the action when hinders them or other person, consequences of those actions to their future, how to avoid the environment which leads them to become victims, and what to do when they being affected so as to protect the witness especial to somebody who has been raped.

The aim of the awareness campaign was to make them active against gender-based violence.

To reduce violent actions between them, because the issue of raping has become rising in school environments especially among boys.

Everybody to be a teacher to teach others either outside of their environment or, so as to reduce the impact of gender-based violence on the whole society in order to have the community which we wish.

They get time to ask questions and to speak of their opinions which shows the issue of gender-based violence is still the problem. But we address the myth and eliminate the complexity through the panel which has awareness of the matter.

The awareness activity goes hand in hand with entertainment such as dancing music and singing competition and we give winners gifts for motivating them because entertainment, games, and Arts can be used as a weapon to fight the actions of gender-based violence through music, soap operas, poems, drawings and other kinds of Arts.

VOYOTA Youth Skills Hub

The main goal for the VOYOTA youth skills hub club is to bring youths together to interact and to create them with the ability to perform organization duties, community activities and skills to sell themselves after studies completion due to the employment challenges. 2022 VOYOTA impacted 10 Youth and some of them won the job market and some of them started their own initiatives.

"Through work training I got from VOYOTA organization, I am able to manage myself, I am confident enough not to give up, I'm patient and humble when I need to do something or work, I have also learn to respect people of any work level and help people mentally when they need my help. Also I have learnt how to prepare and write a project documentation, training, reports, content, action plan and strategic plan, all of this have helped me to archive my goal and now employed with an organization" - **Rachel Japhet**

International Volunteering Exchange Program IVEP PPROGRAM

IVEP is volunteer program where VOYOTA offer opportunity for international youth to share their knowledge, skills and best practice with the VOYOTA team in Arusha. This is an opportunity to create a positive impact and be a significant force for achieving impactful projects peace and development. 2022 through the international volunteers internal systems were improved such as VOYOTA website, internal policies which were modified as per the need and context. However, we managed to attain 3000USD (FUNDS RECEIVED) through the fundraising strategy that we developed. VOYOTA hosted 4 international volunteers who supported our organization with different work ,website management ,office works and fundraising.



“VOYOTA is a very close team. Around Vincent Uhega, there are interns and volunteers. It is a very welcoming association that trusts its volunteers. It lets the volunteers propose ideas for projects and carry them out. It knows many associations, it has many partners, which facilitates the implementation of projects. Its location in Leganga, close to Arusha, allows us to go there often and attend conferences and meetings with justice actors. It is a great association. I visited school and talked to student about health and child rights” - Jules Mackowski France Volunteers (Kaka J).

THEMATIC AREA 2: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Tanzania, just like the rest of the world, is grappling with the adverse effects of climate change, which are exacerbated each year by ongoing human activities. As it stands on record, the year 2022 was certainly one of the most extreme when it comes to climate disasters

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Skills Development Program

In 2022 VOYOTA managed to start vocational training class based on tailoring for most vulnerable girls and young women and mothers, to date program providing them with tailoring skills and other entrepreneurship skills like solid soap making skills, bakery skills, and value addition skills to date the project hold 10 girls in class for six months as we after the six month they will gain a lot for their self-decision what can be good for their life. 7 girls graduated with the project for 2022, and the program aimed to produce 20 girls every year with more than 7 skills. Also through this program VOYOTA started to produce liquid soap call VOYO SOAP which all sales goes to support the program.





Entrepreneurship Training

About 20 AGYW have been empowered with business and entrepreneurship skills. These have gained skills in tailoring, liquid soap making among others. 10 out of 20 have sustainably managed their income through sold clothes they tailored some of the pieces are available for sale at VOYOTA offices. The beneficiaries have been linked up with the District Community Development Officer of Meru District for possible benefiting from government loan programme. As a result, VOYOTA facilitated the formation of two youth groups for continuous support. The groups will continue to make liquid soap, breads, Cake and reusable sanitary pads among others.

Group formation and resourcing:

Over the year, VOYOTA mobilised young people in Usa-River where they formed themselves into groups of five members each. The group members underwent capacity building for three months in a range of issues from entrepreneurship, group management, and financial management. The groups were helped to register with the Meru District and are in the process of securing government loans to enable them foster their business ideas. One group is currently undertaking business that they started as a result of knowledge gained through the training provided by VOYOTA.

Jackline Nasson – 19 years old – Usa Ngarase “After finishing my secondary school, I passed to go on with my advanced education but I didn’t continue because of financial problems. So, I stayed home and engage with my friends at the street just staying at home doing domestic work.

// Now, I can see I have something to focus on, back in my street it's very risky for a young girl to stay at home only and don't have anything to work for. It can lead to pregnancy or early marriage but now I have something to put my mind to.

THEMATIC AREA 3: YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

On the 27th of May 2022, VOYOTA organized the menstrual health day celebration in Tanzania. Together with the East Africa Community Women forum and a diversity of partners and stakeholders who are passionate about the health wellbeing of girls and women across Tanzania.

The Goal of the celebration was to bring together stakeholders, adolescents, and young people for menstrual hygiene health awareness to advance the dignity of every girl and woman's health wellbeing.

By the end of the dialogue, there was witnessed an improved awareness by policymakers, technocrats and community members on the importance of menstrual hygiene.

Reaching more than 100 adolescents and young girls in participated in the dialogue and made their views on menstrual hygiene known.

"I used to feel very shy and timid to discuss issues of menstruation with my family and friends. This was mostly because I didn't have good knowledge about the issue.

However, this dialogue has opened my mind and changed the way I view menstruation and menstrual health. I have learned a lot to do with menstruation and menstrual hygiene. After this dialogue, I am going to sensitize fellow girls at schools and including my family members on the need to have a free environment where we can talk about menstruation and menstrual hygiene"

A student from Unambwe Secondary School who attended the dialogue.





REUSABLE SANITARY PAD MAKING SKILLS

10 girls aged 16 to 25 years girls VOYOTA managed to train 10 girls aged 16-25 with re-usable sanitary pad making skills the aim of the training was to support AGYW with the mentioned skills for them to use the knowledge to make pads for other girls in their community so as to overcome with the problem of menstruation hygiene.

TRAINING YOUNG WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

VOYOTA coordinated training of young women in management committees of health care facilities in Meru District Council in collaborating with Health unit. The aim of the training was to improve the young women in committees and establish a sustainable working environment to achieve the goals of improving health in the Tanzania at large. More than 20 youth participated in the training and they increased awareness as change makers in the health industry.

“It has been long time since many of health committee appointed in meru DC but most of them they do know their roles because we have no budget to train them, VOYOTA have been first youth organization to conduct this training and to some of them, this is why it was easy to add more AGYW in health committee. We are looking for more resource to fill other gape and train them.” **Dr. Focus Maneno Meru Dc DMO said during of inception and training.**

HER Voice Symposium

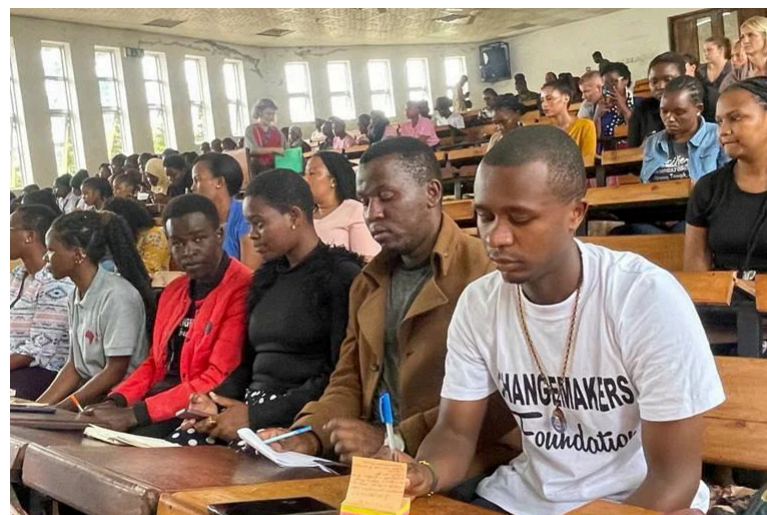
With support from her voice fund, VOYOTA conducted AGYW symposium that brought together almost 150 AGYW and 18 organizations and policy makers, participants comes from across Tanzania Mainland as key stakeholders to discuss the involvement of AGYW in different health committees and how they can influence AGYW health policy and budget at district levels. This is the result of 11 AGYW chosen to be in community health facilities committees.

International youth day celebration 2022

On International Youth Day week in partnership with Meru District Council, more than 10 organizations with VOYOTA being the main convener reached out to more than 1,800 AGYW and Youth. Through this day we had 7 SRH services providers, blood donation, games and edutainment from talented youth. Through this day more than 50 youth benefited from VTC and more than 1800 benefited from SRH knowledge from health expert and Police gender desk.

Health policy and budget analysis for Meru District

VOYOTA took part in the analysis of the first Comprehensive Council Health Plan-CCHP for the financial year 2023/2024. The aim of this meeting was to undertake situation analysis of the health services and to analyse the challenge and how to improve the health services for the community at large and to come up with priorities for the financial year 2023/2024. Through this meeting, we advocated for increase in the SRHR budget to increase Youth Friendly services to facilitate training of Health service providers on how to handle AGWY SRH needs.



IMPACT

- According to AGYW in Meru district, Arusha Region, they said they were able to identify SHR gaps in the Meru district budget for financial year 2022/2023 and proposed alternative budget issues that were expressly incorporated into the financial budget framework for the financial year 2023/2024. This, result of the knowledge they gained in budget policy analysis and advocacy training provided by VOYOTA.
- AGYW managed to identify SRH gaps and challenges from Meru District financial budget 2022-2023 together with coming up with proposed solution to be addressed in the 2023-2024 financial year. However, this has successfully been achieved through consistence of budget, policy analysis and advocacy trainings to AGYW has brough effective initiative to addressing number of challenges encountered in previous year financial budget in addressing SRH gaps and challenges.
- As a result of VOYOTA's advocacy on the need to have young people involved in the health decision making, 11 AGYW from 11 wards in Meru District have been selected to the Health Care Facilities Management Committee within the community, 9 of them are Executive secretaries and 2 are committee members.
- 10 adolescent girls from vulnerable and orphaned families who participated in the six months tailoring course have been empowered in several ways. The AGYW can now sew clothes of various nature, make reusable sanity pads and other pieces of cloth that can be used as cooking vests. This, according to the AGYW is because of the training they obtained from VOYOTA's tailoring vocational skilling.
- Five youth groups formed and sustained. Youths in Leganga in Usa-River, formed themselves into five groups of five members each as a result of community mobilisation by VOYOTA and have been able to form clear leadership structures, register with the government and have applied for government loans. According to the members, they say it is because of the knowledge, mobilisation and technical support from VOYOTA that they have been able to start their groups, sustain the groups, register and apply for government loans.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES

East African Youth Parliament 2022

The East African Youth Parliament is a cross border flagship advocacy program initiated by Faraja Africa Foundation in partnership with the East African Legislative Assembly, European Union, Action Aid Uganda, Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the International Republican Institute. The East African Youth Parliament not only offers an opportunity to unite the youth in the region but also build their capacity in leadership, policy, and cross-border advocacy. The platform gave AGYW a platform to engage with key policymakers; Members of Parliament from EAC Member Countries, and ministers among others towards making responsive youth/people-centred policies. VOYOTA enhanced AGYW participation in the East African Youth Parliament. Three AGYW participated in this gathering. They were able to advocate for the passing of the East Africa SRHR Bill. If passed, it would present a lot of health opportunities of youth and AGYW in East Africa Community Member States. At the end, a commitment paper was submitted to East Africa Legislative Assembly for discussion during the EALA sessions.

Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue

VOYOTA staged the first ever Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue held at MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation. The dialogue was aimed at enabling youth to define, curate, and share findings of the kind of democracy Tanzanian Youth want for their country. It was among the 6 dialogues that will be conducted in Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, the Lake, the Kilimanjaro, the Southern Highlands, and the Southern zones. The outcome of this event, a white paper will be shared with the government of the United Republic of Tanzania and Zanzibar. 120 youth participate do discuss the Democracy they want also Adolescent girls and young women as well had an opportunity to participate in and foster their voices in decision making.

SRHR Dialogue

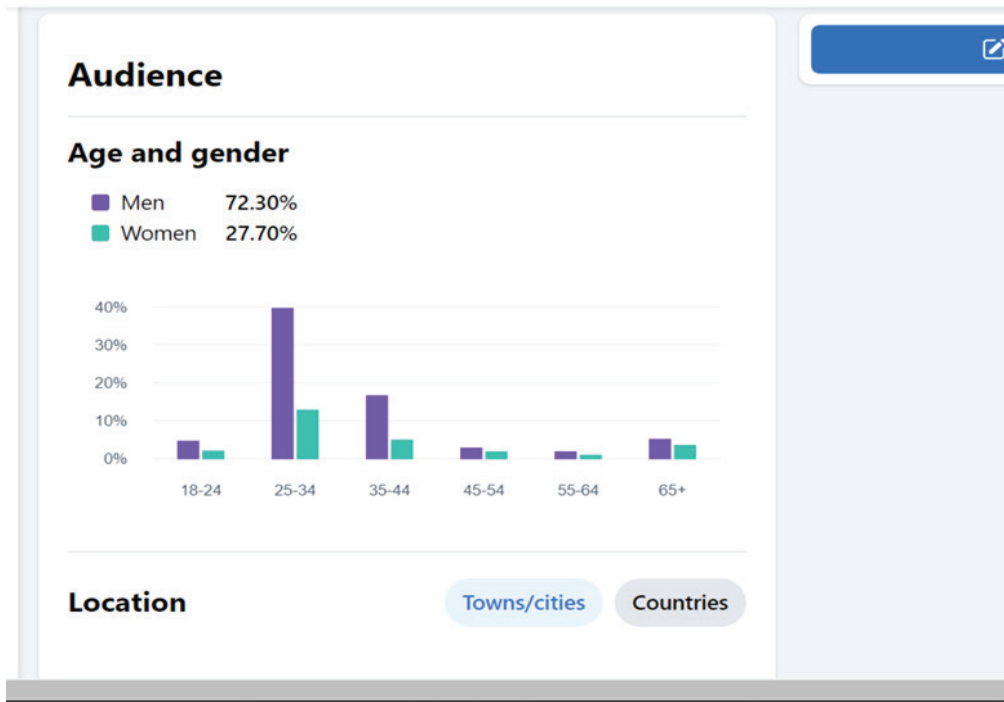
The SRHR dialogue held in Dodoma was organised by Marie stopes, where more than 30 girls around the country participated. VOYOTA facilitated the participation of two AGYW in the dialogue. The AGYW were able to advocate for AGYW participation and inclusion in different health committees. As a result of the participation of AGYW in the dialogues and trainings, their SRHR Advocacy Improved.

Youth HIV/AIDS Conference on International HIV Day

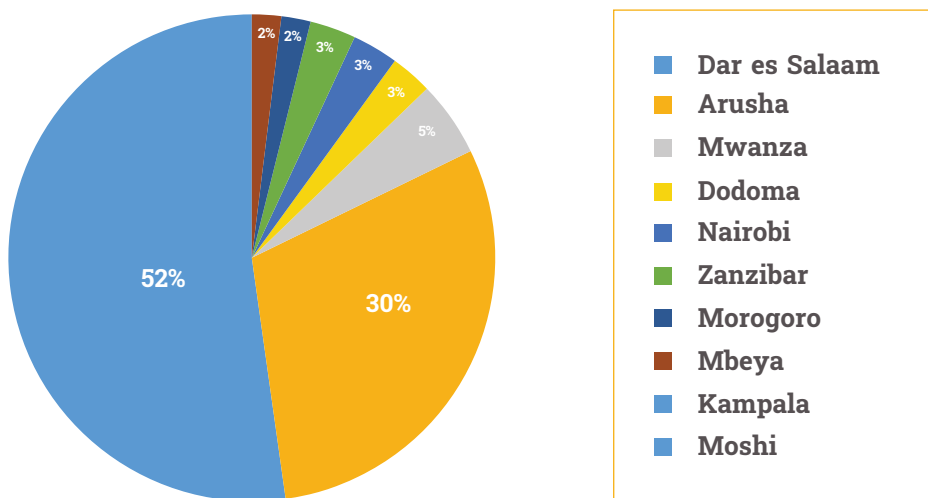
In collaboration with Meru district hospital, Tengeru Institute of Community Development and other NGOs from Meru Dc, VOYOTA participated in the commemoration of the International Day of AIDs. The event held at Tengeru Institute of Community Development brought together leaders ranging from the District Commissioner of Arumeru, representative of Arusha Regional Medical Office, the District Medical Officer and District Head of Health Department, TICD Management team, Meru Community development team and District Chairman of Rolling Party among others. During the event youth and women brought their products to sell. As part of the commemoration, participants received free Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT), Blood pressure checking and SRH / family planning advisory among others. This event invited more than 500 Young people from in and out of universities.



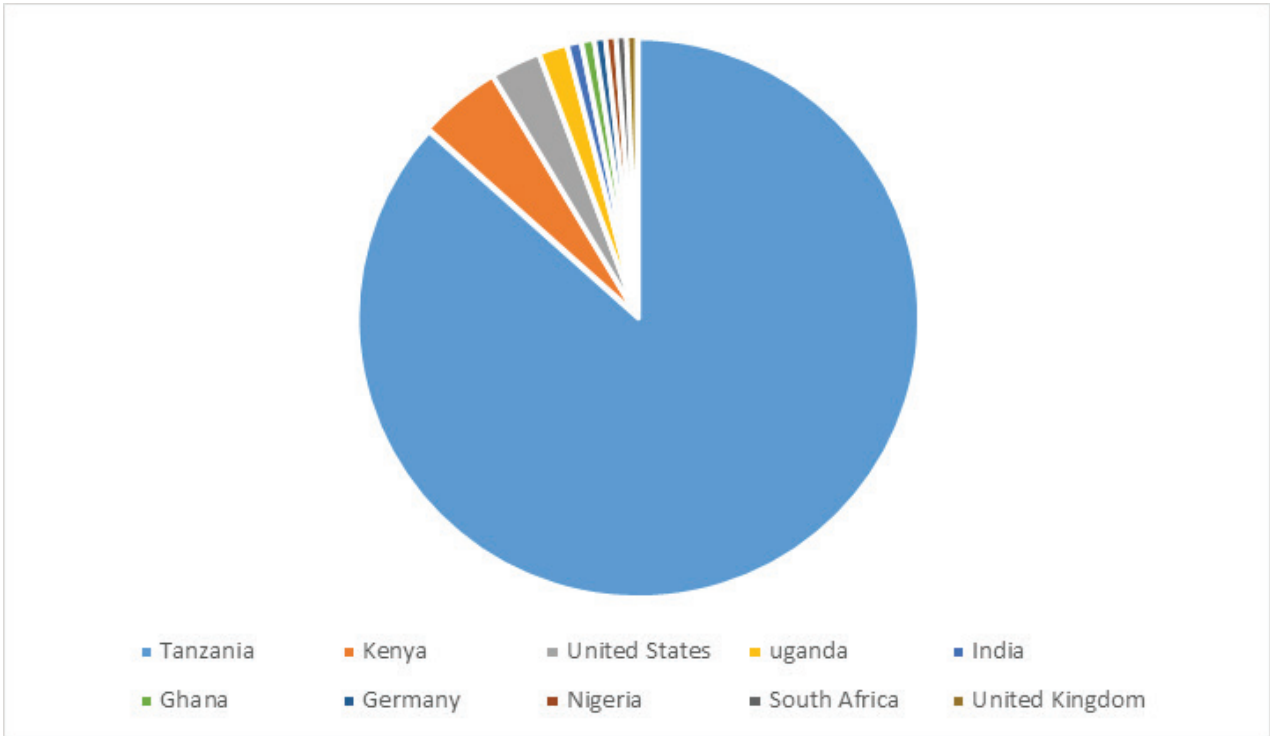
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Location by Country



CHALLENGES

Negative attitude by the public towards youth workers

The public and generally communities continued to view young people as notorious, unruly and disrespectful by standing up against social injustices, corruption and bad governance. At some meetings for instance, elderly community members attributed the predominance of youthful contributions to the perceived general fear among older representatives. It has been observed that there are officials who take note of youth perceived to “speak against them” at such dialogues and to retaliate by ensuring their exclusion from certain government services.

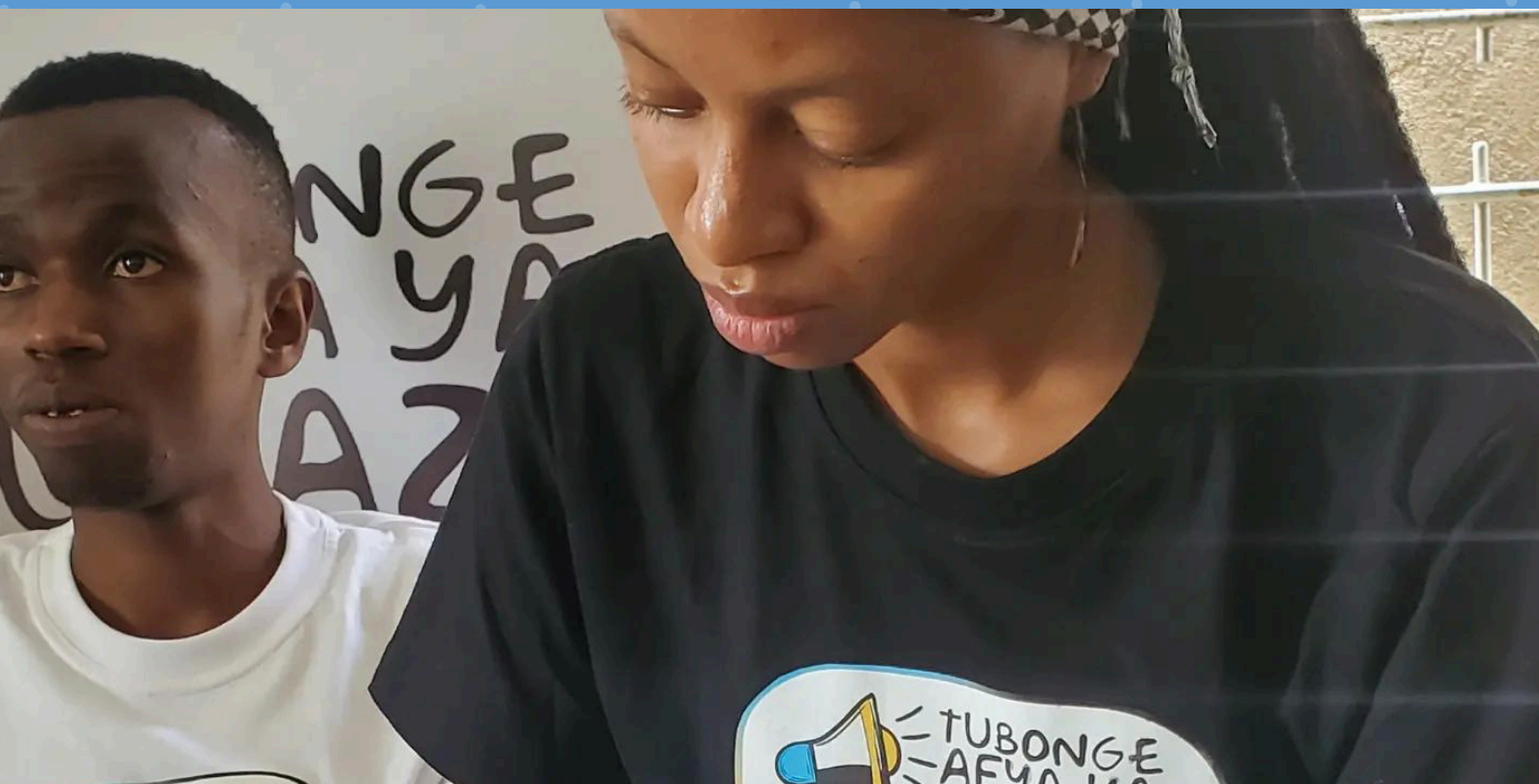
Dwindling traditional donor support and the NGO regulations

The NGO regulations put a big burden on NGOs and our organization is not an exception as there are many compliance issues to meet that come with costs that are usually not readily available. Coupled with the dwindling traditional donor funding landscape, local fundraising initiatives are not yielding much hence affecting our work in one way or the other.

Failure to appreciate the role of youth as meaningful partners

While there is a wide believe that youth actors may be at most inept at what they do, there is a great number of youths who are good at what they do. However, in spite of all these notable achievements, there is a deliberate attempt at portraying them as unable and incapable. What remains a challenging theory is the fact that many donors are always reluctant to fund youth initiatives, yet fund organizations that will view youth as the place to get the numbers.





LESSONS LEARNED

Partnerships are Crucial

We have learned that Strategic partnerships, coordination and collaboration are important in harnessing existing technical and financial resources as well as fostering collective action and synergy for advancement of solidarity in the youth movement. In the year, working through networks proved a good strategy in boosting credibility and sharing of information and learning and influencing the duty bearers for change.

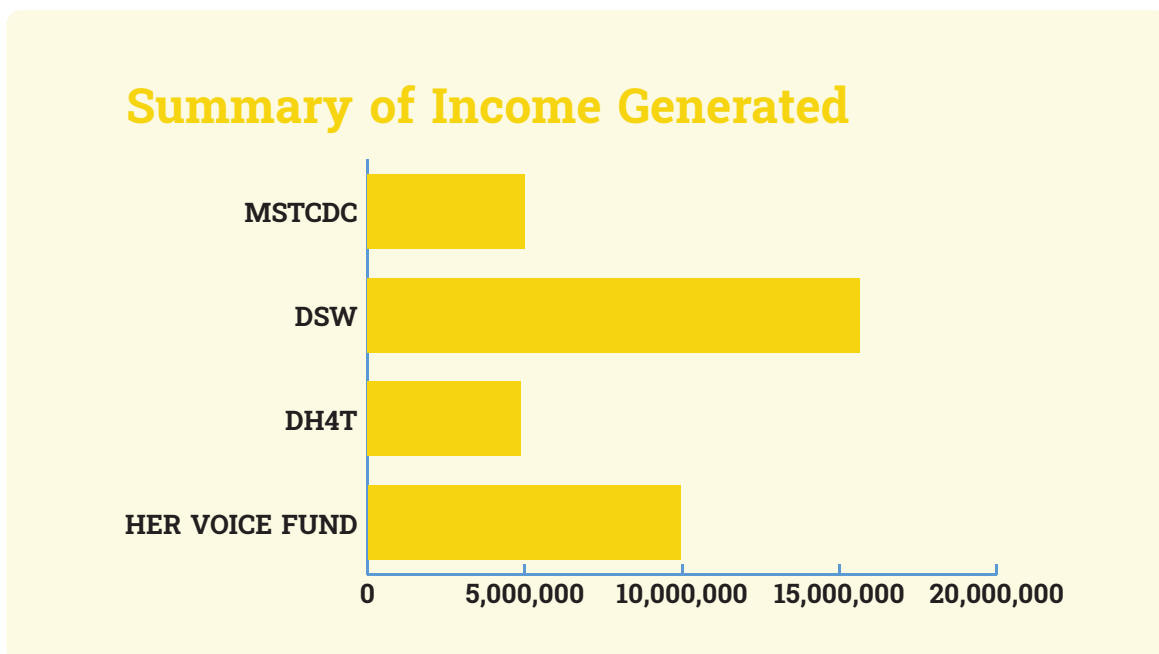
Power of peer to peer

Peer to peer and trusting Youth is the key of project successfully on HER voice symposium most of mobilization done by Youth ,though we engaged them on school visit program to share skills with school girls on SRH,GBV and other life skills issues ,most of they are happy when the hear something from their fellow peers.

Direct Engagement with Governments and intergovernmental agencies is necessary

While we have positioned ourselves to be champions in youth policy research, analysis and advocacy, realization of the intended results would best be achieved if there is strong stakeholder mapping of decision makers is undertaken. As governments continue to view civil society as enemies of the state and allies if the western world, it is imperative to development meaning partnerships with the line agencies and establish forums where young people and other civil society actors can engage directly and agree on a common issue with the governments and or at regional levels within intergovernmental agencies. It is often times very useful to engage directly with government staff or civil servants working on the technical aspects of youth, since they are an important source of information and potential allies.

REVENUE



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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE			
		2021	2022
	NOTES	TZS	TZS
INCOME		23,268,646.00	38,563,828.11
EXPENDITURE			
Adminstration		5,644,806.00	14,231,337.88
Programme Costs		17,624,100.00	16,243,848.67



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