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*Model boma in Monduli District of Arusha Region.  
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## TANZANIA

### EVIDENCE TO ACTION

In partnership with the Government of Tanzania, The Nature Conservancy, and other partners, the Evidence to Action program integrates population, health, and environmental interventions to address challenges facing communities in the Greater Mahale Ecosystem and the Northern Rangelands of Tanzania.

In both areas, remote and rural villages face high rates of poverty, limited access to health services and modern contraception, and environmental challenges such as overfishing, poaching, limited access to productive land, and lack of safe drinking water. Rather than addressing any combination of these challenges on their own, the Evidence to Action program pursues a holistic approach accounting for health, economic well-being, and the environment in order to address the root causes of these interconnected issues. Program objectives include:

- Increased access to quality family planning and reproductive health services for women and youth, including first-time parents
- Increased knowledge and demand for family planning and reproductive health services
- Improved capacity of local government and community institutions to address concerns related to the interconnected areas of population, health, and the environment
- Increased participation of women and youth in community decision-making platforms, community conservation banks, and management of natural resources

Evidence to Action also works in partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam and the Ministry of Finance and Planning to develop and to implement activities focused on the demographic dividend. This advocacy work promotes family planning and other key development sectors as critical to helping Tanzania attain its demographic dividend in the coming decades.

## RESULTS

- Reached 21,098 clients with family planning counseling and methods through community health workers and integrated outreach services in 55 project villages
- Trained 226 individuals in long-acting and reversible contraceptives, permanent methods, and/or postpartum contraception
- Trained 30 first-time parent peer leaders on population, health and environment interventions and family planning education
- Conducted quarterly population, health and environment meetings with council health management teams to monitor joint work plans and ensure smooth coordination of activities with other partners
- Supported 40 community conservation banks to increase savings and loan capacity and expand funding for sustainable environmental interventions, such as use of energy-saving stoves
- Conducted house-to-house mobilization using community champions to promote adoption of population, health, and environment behaviors across 55 project villages
- Finalized the 2017 Tanzania demographic dividend report in partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam and supported the Ministry of Finance and Planning to prepare for the cross-sectoral launch of the document

### BUDGET

\$3.3 million (field support)

### DURATION

August 2017 – September 2019

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Greater Mahale Ecosystem (covering Uvinza District in Kigoma Region and Tanganyika District in Katavi Region)

Northern Rangelands of Tanzania (covering Kiteto and Simanjiro Districts in Manyara Region and Monduli District in Arusha Region)

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Pathfinder International

### PARTNERS

- The Nature Conservancy
- Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children
- President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government

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