



THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TANZANIA

The United States Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), has provided more than \$5.75 million (\$3.4 million in new resources and \$2.4 million in redirected existing funds) to help Tanzania respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The assistance is for: strengthening laboratory capacity for optimal diagnostics; communications about health risks; water and sanitation; the prevention and control of infections; public health messaging; virtual training for educators, and youth; and civil society support to monitor human rights issues.

The U.S. Government funding builds upon long-term U.S. assistance in Tanzania. The United States has invested more than \$7.5 billion in Tanzania over the past 20 years, of which nearly \$4.9 billion has been for health.

For more than a half century, the United States has been the largest contributor to global health security and humanitarian assistance. USAID is working with the State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense, and others as part of an All-of-America response to support health systems, humanitarian assistance, and economic, security, and stabilization efforts worldwide.

For decades, the United States has been the world's largest provider of bilateral assistance in global health -- putting countries across the world in a better position to respond to this dangerous pathogen. Across the world, the U.S. Government is responding to the COVID-19 outbreak by supporting more than 120 affected countries through addressing critical needs of health care facilities, health care workers, and patients; strengthening laboratories and disease surveillance; improving infection prevention and control; increasing rapid-response capacity; and providing reliable information to the public.

IMPACT & ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Advancing Youth

Advancing Youth is undertaking a study to better understand the effects of COVID-19 on youth-led enterprises. To measure these impacts, the activity is analyzing the number of jobs created, and microenterprise borrowers, total sales and businesses that have grown from micro to small and medium enterprise level. The findings will inform Advancing Youth of the effects COVID-19 is having on young people's businesses and help identify measures that youth and ecosystem stakeholders can take to alleviate COVID-19's effects.

Boresha Afya (“Improve Health”) - Lake/Western Zone

Boresha Afya - Lake/Western Zone supports local health institutions in the implementation of COVID-19 strategic approaches. Boresha Afya strengthens the capacity of health care workers to effectively manage patient flow for early detection, isolation and provision of high-quality care while adhering to infection prevention and control guidelines. In addition, the activity collaborates with community health workers to provide community – facility referrals as well as implementing social mobilization activities through dissemination of social behavior and communication materials for prevention and response of COVID-19.

Boresha Habari (“Improve the News”)

Boresha Habari supports small grant assistance to community radio stations to create and air COVID-19 messages and to provide stipends for journalists. Furthermore, the Boresha Habari activity organizes fora for media, health, and regulatory officials to collaborate and ensure continued widespread reach of public health messaging.

Data Driven Advocacy

Data Driven Advocacy supports the Tanganyika Law Society, Tanzania Peace, Legal Aid and Justice Center in its partnership with the quasi-governmental Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance. The Data Driven Advocacy activity provides technical assistance, expert advice, and legal and practical guidance to senior political and technical staff within key Government of Tanzania institutions and bodies related to the creation of vision, policy, and oversight of the enforcement of COVID-19 public health and safety related measures.

Data for Development (D4D)

D4D is assessing how COVID-19 is impacting youth and USAID programming in Tanzania. The activity will draw from existing studies, conduct interviews, and provide recommendations to help USAID/Tanzania adjust activities to mitigate the immediate and secondary impacts of COVID-19.

Global Health Supply Chain

The Global Health Supply Chain activity has adjusted their policies and procedures to ensure rapid adoption of best practices as outlined in the Government of Tanzania's COVID-19 Contingency plan. The activity provides technical assistance and facilitates supply chain logistical arrangements to support the COVID-19 incident management team and the public health emergency operation centre.

Infectious Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS)

IDDS trains sample collection technicians and transports samples from underserved areas to laboratories for testing. Supplies in critical demand are also procured (e.g., viral transport mediums and swabs).

Kizazi Kipya (“New Generation”)

Kizazi Kipya is training target beneficiaries on COVID-19 standard operating procedures for home care, nutrition, hygiene, mental health, and proper use of personal protective equipment. Additionally, the activity provides guidance to civil society organizations on how to best work remotely.

Lishe Endelevu (“Sustainable Nutrition”)

Lishe Endelevu trains journalists on evidence-based, country-relevant COVID-19 messages. Also, while meetings at the community level are restricted, the activity expands reliance on mass media communications to deliver water, sanitation and hygiene, and household nutrition messages on local radio and mobile phones.

Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS)

MTaPS provides extensive COVID-19 training to health care workers, volunteers, and triage units through e-learning platforms. Training includes practical sessions on case definition, screening and triaging, and simulation exercises. MTaPS supports the update of risk communication messages and implements standards of practice for health care workers, care providers, and family members who visit COVID-19 management facilities.

New Partnership Initiative

The COVID-19 epidemic necessitates the making and selling of handmade, reusable face masks to prevent the asymptomatic spread of the disease. In compliance with guidance on mask use, quality standards, and materials from the Ministry of Health, the activity provides business start-up kits and training to local organizations so they can better enter into the business of production and sale of handmade masks in their community. The New Partnership Initiative will increase access to affordable masks in the community, and income from the sale of the masks enables orphans and vulnerable children caregivers to meet health, nutrition, and education needs in their households.

Promoting Tanzania’s Environment, Conservation and Tourism (PROTECT)

PROTECT is developing online training materials to help investigators, prosecutors, and other law enforcement agencies respond appropriately to the short and long-term impacts of COVID-19 and other zoonotic diseases.

Sera Bora (“Better Policy”)

Sera Bora is conducting a rapid assessment of the impacts COVID-19 is having on Tanzania’s agricultural sector. The study will document lessons learned, and identify the emerging analytical needs required to

support the development of policies to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on agriculture and build resilience for future outbreaks.

Tulonge Afya (“Let’s Talk About Health”)

Tulonge Afya provides platforms that amplify social behavior change communications in Tanzania to better inform, motivate and empower youth to adopt healthy behaviors that will improve their overall wellbeing. The activity incorporates COVID-19 messages in a weekly virtual concert being aired through Clouds TV and social media pages.

Tusome Pamoja (“Let’s Talk Together”)

During school closure, Tusome Pamoja is transitioning from school-based learning and training to virtual training for teachers and educators. Using platforms like Zoom, WhatsApp, and YouTube, Tusome Pamoja continues teacher training and shares training materials via SMS. The activity also provides airtime for teachers to access and share content on COVID-19 prevention materials and messaging (including sanitation and hygiene).

UNICEF

USAID supports UNICEF to conduct Risk Communication and Community Engagement and Infection Prevention and Control activities. The activity engages in community mobilization through information education and communication materials dissemination using mobile vans, megaphones, and motorbikes with Community Health Workers/Volunteers (CHW/V) which in total have reached over 15 million people. A total of 301,000 posters and 1,000,000 brochures were disseminated and over 2,500 CHW/Vs were engaged for mobilization and support in the dissemination of information, education and communication materials.

VectorLink

VectorLink is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through infection prevention and control. The activity is redistributing nearly 50,000 N95 face masks. Supplying the face masks to the Ministry of Health enables health care workers to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 related infections. The redistribution does not affect the indoor residual spraying campaign for the remaining targeted districts.

Waache Wasome (“Let them Read”)

Waache Wasome is providing school and COVID-19 prevention materials, procuring media equipment and public broadcasting. The activity also engages in both audio and video public broadcasting to focus on cross cutting project themes -- starting with girls’ rights/protection, the importance of education and gender-based violence prevention. Additional messages focus on general and sexual/reproductive health and COVID-19 specific protection measures.

For more information about how USAID is responding to COVID-19 across the world, please visit www.usaid.gov/coronavirus.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to organizations that are conducting relief operations. USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed; can be transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
 - For more information and to donate, visit USAID's Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org.
- USAID has established an inbox (covid19tf_pse@usaid.gov) to coordinate private sector engagement around the COVID-19 response. In addition, the UN supports an initiative for businesses seeking to donate money, goods or services. Please visit connectingbusiness.org for more information.
- USAID can accept unsolicited applications and proposals. The Agency has set up a COVID-19 Concepts portal at: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/funding-requests-unsolicited-proposals>