# TMETOSHINE

SECURING THE LIVELIHOODS OF TANZANIAN YOUTH THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

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## Ujuzi ni nguvu. Knowledge is Power.

These words were found on a khanga - a brightly colored piece of cloth that many Tanzanian women wear often over their skirts while they work. Throughout this book, we use a digitised motif of a khanga pattern to amplify Tanzanian culture and remind readers that your skills are your strengths.

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A dhow boat sailing on the Indian Ocean. The picture was shot in-front of the Mtwara RVTSC.

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## About

IYF® stands by, for, and with young people. Founded in 1990 through a generous grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, IYF is a global nonprofit with programs directly benefiting 7.7 million young people and operations spanning 100 countries so far. Together with local community-based organizations and a network of corporate, foundation, and multilateral partners, we connect young people with opportunities to transform their lives. We believe that educated, employed, engaged young people possess the power to solve the world's toughest problems, and we focus our youth development efforts on three linked objectives: unlocking agency, driving economic opportunity, and making systems more inclusive. Our vision is to see young people inspired and equipped to realize the future they want. IYF Transforming Lives, Together. To learn more, please join us at www.iyfnet.org.

### About Via: Pathways to Work (Via: Jiandalie Ajira)

*Via Pathways to Work* is an IYF initiative implemented in Tanzania and Mozambique, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation to deliver two components: entrepreneurship and employability. Via: Pathways to Work takes a systems approach to support the national Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems to be more responsive to the needs of young people and industry. *Via: Jiandalie Ajira* initiative was launched in 2015, with the aim of improving economic opportunities for youth through sustainable changes. The programme covered VETA Mtwara, Dar-es-salaam and Dodoma and MVTCC. For TECC, the above regions were covered and Pwani region was also included.

**GOAL:** Collective behaviour of the TVET system actors (inclusive of government, employers, civil society, and youth) is responsive to the labour market so that young people have improved economic opportunities.

**TVET Objective:** TVET actors leverage system-based resources and incentives to adopt Via's capacity strengthening products and services.

**Entrepreneurship Objective:** Youth inclusion in entrepreneurial market systems and services is improved.

In Tanzania the program targeted to reach 17,000 economically disadvantaged young people living in urban and peri-urban areas with a holistic set of training interventions and wrap-around support services. IYF partnered with VETA, Morogoro Vocational Teachers Training Center (MVTCC) and Tanzania Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Centre (TECC). IYF facilitated sustainable changes and integrated life skills training and career support services to reach over 16453 youth to date. In addition, IYF supported trainers to use more learner-centered instructional techniques, as well as trained administrators and managers to better use data to improve academic and on-the-job outcomes.

### About Passport to Success® (PTS) Curriculum

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For over 30 years, IYF's sole focus has been to help young people succeed. Together with partners around the world, IYF has invested in ensuring that youth develop the leadership, technical, and soft skills to earn a livelihood. Whether it's landing a first job, growing a business, or driving social change, every young person deserves the opportunity to realize his or her full potential. Rooted in the belief of youth as problem-solvers, change-makers, and leaders, IYF initiatives are catalysts for change. IYF developed a life skills curriculum, Passport to Success in 2004, in order to bridge the gap between current job opportunities and today's young job seekers, IYF developed a life skills curriculum, Passport to Success® (PTS) in 2004. Implemented in over 40 countries, and translated into 20 languages, hundreds of thousands of young people have benefited from PTS. For the purpose of improving more livelihood sustainability, within the Tanzanian context, PTS has now been integrated within a holistic TVET owned manual (curriculum and pedagogy) titled, "Key to Success."

Photo taken at MTWARA RVTSC during a welding class

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"Stadi za maisha ni moja ya masomo muhimu sanakwa vijana kwani huwapa mbinu za namnawanavyoweza kukabiliana na changamoto zamaisha ili kutunza uhai na uthamani wa maisha."

"Life skills are one of the most important subjects for young people as it gives them techniques that empower them to overcome life challenges so as to preserve life and the value of life."

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What a year 2020/2021 has been! In a challenging context for all, here at IYF Tanzania Country Office, we have seen the outcomes we envisioned for *Via Jiandalie Ajira* come to life together with our partners.

In a period of five years, IYF Tanzania has collaborated with VETA and TECC to drive sustainable change within the area of youth development by integrating market-responsive skills and services into respective curriculums and improving pedagogy through the *Via Jiandalie Ajira* program. To date, the program has transformed the lives of 16453 young people by ensuring access to better economic opportunities.

IYF Tanzania hopes that the investments we have made so far will continue to pay dividends by preparing future graduates and young entrepreneurs to succeed in Tanzania's labour market. And enabling them to increase their productivity as they grow or be part of sustainable businesses that build the wealth of Tanzania and its individuals.



I am particularly grateful to our main partners; VETA and TECC. We will continue to work together and invest in building capacity so as to bring about systemic change and deliver high impact results for large numbers of youth over the long term. I also extend my gratitude to all the IYF management and staff members whose synergies have contributed towards the improvement of youth employability services in Tanzania.

As we embark on our new strategic plan, Transformation 2025, we believe that an enhanced and cohesive system is key to unlocking greater agency and access to better economic opportunities for young people in Tanzania. We will partner with ecosystem players to ensure that youth in Tanzania are inspired and equipped to realise the future they want.

Skilling our youth with the appropriate competencies to ensure their wellbeing and improved economic conditions is paramount for Tanzania's growth. The stories you will find in this book are not about us. IYF is amplifying the voices of Tanzania's shining stars youth artisans and entrepreneurs.

These are stories of dreamers, builders, truth-tellers, futurists, problem-solvers, change-makers, and young leaders who are crafting Tanzania's greatest future. It's our hope that IYF will continue to be a catalyst for the growth and progress of organizations and young people in Tanzania by connecting and convening youth development players to find the most sustainable solutions for youth in a world that is evolving.

Happy reading.

Joan Kimirei Country Director, IYF Tanzania



## Success Stories

## Component

In Mtwara, a huge percentage of the older generation of men make their livelihoods within the fishing industry.



## Employability

The Employability component of the *Via Jiandalie Ajira* program was implemented by Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and with the core facilitation from IYF Tanzania with the aim of providing young people living in urban areas with a holistic set of training interventions and wraparound support services that will allow them to secure improved decent work opportunities through wage and/or self-employment in both the formal and informal economic sectors. IYF partnered with 3 VET centers in Mtwara, Dodoma and Dar es Salaam to deliver the following services to young people:

- Career Guidance Services
- Enhanced life skills training
- Job placement services

To ensure sustainability the program also worked with the Morogoro Vocational Teachers Training College (MVTCC) to facilitate the incorporation of PTS curriculum, pedagogy and support services in TVET teacher training. IYF and VETA foresees the training of master trainers ensuring the sustainability and delivery of the employability services across all VET centers. Thus contributing to government interventions toward achieving SDG 4 and 8.





## THIS IS MOHAMMED

An agent of positive change.





of VET Youth showcased impoved life skills 3 months after training

ohammed was a Business **Operation Assistant student** at VETA Mtwara. He started at Level 1 in 2014, and graduated Level 3 in 2015. Then, he kick-started his career as an accountant for three years at the VETA SACCOS. During his employment period at the VETA SACCOSS (2015 - 2019 ), Mohammed left his mark as an engaged and faithful team player committed to reaching organisational goals. "Given the confidence that my colleagues had vested in me," Mohammed said, "I was driven to take a bold step. I decided to take a short course in driving that will prepare me to run a transport business one day."

During his short course, Mohammed also got the opportunity to learn about life skills. "Life skills truly honed my personal competencies," he explained. "I was able to learn the benefits of responsible behavior which really helped me when I was working as a boda boda rider before I got the call to my current job."

In 2019, the Government of Tanzania placed a prohibition on plastic bags. All plastic carrier bags were prohibited from being imported, exported, manufactured, sold, stored, supplied, and used in Tanzania Mainland. This environmentally friendly shift away from plastic packaging opened new doors for innovative packaging options. In particular, paper and cardboard-based products which are regarded to be more sustainable.

Seven months later, Mohammed whose team spirit is as palpable as the determination you see in his eyes, was busy being trained by Eden Paper Bags Factory to produce a sustainable alternative brand of brown packaging bags to be sold to the 100,800 people that reside in Mtwara. Given his track record as a diligent team player in his former workplaces, Mohammed was handpicked for this job.

I enjoy working at a company that contributes towards positive environmental outcomes. My life skills training increased my confidence in my ability to learn a new technical skill.

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In January 2020, Father Paul Haule the CEO of Eden Paper Bag reached out to Mohamed and other VETA graduates that had been recommended to join Eden Paper Bags. The company is the number one producer of alternative bags in the region of Mtwara and is owned by the Catholic Church in the Mtwara Diocese. The company manufactures and distributes high-quality bags in high standards and with regard to environmental protection.

After a series of interviews, Mohammed was one of five students selected to join the technical team. Mohammed shared, "I am so proud to have been hand-selected. It has increased my self-esteem and belief in my ability to work together with others to reach positive outcomes." Father Haule has never disclosed to Mohammed the VETA contact that recommended him, but Mohammed thinks it is either a manager or a teacher who noticed his great team player skills. "Teamwork is essential, and I truly believe that it is the reason why I have a job that I enjoy doing of taking care of the environment for all future Mtwara dwellers."

Mohammed underwent 10 days of skills training and seven days of practical training to run the paper packaging machine before the factory opened. The factory opening was attended by the Regional Commissioner and other key players like SIDO (Small Industries Development Organization). Now, Mohammed explained, "I enjoy working at a company that contributes towards positive environmental outcomes. My life skills training increased self-confidence in my ability to learn a new technical skill." 66

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His employer, Father Paul Haule, said "Employing Mohammed was one of the simplest decisions I have ever made. Mohammed made a positive first impression during his interviews when he asserted that he will be committed to making sure that he reaches the factory's production goals. He understands that the success of the company means that he will also be successful." Father Haule also added that out of all his staff, Mohammed is the one with the least leave requests from the workplace. "This says a lot about Mohammed's work ethic. He is in it, to win it--and not just for himself, but for the company and everybody else."



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### LIFE SKILLS



#### PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

Mohammed understands the benefits of responsible behavior and demonstrates responsibility in a variety of situations in the workplace.



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Active participation in the workplace shows that Mohammed is well placed to identify learning opportunities to learn and grow from. This will lay a good foundation in case he wants to be self-employed one day.



Sympathy and empathy for others empowers him to make personal connections that yield positive results.



### EMPLOYER ENDORSEMENT

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### **Paul Eleutherius Haule**

CEO, Eden Paper Bags Groups







Born to Lead





lory started her career as an attendant at the Cashew Nut Hotel. This was after studying from 2016 to 2017 and graduating with a VFTA certificate in Food Beverage and Services. Her leadership skills enabled her to be promoted to receptionist within a short period, and that's not all. Her employer has trusted her to the point that she takes on a supervisory role at the hotel. "I currently make a lot of decisions at my workplace," Glory said. "My life skill set has enabled me to make choices with positive consequences for the company. My customer care skills are above par. This is of additional value as I work in the hospitality sector."

The Cashew Nut Hotel is located at one of Tanzania's best natural deep water harbors--Mtwara. If you are lucky enough to stay or dine at the Cashew Nut Hotel, Glory might be there to greet you with a warm smile at the reception desk--proving that Tanzania's hospitality is unparalleled.

A multi-skilled lady, we found Glory in the middle of procuring food and beverage supplies for the hotel whilst also preparing the weekly stock of fresh prawns. "I am a leader at my workplace," she explained. "My employer trusts me to take the lead and to ensure that things are running smoothly." Glory started working at Cashew Nut Hotel in July 2018 and has been a rising star right from the start. Since then, she has managed to take on a lot without losing the smile on her face or the determination in her eyes.

When asked what her favorite soft skills are, she states, "I learnt so much while at VETA; some of the skills that I have relied on during the years to enable my success are the importance of time management and prioritization, how to live well with others, controlling emotions, understanding work ethics and how to develop a support network in the workplace. With a smile on her face, she tells us that "In my current supervisory role, I demonstrate responsibility, personal values, and respect for self and others." We leave Cashew Nut Hotel then head out to Mikindani Yacht Club for a sundowner.

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## BORN LEADER

GLORY ALOYCE SECHU 23 years

### GLORY'S PROFILE

\* The minimum wage that was set for the transferable skills survey was 150,000/= Tshs

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## THIS IS

A creative thinker.


Dodoma and now works at TANROADS where he plays a part in protecting the biodiversity of Tanzania by tending and growing TANROADS office in Dodoma, you will be greeted by a flower bed of climate, making tall bearded irises the perfect flowers to grow as they TANROADS offices is none oth-

Getting employed in a field different from what you studied is a testament to the transferability of the skills Hamis learned. "Gardening comes naturally to me, "Hamis said "I was born in a creative family and I watched my mother garden, so this is an inherent gift that I have. When it comes to applicable skills that I leverage daily, proactiveness and creative thinking are top skills for me." These are both skills which were honed during his life skills classes at VETA.

Hamis thinks green. On a normal day, he begins by making sure that the two gardens are perfectly watered--not overwatered or underwatered. He makes sure the foliage is healthy and then decides which flower selections to add to the garden. "I always ensure that the flowers I want to introduce to the garden are native so as to attract and provide a sanctuary for our pollinator pals, such as butterflies and bees." He will then go to the other office's garden and do the same. Hamis practices sustainability by ensuring that he saves water and also reuses tree clippings and compost for mulch.

Working at TANROADS has not been all flowery. Conflict occurred once when new flower selections went missing and no one wanted to own up. "Luckily for me, I understood that conflicts are a normal occurrence in life and at work, so I did not take the search for the flower thief personally. Instead, I used my life skills to address the problem and we were able to know who took the flowers and came up with a resolution."

Rehema Myagambe, Office Supervisor at TANROADS, vouches for Hamis saying that, "Hamis is very respectful and very responsible. His habit of being proactive is very outstanding as it gives you the confidence that he will go above and beyond while implementing his duties." Rehema added that Hamis always takes and carries out orders very well, making him not only a

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One of a gardener's greatest goals and challenges is to plan for a season of continuous blooms: from Irises, marigolds in dry seasons to Jesus plants and Zinnias in wet seasons—and everything in between. Hamis dreams of tending more gardens in Dodoma and all over Tanzania that will flower throughout the year and attract bees, butterflies and birds - for a better future for all Tanzanian-kind.





## **CREATIVE THINKER**

HAMIS SHIJA PASCAL 31 years



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### EMPLOYER ENDORSEMENT

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#### Rehema Myagambe

Office Supervisor at TANROADS



# THIS IS

Superwoman



yawasha studied Electrical Installation at VETA Dodoma in Tanzania, shortly after, she was employed at TANESCO within the construction unit. That is where her current supervisor, Mr. Longolongo noticed her diligence. "I noticed Nyawasha's confidence and the way she also built the confidence of her peers. I took my time to investigate her further. After a thorough investigation, I transferred her to the service line unit - where she is the only

On a daily basis at the service line unit, Nyawasha is responsible for meter installation, drilling holes to set electric poles and high voltage line extension. In a time-consuming job, her life skills studies have proven to be handy. "My ability to manage time, to ensure safety and work protocols are observed and also my team player spirit can be attributed to the life skill course that I took while studying at VETA." Nyawasha is an empowered woman working in a male-dominated unit at the TANESCO offices in Dodoma. She is part of TANESCO's Service Line Unit. If you are wondering what a service line is; this is the overhead line or cable connecting TANESCO's line to the consumer's. If you travel from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma or on the Great North Road, you are sure to see service lines mounted on big wooden poles all over Tanzania.

40 percent of Tanzania's estimated population of 57 million currently has access to electricity. The government wants to boost the electrification rate to 90 per cent by 2025. According to the late former President Magufuli, the fifth phase government has connected some 9, 570 villages to the grid in the past five years, saying only 2,018 out of 12,228 total villages had access to electricity when he took over the presidency. In the next five years, the government will fast-track electrification to ensure that all 12,22 villages will no longer be in the dark. Nyawasha is part of the Dodoma team that will make this a reality on the ground.

Tanzania aims to boost power generation capacity to 10,000 megawatts over the next decade from around 1,500MW now by using some of its vast natural gas, powerful dams and coal reserves to end chronic energy shortages and boost industrial growth. " Everytime I help a customer requiring an electricity connection, I feel like a true Tanzanian and responsible citizen. I am proud to be a catalyst for Tanzania's vision to power the whole country."

Her supervisor mentions that Nyawasha is a woman to reckon with stating that, "A lot of women that I encounter have very little self-realization. But Nyawasha is different, she understands herself, she is strong and capable of doing any work carried out by a male.



team member, That's what I really value about her."

If given a chance to go back and learn, Nyawasha will go back to learn more about customer care. But in the meantime, she can't wait for the day when the whole of Dodoma will be electrified. "Everytime when the light comes on and the city looks like a galaxy from a hill, I smile to myself because I know I am part of the team that makes that happen - every day."

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### SUPERWOMAN

NYAWASHA KASISI MATRATO

27 years

## NYAWASHA'S \* The minimum wage that was set for the transferable skills survey was 150,000/= Tshs PROFILE



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#### **Ezekiel Longologo**

Supervisor, Service Line Unit, TANESCO Dodoma



# THIS IS

Setting standards for building the nation.



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sha Ngalawa, a 24-year-old female that is in charge of inspecting SGR construction sites, tells us that she has never been unemployed since she finished her 3-year course on Road Construction and Maintenance from VETA Dodoma. Asha was equipped enough to find a job right after she graduated at VETA. She started off as a technician at Mtwivila traders company. One month later, she was employed as an inspector at the Standard Gauge Railway: Dar es salaam to Morogoro project by Yapi merkez and KORAIL JV company.

Working in a male-dominated field, Asha sets the standards by employing the soft skill of teamwork to collaborate well with other workers at the site. And that's not the only soft skill that Asha employs; Developing confidence in self, respecting self and others, also make it to the top 3 soft skills that Asha embodies. "I am the only female in my workplace and also the youngest employee. Having the right skills to develop confidence in myself led the boss and my fellow employers in the construction sector to have confidence in me."

industrial development. On a workthe SGR construction meets local SGR is also interlinked with anothcurrently produces, "Asha tells us as she points at the power infrastructure that will transmit electricity to Tanzania's Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) in Morogoro station.

Asha's team spirit was evident at the site as she communicated with her fellow employees. "In my line of work, you will not succeed if you can't communicate and share the right information. My ability to live harmoniously and communicate well with others has enabled me to thrive at my job."

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# Entrepreneurship

Empowering youth with agency to unlock their full potential.

This is a photo of the Udzungwa Mountain Range. The Morogoro Vocational Teachers Training College is situated on the slopes of the Udzungwa.



## Entrepreneurship

As part of the entrepreneurship component, the Via program worked with the Tanzania Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Center (TECC), which aims to promote entrepreneurship and competitiveness in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Tanzania.

For the period 2016-2020, the programme was implemented in Mtwara, Dar es Salaam (including Pwani) and Dodoma youth were selected in each region and provided with the following services:

- Life Skills (using IYF Passport to Success methodology)
- Mentorship services (Matched with Mentors)
- Financial education





JOHN SAMWEL CHANDI 27 years

### Barua kwa vijana (Letter to fellow youth

Husia, tumaini na mawaidha. (Experiences, hope and advise)

Niamini upatapo barua hii utachukua hatua za makusudi kuanza mahusiano mema na kujifunza katika shughuli halali zenye kukuletea kipato.

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I believe that when you receive this letter you will take deliberate steps to start building productive relationships and you will become committed to undertaking activities that bring you income.



#### Original letter written by John to fellow youth

JOHN SAMWEL CHANDI S.L.P 1249 DODOMA. 0688-018891 23/12/2020

#### MPEDWA KIJANA MWENZANGU,

Natumaini ni mzima wa Afya na unaendelea na mapambano ya kulijenga Taifa letu la Tanzania nami nakusalimu sana !

Kwa majina naitwa JOHN SAMWEL CHANDI ni muhitimu wa mafunzo ya TECC awamu ya nne na ni Mwenyekiti wa Kikundi cha Dodoma Youth Environment Care and Sanitation (DYECS-KIZOTA) Kinachojishughulisha na uzoaji taka majumbani lakini pia ni katibu Mkuu wa umoja wa vikundi vya usafi na Mazingira Jiji la Dodoma (UVUMAJIDO). Pamoja na mambo mengi ambayo nimenufaika baada ya kukutana na TECC ni Pamoja na kunijengea uwezo wa kujiajiri kutokana na stadi mbalimbali za Maisha nilizo fundishwa.

Siri ya mafanikio ni uwajibikaji, kuwa na mahusiano mema na watu, kuheshimu na kufuata sheria. Kwa maana hiyo ninayo heshima kubwa kukuandikia barua hii kukujulisha kuwa Jamii inakuhitaji ufanye kitu ili inufaike na uwepo wako kwani kama kijana fursa zipp nyingi mimi nimeona fursa upande wa Mazingira. Wewe umeona wapi ? Anza sasa mtazamo chanya kwani mara zote tunapaswa kuwa na uthubutu mzuri tunapozitazama fursa. Uthubutu mzuri ni ule unaoleta faida na madhara ila yasichukue muda mrefu.

Kushindwa sio jambo baya wakati wote inaweza kuwa fursa ya kufanikiwa Zaidi.

Mfano:- Nilikuwa nimeajiriwa ofisi Fulani hapa Dodoma kwa muda mrefu mara ajira ikafikia mwisho baada ya ofisi kushindwa kujiendesha nikajaribu kuomba ajira sehemu tofauti tofauti lakini nilikosa, nilijisikia vibaya sana na ulikuwa wakati mbaya kwangu katika kipindi hicho ndipo nilipokutana na TECC nikafunguka nikapata wazo la Biashara sasa nimejiajiri na nimeajiri vijana wengine na kipato changu kimeongezeka mara kadhaa ya kile cha mwanzo.

Namshukuru Mungu kuona Familia yangu na Jamii kwa ujumla wananufaika/wakinufaika kwa namna moja ama nyingine kupitia ajira/kazi hii.

Wakati mwingine kinachotakiwa ni kujua uhitaji wako kwa wakati huo na ni nani anaweza kukusaidia kutokana na changamoto uliyonayo kwa maana hiyo tunapaswa kuishi vizuri na watu wote kwani kila binadamu anahitaji kusaidiwa na kusaidia wengine kwa kuwa na mahusiano bora na watu ndipo tunaweza kupata vitu hunavyohitaji kwa maana hiyo tunatakiwa tushirikiane na wengine tusiwe watu wakukata tamaa tukamilishe tuliyoyaanza lakini pia turidhie kufanya wajibu wetu na zaidi tuwaheshimu wengine kwa kuheshimu mitazamo yao unapokosea kiri na usiwalaumu wengine wanapo haribu rekebisha mambo uliyo haribu wasaidie wengine zingatia sheria jali Afya yako jizuie kufanya mambo kinyume cha sheria uliza maswali kama hauna uhakika na jambo kwani lengo la kuuliza ni kupata ufafanuzi wa jambo na unapouliza sikiliza kwa makini majibu ambayo ndiyo ufafanuzi kwani kusikiliza ni Msingi wa mahusiano bora.

Pia kama vijna tunatakiwa tuwe na nidhamu ya fedha ikiwa ni Pamoja na kuwa na tabia ya kujiwekea akiba kwani kesho haitabiriki hii ni Pamoja na matumizi mazuri ya muda usitumie muda wako kwa mambo yasiyo na tija kwa kukaa kijiweni.

Niamini upatapo barua hii utachukua hatua za makusudi kuanza mahusiano mema na kujituma katika shughuli halali zenye kukuletea kipato.

Mpendwa kijana mwenzako John S. Chandi

#### JOHN SAMWEL CHANDI S.L.P 1249

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#### Dear fellow youth,

I hope you are in good health and are continuing with the work of building our Nation of Tanzania, my utmost greetings to you!

My name is JOHN SAMWEL CHANDI a graduate of TECC Phase Four training and the Chairman of Dodoma Youth Environment Care and Sanitation Group (DYECS-KIZOTA) which is responsible for household waste disposal. I am also the General Secretary of the Sanitation and Environment City of Dodoma (VUMAJIDO). Among the many things I have gained after my TECC training is the capacity to build and leverage my self-employment ability due to the various life skills I was taught.

The secret to success is responsibility, having good relationships with people, respect and following the law. In that sense, I have the great honor to write this letter to let you know that the community needs you to do something to benefit from your presence because as a young person, you are surrounded by many opportunities. I have personally seen opportunities in the environmental sector. Where did you see opportunities? Start with a positive attitude now because we have to always be positive when looking for opportunities. A daring spirit is one that brings benefits and risks that do not last long.

Failure is not a bad thing at all, it can be an opportunity to succeed more.

Example: - I was employed in a certain office here in Dodoma for a long time. However, once the job came to an end - after the office closure, I tried to apply for jobs at different places but my efforts were in vain. I was dejected and it was a bad time for me in that period, then I met TECC and they enriched my mindset. I am now self-employed and have employed other young people. My income has increased sevenfold.

I thank God that my family and society as a whole are benefiting in one way or another through my entrepreneurship venture -Dodoma Youth Environment Care and Sanitation Group (DYECS-KIZOTA).

Sometimes what is required is to know your needs at the time and who can help you with the challenge you have. In this sense, I was taught during my life skills study at TECC, that we should live well with all people. This will ensure that we are helped and we help others. We need to have better relationships with people so that we can get the things we need. We need to work with others, not to be discouraged and to complete whatever we start. We also need to be willing to do our duty and more, to respect others by respecting their views when you are wrong and not to blame others when they do wrong. Ask questions if you are not sure about a matter, as the purpose of asking is to get an explanation on the matter. And when you ask, listen carefully to the answers because listening is the basis of good relationships and the mark of leadership in action.

Also, as young people, we need to be financially responsible, including having a habit of saving for tomorrow. This is a good use of time. Don't waste your time on unproductive things by sitting on a chair.

I believe that when you receive this letter you will take deliberate steps to start building productive relationships and you will become committed to undertaking activities that bring you income.

Your fellow youth, John S. Chandi

### **JOHN CHANDI**

With support from *Via Jiandalie Ajira*, John Chandi, 25, succeeded in opening a youth-led business in Tanzania's capital city. The business is named Dodoma Youth Environment Care and Sanitation Group (DYECS-KIZOTA). The company has licences to clean parts of the Dodoma Municipal. John underwent training at TECC that provided him with life skills, business, and financial training, along with mentoring and access to finance to launch or expand small businesses. In addition to getting support to access capital from the municipality, John worked closely with a mentor (pictured together) to rebuild, rebrand, and redesign his business. Together with other members of DYECS-KIZOTA, John provides employment to 6 other young people. John accredits his leadership skills to the study skills that were imparted to him during his training.



Youth formalised businesses or were supported to grow their existing business.

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#### LIFE SKILLS



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iredi Juma took an entrepreneurship course at the Tanzania Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Center (TECC) in 2017, an opportunity that was shared with her by a social welfare officer that knew about her budding daycare in Tandale. Her course included Training on Business and Entrepreneurship (using TECC methodology) and Life Skills (using IYF Passport to Success® (PTS) methodology). Ziredi's leadership skills were sharpened at TECC. "My knowledge and proficiency in applying life skills, especially social intelligence, leadership in the workplace and problem-solving skills, has made me realise my goal of being a leader in my society especially through nurturing the young generation."

At Zerry's Education Center Daycare in Tandale, over 63 children are provided with pre-primary high quality, culturally-relevant and holistic early childhood education. When you visit the center you will witness a class in session, some young ones running around and even one out of the 5 caretakers feeding a child. If it's on a Friday, it will be beef pilau with a delicious salsa in the afternoon or nutritional porridge in the morning.

Running a daycare center in Tandale has not been easy, especially because of the socio-economic conditions that make it tough for parents to afford basic needs or school fees. At some point in time, parents could not afford the payment structure of paying 10,000 at the end of the month and 30,000 TZS at the beginning of the month. These brought about a situation where parents started pulling out kids from the daycare. And instead of mentioning the key reasons, they would tarnish the reputation of the school and its standards. "During my TECC training, we were taught about the 3T's of problem-solving

as tatizo (problem), tatuzi (solution) and tokeo (outcome). Our trainer instilled in us the art of identifying the problem, so as to come up with a solution that will bring about a positive outcome. I used the 3T's model to solve the fee structure problem. Instead of parents paying in a lump sum, they now pay 2000 a day when they drop off their child. And no parent will want their child to miss daycare because of 2000 shillings."

Ziredi is a leader in action in her community. She provides a safe and healthy place for toddlers to grow and learn. This period plays a critical role in a child's life, and this time can have a lifelong impact on children's ability to realise their full potential later on in their lives. "I am so proud to be building up my society. And I am also proud that the Ministry of Health saw my potential and appointed me to be the National Facilitator on health issues and life skills."



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# LEADING LADY

ZIREDI JUMA 27 years
### ZIREDI'S PROFILE

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### LIFE SKILLS











s a congratulatory gift for academic excellence, Amon's father gifted him with a bag and unknowingly instilled in him the dream of making bags when he grew up. The dream lingered with young Amon. After finishing high school in Kagera Region, Amon was chosen to play for Yanga Football Junior Team in Dar. He left for Dar hoping that his appointment will provide him with the capital to realise his dream of being a bagmaker.

He met Samweli Lali, his co-founder in 2015 and they began making bags together. The market was tough at first. Amon would take his bags to Kariakoo and other markets but they wouldn't sell. In 2017, Amon decided to pursue further knowledge at TECC and that's where things started to change for the better. Through TECC, he gained critical life skills, mentorship, and renewed hope for the future. "At TECC, I learnt how to negotiate, solve problems and apply creative thinking at my company."

Amon also had the opportunity to get a loan to expand his business. "TECC facilitated my application to the Presidential Trust Fund where I got a total of 5.5 Million Tanzanian Shillings in two installments. With the increase in capital I was able to scale up and buy better machine and bag materials. "Amon now makes 60 bags in a day. On average he makes 500 bags a month, based on requests, creating an average income of 17,500,000 Tsh a month. At TECC, I learnt how to negotiate, solve problems and apply creative thinking at my company.

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of youth in entrepreneurial market systems transitioned into self-employment, entrepreneurship after receiving life skills and entrepreneurship training at TECC.





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#### ...III **PAID ABOVE THE CAREER PROGRESSION** PERSONAL COMPETENCIES One strength that Amon possesses is time management skills, he also has a prowess **MINIMUM WAGE\*** glimpse at his books shows that. **SELF EMPLOYED (TAILOR) COMPANY NAME: AFRICAN VYEMA COMPANY LIMITED** PROBLEM SOLVING AND MANAGING CONFLICT Together with his business partner, Amon together with his business partners they have employed 10 other youth. manage conflicts amicably and effectively, putting the best interests of the company first. **HEALTHY BEHAVIORS** LIFE SKILL THAT HAS SOFTS SKILLS Amon takes time to take care of his mental **HELPED HIM THE MOST** health by taking part in sports activities. AMON EMBODIES **AT WORK AT WORK** Personal leadership in the workplace **Respecting Diversity EFFECTIVE WORK HABITS** 4 Amon runs an effective workplace with an in house production team that manages to deliver on time SOFT SKILLS THAT WHAT SKILL OF THE **HE WOULD LIKE TO FUTURE IS THE MOST** SKILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARN MORE: **IMPORTANT TO HIM** GROWTH will make VEMA go higher. Marketing Yourself Creative Thinking Leading **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** CONTRIBUTION TO SDG 0 WHICH SECTOR SHOULD BE Amon is living out his entrepreneurship dream. Since he is a trailblazer, he would FURTHER DEVELOPED **9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AMON'S make a great mentor. BECAUSE IT MAKES A 2030 SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION? DREAM . . . AGRICULTURAL SERVICE LEARNING Amon can start teaching aspiring bag makers arowth how to venture into the sector.

# Best Practices



How Via Pathways to Work can change students' lives.

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## Sarah Shebele

Life Skills Advisor IYF Tanzania

### Soft skills impart students with new attitudes and a mindset shift that enables their employability

As the world gets more globalised, educators, employers, and youth themselves are finding that in order for young people to succeed in today's rapidly changing world, they need an educational foundation that includes more than just technical skills. IYF Tanzania on-ground experience and program evaluations have shown that life skills programming helps youth self-actualise, excel in school, make healthier decisions, and be more prepared for work.

Access to the life skills curriculum prepares young people for the world of work and the project of life. Young people also report that the emotional, mental, and practical skills that they are imparted with help them find their reason for being and gives them fuel to move forward with clarity. PTS has been the key to increasing personal competencies for Tanzanian youth. The moment youth understand their life goals it gives them motivation to live. Life skills help students find meaning and chase their dreams.

At the MVTCC, I now see trainers and managers proactively supporting their trainees. They are now focused more on 'what benefits youth' and how they can best support the young people trained at VETA. I now believe a shift in attitude and perspective can change anything!"

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The curriculum has been rolled out in a way that is practical and engaging. This has led to a change in attitudes amongst students who'd been under the impression that only students weak in their studies chose vocational training. The PTS curriculum has empowered them to take pride in their decision-making process and see the value of their technical skills.

#### Sarah Shebele

Life Skills Advisor

### **LESSONS LEARNT**



Self-awareness is a key soft skill within the curriculum and has enabled students to understand their strengths and shortcomings, and the ability to form start-up support systems that enable them to work efficiently and productively.

Clemence Kimario IYF Project Manager, Dodoma RVTSC



#### Improved decision making

A broad array of social and health behaviours have been addressed in the curriculum. This has resulted into a wider range of positive outcomes including: conflict and violence prevention, active and responsible citizenship, and improved sexual and reproductive health amongst students who now have a framework for decision-making.

Lucas Mkude IYF Project Manager, Mtwara RVTS



#### **Effective Communication**

This can be credited for bringing significant success for scholars. This is because, without effective communication, all other skill sets are rendered useless. Assertive communication that is taught during the course enables students to be effective salespeople, a critical skill for any profession.





#### Youth with agency need platforms for engagement

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One key aspect of the *Via Pathways to Work* programme was the youth engagement component that served to amplify youth voices. Young people that are empowered with life skills and agency need platforms where they can contribute their perspectives in a meaningful and open way. This was made possible through Youth Speak programme that complimented Via Jiandalie Ajira. This youth engagement component utilised video diaries, youth-driven television programming, focus groups discussions (FGDs), surveys, and validation workshops and youth public dialogues that enabled youth to have influence and give inputs on interventions and share opinions, success, aspiration with leaders and other ecosystem actors. So as to elevate youth voices and build system capacity, IYF delivered a 2-day youth engagement training to student council leadership and support staff that focused on enhancing the relationships and information flows between VETA staff and student leadership.



Stella Ndimubenya, Director of Vocational Education and Training

#### VIA JIA HAS ADVANCED TEACHER GROWTH THROUGH ITS PTS METHODOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLY EMPOWERED YOUTH TO BECOME NATION BUILDERS

They say give a man fish and you feed him for a day, but if you want to feed him for a lifetime teach a man to fish. Via Jia has proven to be a sustainable project given its approach of not only integrating Passport to Success within the students curriculum but also providing PTS training to trainers of trainers at the only vocational teachers training college in Tanzania. This approach will enable the program's impact to be felt not only during its implementation but also in the years that follow.

Within the VETA system, we offered life skills but the PTS, job placement and career guidance services are way more student-centered and experiential. The Via Jia methods have proven to be a true game changer, as the curriculum and services are intentionally designed to cater for the diverse learning styles of our students.

The curriculum has also had a transformative impact on our students' lives. By empowering a student with tools to self-actualise, Via Jia has developed youth that are ready to become nation builders.







Mr Samweli Kaali, Principal MVTCC, Morogoro



#### 2. MASTER TRAINERS SHOULD RECEIVE CONTINUAL SUPPORT AND EVALUATION

The life skills curriculum and career services are extremely important for the VET system in Tanzania. There is currently the will and action to scale up what IYF Tanzania has started. To deepen the systemic changes, master trainers are important and key for the scaling up of the curriculum. Trainers—and their students— will stand to benefit if trainers will receive continual evaluation and support.





Leonidaz Mushobozi, Registrar, VETA Dodoma

#### **3**. ENSURE THAT YOUTH ARE EMPOWERED DURING AND AS A RESULT OF THE JOB PLACEMENT PROCESS.

Since the life skills curriculum has been integrated into our system, I have noted a feasible change amongst our students' behaviors. One surefire solution is job placement services. Job placement service provides youth with the contacts, confidence and competencies they need to find employment. All members of the job placement team should have a shared philosophy of youth empowerment regardless of gender, race and ethnicity. Job placement services are essential as they address many of the problems that affect young people, especially those with social and economic disadvantages, from gaining access to job opportunities. The service should strengthen young peoples' employability skills, including the ability to continue to learn. It is our job to help youth become active and productive throughout their lives by developing key competencies.







Joseph Kibehele, VETA Mtwara Principal



## INTEGRATING SOFT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WITHIN TVET SYSTEM ENHANCES QUALITY AND RELEVANCE

*Via Pathways to Work* was a timely project that supports the government's Development Strategy and other government ambitions, to reform the TVET sector and meet the skills requirements of a growing economy. The curriculum has now been developed further so as to be fit-for-purpose within the TVET system. To scale and implement throughout the system, a framework should be developed that will include national occupational standards, curriculum development and teacher training.





Daniel Mghwira, Executive Director, Tanzania Entrepreneurship Competitive Center

#### 5. EXPAND SOFT SKILLS IN FORMAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS

It is paramount to expand soft skills development across the various Tanzania educational curriculums and school cultures. Soft skills should be deeply integrated with academic learning rather than neglected or treated as stand-alone. To realise this, reforms are highly needed. This could be achieved through shifting the teacher role toward becoming a learning facilitator, infusing active learning across curriculum and pedagogy, and offering engaging extracurricular activities.







Peninah Tenga, TECC Mentor



#### 6.

SUPPORT AND MENTOR YOUNG PEOPLE SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR PERSONAL LIMITATIONS, RECOGNIZE AND VALUE THEIR ABILITIES AND POTENTIAL, AND BE AWARE OF THE DEMANDS AND COMPETENCIES REQUIRED IN THE WORLD OF WORK.

Access to the right information can help overcome young entrepreneurs' lack of experience. It's highly recommended to stakeholders to identify and recognize the talent of young entrepreneurs and the merits of nurturing those talents through mentorship while appreciating that failure is part of learning about the way to success. Young entrepreneurs should also be encouraged to develop peer to peer organisations and networks at national, regional, council and community levels

## **Abbreviations**

**CEO - Chief Executive Officer** DYECS - KIZOTA - Dodoma Youth Environment Care and Sanitation GroupIYF - International Youth Foundation KTS - Key to Success MERL - Monitoring, Evaluation, Research & Learning MVTCC - Morogoro Vocational Teachers Training Center PTS - Passport to Success RVTSC - Regional Vocational Training and Service Centre SACCOS - Savings and Credit Co-Operative Society SDG - Sustainable Development Goals SGR - Standard Gauge Railway SIDO - Small Industries Development Organization SMEs- Small and Medium Enterprises TANESCO - Tanzania Electric Supply Company TANROADS - Tanzania National Roads Agency TECC - Tanzania Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Center TVET -Technical and Vocational Education and Training VET - Vocational Education and Training VETA - Vocational Education and Training Authority



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## It's time to shine.









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