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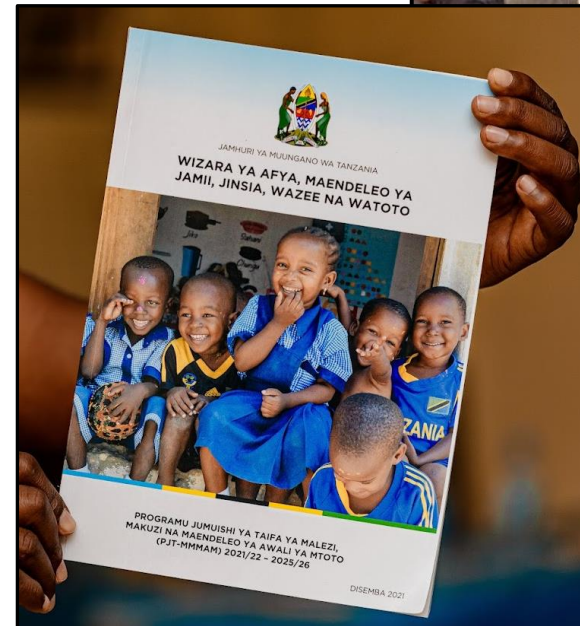
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Demonstrating the Unique Role of Local CSOs in
supporting ECD Policy in Practice

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Tanzania's National Multisectoral ECD Programme (NMECDP)

- Tanzania launched its first **5-Yr National Multisectoral ECD Programme 2021/26**
- **Substantive process to develop the programme** – Govt lead, TECDEN co-lead, AFECN technical facilitator, wider community participation + resource mobilisation
- Flagship programme for Tanzania aiming to ensure **all young children develop to their full potential**



Local CSO ECD Champions

- All 10 Phase-1 regions
- Rigorous selection process
- Orientation + Regional Govt
- Science of ECD Training
- Peer Learning



NMECDP Regional Dissemination

- All 10 Regions
[Phase 1]

(*EGPAF led on Tabora)

- Top Leadership +
>400 Local Govt
officials +
>100 CSOs

- ⇒14% project
resources ⇒
86% mobilised
locally
(>\$40,000)

- ECD in Local
Govt Workplans



Photo collage of NMECDP Regional Dissemination, clockwise from top left: Kagera; Lindi; Arusha; Rukwa; Dar; Morogoro; Mbeya; Manyara; Dodoma.



NMECDP

Regional Reviews

- NMECDP sub-national monitoring process – $\frac{1}{4}$ -ly **NMECDP Regional progress review meetings**
- Support **Data / Learning / Accountability** in monitoring processes (Sub-national)
- **Aggregate Report** for National monitoring processes
- **2 Cycles of $\frac{1}{4}$ -ly Regional Reviews** across all 10 Regions [Phase-1] (*20 meetings*)
- **Seed funding of \$1,500** per meeting
- Nurturing **multisectoral** profile + **Local CSO engagement** in ECD Programme



Initial Learnings & Recommendations

- Strategic platform of a national ECD network (TECDEN)
- Potential **capacity of Local CSOs** in catalysing sub-national **Programme** coordination, monitoring and implementation
 - Local CSOs core competencies for ECD programming + local policy engagement: 58% @ Baseline \Rightarrow 81% @ End Yr-1
- Sub-national Network of Local CSOs brings **single, connected voice** of civil society to ECD Programme [nationwide] + allows for **local advocacy** objectives [regional variance]
- Potential for **resource mobilisation locally** e.g. 86% (>\$40k) of funding for NMECDP regional dissemination raised locally)
- **Complex dynamics for multisectoral coordination in ECD** [at all levels] that promotes and leverages **all ECD components**
- How to position a **Project** to align + catalyse a **Programme** \Rightarrow nurturing wider **Agency** across Government and Civil Society.





JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA

**WIZARA YA AFYA, MAENDELEO YA
JAMII, JINSIA, WAZEE NA WATOTO**



**PROGRAMU JUMUISHI YA TAIFA YA MALEZI,
MAKUZI NA MAENDELEO YA AWALI YA MTOTO
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Asanteni.. Mtoto Kwanza!

