



TANZANIA YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (TAYEN)

1. ABSTRACT



TAYEN is a non-profit youth led organization that engages youth across Tanzania to solve environmental and youth development challenges through environmental action projects and sustainable development programs.

Our mission is to inspire, educate and engage youth in solving Tanzania's most pressing environmental problems through

community action projects. We engage youth in our programs by building Youth Environmental Networks and Youth Associations in schools, Universities and in communities.

According to 2012 Tanzania National Population Census, Tanzania's total population is 44,928,923, under 15 age group represents 44.1 per cent of the population, with 35.5 per cent being in the 15–35 age group. Tanzania is natural resource dependent economy, agriculture employs over 65 percent of the country's labor force and stands as the backbone of the economy.

Because of that, engaging youth in solving local environmental and sustainable development challenges is not an option, but a smart thing to do. Youth of Tanzania have a big stake in protecting and conserving the environment for better future because the current environmental challenges left by their parents will affect their future livelihoods. Join us in solving Tanzania most pressing sustainable development challenges.

2. ABOUT US

OUR STORY

We began in 2006 as youth group in University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where we initiated campus Youth Environmental Program.



A year later, the campus youth environmental program was transformed into youth organization (TAYEN) with a mission to bring together youth, educate them about environmental conservation and enhance their engagement in solving local environmental challenges.

In 2008, TAYEN was formally registered as a non-profit youth

led organization with registration number NGO/2396 under Tanzania Non-government Act of 2002. Between 2009 and 2010 TAYEN recorded its first milestone with establishment of its Advisory Board and initial pilot programs in and outside schools. This involved the initiation of Youth Environmental Networks in six secondary schools in the city of Dar es Salaam (Makongo, St. Mary's, Tegeta, Wazo Hill, Mbezi Beach and Green Acres).

Since then, TAYEN grew from strength to strength and made considerable progress. Today TAYEN is present and active in more than 15 secondary schools and four Universities: University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Ardhi University and St. Augustine University (SAUT) engaging more youth in action projects working Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture & Sports, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security & Cooperatives and National Environmental Management Council (NEMC).

Over the years TAYEN has been recognized for our efforts with over 5 International Awards including Winner of **African Climate Change Fund competition in 2010** with **Global Green Grants**, **YouthActionet Global Fellow Award** with **International Youth Foundation (IYF)** in 2011, **Young Environmental Leader Award** in 2012 with **BothEnds**, **2013 Winner of African International Achievers Award (AfIA Awards)** under **Environmental Protection** category and **Community Solutions Program Leader from Tanzania** in 2014 with **Department of State of United States of America**.

VISION

An environmentally sustainable Tanzania through youth-led conservation and development programs.

MISSION

Inspiring youth to conserve and protect the environment for a better tomorrow.

3. OUR TEAM

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4. OUR PROGRAMS**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION**

Lack of environmental education and conservation programs targeting youth is a critical problem in Tanzania hindering environmental sustainability across the country. Through training and awareness raising initiatives, we inform, impart conservation knowledge and engage youth to protect, conserve and manage natural resources in their communities. Our actions build the next generation of conservation leaders who will ensure and bring an environmentally sustainable Tanzania.

CLIMATE CHANGE (MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION)

As stated in 2010 UN Youth and Climate Change Report, although climate change affects individuals of all ages, young people can expect to bear a particularly heavy burden because they will live longer and will face this challenge throughout their lifetimes. Extreme weather events particularly prolonged droughts and floods will affect youth particularly those in rural areas where communities depend on natural resources.

Recognizing this, TAYEN educate, organizes climate change campaigns, implement adaptation and mitigation projects to tackle climate change problem in Tanzania. Our climate change initiatives range from promoting the use of renewable energy such solar lanterns, planting trees and promoting sustainable lifestyle to reduce carbon footprint.

TREE PLANTING

Deforestation is the biggest environmental problem in Tanzania; the problem is already creating enormous human and ecological problems to rural and urban communities across the country. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism estimates that Tanzania is losing

between 300,000ha to 400,000ha annually due to higher demand of forest resources resulting from increased consumption of wood and charcoal making to meet cooking energy needs.

TAYEN efforts in addressing this problem has been on training youth to establish community tree nurseries, establishing tree nurseries, , and advocating and conducting tree planting initiatives in deforested areas across Tanzania.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The 2000/2001 Tanzania Integrated Labour Survey (ILS) results show unemployment in Tanzania to be 17 per cent in mainland and it is estimated to be 20 per cent in Zanzibar (HBS 2004/2005). Youth unemployment is high in urban areas than in rural areas mainly because most employment opportunities in urban require skilled labour of which most youths in urban lack.

We work with local and international organizations and private companies to train rural and urban youth to bring new ideas and transform sectors like Agriculture, Energy, Water, Sanitation and Waste for social change and sustainable development.

5. OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception TAYEN has managed to reach out more than 3000 youths across Tanzania and planting over 10000 indigeneous trees of different species.

Our programs have not only increased youth awareness on local environmental challenges but also empowered them to take action in solving community development challenges in their own communities.

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Young Environmental Leader Award in 2012 with BothEnds, 2013 Winner of African International Achievers Award (AfIA Awards) under Environmental Protection category and IREX 2014 Community Solutions Program Leader from Tanzania with Department of State of United States of America (USA).

TAYEN has also been active in presenting youth issues in various local and international conferences and dialogues on various topics including Poverty, Agriculture, Youth Unemployment, Governance and Accountability, Health, Climate Change working and partnering with government and interational institutions like United Nations, AU, World Bank, USAID, WWF, OXFAM, FANRPAN, Global Voices, ESRF, Global Voices and many others.

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8. SOME OF PAST PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY TAYEN

Project Title	Project Location	Donor	Grant Amount	Project Goal/Objective	Project Outputs/Results	Timeframe	Status
Dar Youth Kigamboni Ferry Clean Up Campaign.	Kigamboni Ferry, Dar es Salaam city.	Vodacom Foundation	Tsh 8,000,000	Raise Awareness and engage Dar Youth in proper waste management practices in Kigamboni Ferry Stations.	10 Liter Bins were placed and in use in both sides of Kigamboni Ferry Station. 150 Youths and 50 Vodacom Staff participated in solid waste collection and disposal on both sides of Ferry	May-June 2009	Completed
Youth Climate Change Education and Awareness raising in Tanzania.	Dar es Salaam and Morogoro	MYCLIMATE	Swis Franc 8000	Enhance youth participation and awareness on climate change problem	been trained and educated about climate change problem. Awareness raised to youth about climate change problem through essay writing competition, school debates competitions and climate change film shows.	Sept 2009-March 2012	Completed
Solomon Mahlangu Campus Greening Initiative.	SUA, Morogoro	Global Green Grants	USD 5000	Improve campus environmental conditions through tree planting and environmental Education.	3201 trees were successfully planted in Solomon Mahlangu Campus, 2 Environmental Education workshops were organized for 75 SUA students.	August 2010-June 2011	Completed
Workshop on the impact of Illegal fishing to the ecology of Lake Victoria.	St. Augustine University(SAUT), Mwanza	British Ecological Society(BES)	£ 2000	Raise awareness on the issue of illegal fishing and its impact to the ecology of Lake Victoria to young people, fishermen and Mwanza community.	62 people attended the workshop including 35 SAUT students, 15 local fishermen and government officials from Ministry of Fisheries and Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP).	February 1, 2012	Completed
Youth Climate Change Education and Environmental Conservation.	Morogoro	International Youth Foundation(IYF)	USD 10000	Increase youth participation in climate change initiatives and mitigate climate change problem through community tree planting in and outside schools.	ings through classroom climate change education sessions. 2320 trees planted in three secondary schools to improve local environmental conditions and mitigate climate change problem.	August 2012-May 2013	Completed
Climate Change Education and Environmental Conservation to Maasai community in Tanzania.	Kilosa District, Morogoro	United Nations Trust Fund for Indigenous Peoples(UNFP II)	USD 9917	Impart climate change knowledge to Maasai community and improve environmental conditions in Maasai villages through tree planting.	ainings through direct classroom climate change education. ed in Chidui, Kivungu and Mateteni villages of Kilosa district. Awareness raised about climate change problem to Maasai communities in Chidui, Kivungu, Twatwatwa and Mateteni villages through village climate film shows	July 2012-May 2013	Completed
Urban Environmental Education and Tree Planting to primary school kids in Ilala District.	Ilala District, Dar es Salaam	Trees for Cities	£ 5000	Improve urban school environmental conditions through tree planting	100 primary school kids educated and trained on various environmental topics. 2675 fruits and non-fruit trees planted in four schools in Ilala District found in Dar es Salaam city. The schools are Kiwalani, Liwiti, Misewe and Kigilagila primary schools.	July 2013-April 2014	Completed
National Youth Forum on new Constitutional review process.	University of Dar es Salaam(UDSM), Dar es Salaam	Foundation for Civil Society(FCS)	Tsh 6,000,000	Collect youth opinions for the new national Constitution of Tanzania. Enhance and empower youth to participate in national Constitutional review process	ed in the National Constitutional forum organized by TAYEN. National Youth Forum Report with "youth opinions" submitted to the Chairman of the Commission for Tanzania Constitutional Review process.	August -September 2014	Completed