



# Tanzania Youth Network

## About the Network

Tanzania has one of the world's fastest-growing youth populations. While these millions of young people face many challenges, they also represent a well of potential for the country's future.

The youth network in Tanzania has coverage of six zones with 2,000 youth volunteers. They actively engage in VSO livelihood projects mainly focusing on social accountability, climate justice and advocacy for youth-friendly sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services.

## Youth sexual reproductive health and rights

It can be difficult for young people in Tanzania to access reliable information and education on their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

To address this, 120 youth network members across the country attended training on SRHR. They then went on to disseminate this knowledge in schools and throughout communities – especially focusing on parents and caregivers – through awareness sessions, community dialogue, and establishing SRHR school clubs.

Through the initiative, youth network members have managed to raise awareness in 32 schools, reaching out to a total of 14,471 people. Volunteers across six zones have conducted 12 dialogues, delivered 96 SRHR sessions and helped establish 25 SRHR school clubs with over 750 members.

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### **Sustainable livelihoods**

The “Taka Ni Ajira” (“Waste Is Employment”) project asks Tanzanian youth to reimagine the things they throw away – waste and recycling – as a source of employment for young people, especially in urban settings.

The National Youth Engagement Team in the Lake Zone region delivered training to youth groups, communities, and waste management officials on waste separation and recycling, as well as providing waste separation containers.

The team also organized a clean-up event during world clean-up day and one youth champion was invited to speak at a forum for integrated solid waste management in 2021.



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