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Word from the COP

Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

Reflecting on the past quarter, I am continually inspired by the resilience and commitment that define our collective efforts. Despite the challenges we encountered, our determination has led to significant steps in advancing the health and livelihoods of the communities we serve. A key factor to this success has been our deepened collaboration with the government, which has strengthened program implementation and increased government ownership.

At the heart of our efforts lies a commitment to achieving the ambitious 95-95-95 targets set by UNAIDS. Through the tireless work of our community case workers, we have identified new HIV-positive cases and ensured that these individuals receive the care and support they need. Our collaboration with clinical partners has been crucial in this journey, enabling us to retain an overwhelming majority of our children and adolescents living with HIV in care, with most achieving viral load suppression.

We have also made significant progress in safeguarding the nutritional health of our children, which is foundational to their overall well-being. The marked improvement in nutritional outcomes this quarter is a testament to the dedication of our teams on the ground, who continue to prioritize the health and growth of the young ones under our care.

Our efforts to strengthen the continuum of care through collaboration with key partners have also borne fruit. By training healthcare workers and community case workers on critical interventions like pediatric ART and PMTCT, we are building a

sustainable bridge between community and clinical services, ensuring that no child is left behind.

Moreover, our preventive interventions, particularly under the DREAMS and Coaching Boys into Men interventions, have empowered thousands of adolescents with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate their adolescent years safely and confidently. These interventions are not just about meeting targets; they are about shaping futures—futures where our children can thrive free from the threats of HIV and other challenges.

The progress we've made is not just measured in numbers, but in the lives we touch and the hope we inspire. This impact has been strengthened by our engagement with private sector stakeholders, whose increased contributions are helping us ensure a more sustainable and lasting difference for the communities we serve.

As we move forward, I am confident that with continued collaboration and commitment, we will meet and exceed our goals. Together, we are building a future where every child can grow up healthy, safe, and empowered.

Thank you for your dedication and partnership. I invite you to take a moment to explore and enjoy this edition of our newsletter, which highlights the impactful work we've accomplished together.

Asante sana.
Sincerely,

Dorothy Matoyo

Chief of Party
USAID Kizazi Hodari (Brave Generation)
Southern Zone Project



Project's Reach and Impact

USAID KHSZ Project FY24 Q3 Achievements

Provided services for **154,776** out of 157,291 targeted OVC and their caregivers



95,482



59,294



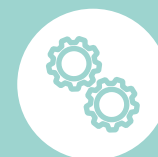
248
youth supported
with vocational
training



\$10,186 OVC
fund collected in
1,340 groups



\$256,648
of savings in
Community
microfinance groups



\$3,134 was
contributed for OVC
support in Ludewa DC
and Waning'ombe DC



123%
received nutrition
services



127%
received economic
strengthening
services

90%

assessed on HIV
status and risk of
HIV exposure



99%

C/ALHIV are on
HIV treatment



98%

C/ALHIV
retained in care



94%

C/ALHIV achieved
viral suppression



Success Story

Empowering Caregivers: A Vital Role in HIV Viral Suppression and Nutritional Wellness

The role of caregivers in ensuring HIV viral suppression and preventing malnutrition among Children and Adolescents Living with HIV (C/ALHIV) is key. However, many caregivers face significant challenges, from conflicting schedules between economic activities and medical care to food insecurity and stigma from family and community members.

Philipo, a 3-year-old boy from Ihombo village, Kilolo district council, Iringa region, was Born to parents living with HIV, Philipo was identified as HIV positive in October 2021 and started antiretroviral treatment (ART) the same day. His journey with ART has been troubled with challenges, including missed refill dates and poor nutrition status.

The USAID KHSZ Project received Philipo while he had moderate acute malnutrition and a high viral load. The Community Case Worker (CCW) assigned to support him identified various challenges contributing to his inability to achieve viral suppression and his malnutrition, including household food insecurity, his parent's alcoholism, and his mother's mental disability.

To address these challenges, the Project

organized a clinical home visit, involving healthcare professionals and the CCW. During the visit, it was determined that Philipo's household could not provide adequate care, leading to the decision to shift him to his grandparents' care. Despite initial resistance from Philipo's mother, the intervention from a social welfare officer ensured Philipo's well-being and safety with his grandparents.

Following the transition, the CCW continued to provide daily and weekly support to Philipo's grandparents, ensuring adherence to medication and facilitating Enhanced Adherence Counseling (EAC) sessions.

After five months of the project's support, Philipo managed to completed EAC, his viral load significantly decreased to Target not Detected (TND) and his body weight was increased significantly to a healthy amount.



Dr Mango, CTC-in-charge (centre), Philipo's mother standing and a HTO carrying Philipo



**Names have been modified to protect identities.*

Leveraging Resources for OVC/CLHIV Households

Central to our mission is the commitment to enhance the socio-economic capacities of households caring for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). Through our Economic Strengthening initiatives, we empower OVC caregivers to become self-sufficient, enabling them to meet the essential needs of their children without relying solely on external assistance. By increasing household incomes, families can afford the costs associated with accessing HIV care and treatment services. This, in turn, contributes to higher retention in care, achieving viral suppression, and ultimately, controlling the HIV epidemic.

By the end of the last quarter, the project reached 44,568 OVC household members with these services, including youth and caregivers. Through these community microfinance groups (CMGs) and Kaya learning groups, the project has provided platforms for members to access resources and training, fostering economic stability and resilience. These groups have become vital in helping OVC households meet costs related to HIV care and treatment, contributing significantly to the control of the HIV epidemic.

Building Sustainable Incomes and Livelihoods

The CMGs have been instrumental in driving economic growth within communities. By the



end of the last quarter, the project supported over 1,500 CMGs. Through these groups, over 5,000 loans were issued, and more than 600 new Income Generating Activities (IGAs) were established. Additionally, more than 500 OVC received support through the OVC fund, and 1,000 CMG members were able to pay their annual health insurance premiums using medical funds from the CMGs. These initiatives provide financial support and empower members to invest in their future, create sustainable livelihoods, and ensure health and educational needs are met.

Strengthening Partnerships and Skills Development

To complement the project’s economic strengthening services, the USAID KHSZ Project has facilitated the linkage of youth and OVC caregivers to other USAID implementing partners, such as the USAID Imarisha Sekta Binafsi and Kilimo Tija projects, which support youth in horticultural value chains. The project continues to work closely with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to deliver entrepreneurship training through programs like Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) and Gender and Entrepreneurship Together (GET Ahead). Last quarter, 23 project staff and 2 LGA officials began the GET Ahead certification process to enhance our capacity to deliver these trainings. Through these efforts, the project will reach 1,250 youth and

OVC caregivers across all councils by the end of Q4, equipping them with the skills needed to build sustainable futures.

Together, through sustainable economic empowerment initiatives, we are transforming the lives of OVC households while fostering resilience and hope for brighter futures in communities across Tanzania.

TZ_ECON (OVC caregivers and youth received at least one Economic strengthening service)	Community Microfinance Groups (CMG) 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44,568 (127%) of TZ ECON target reached • 15,962 (36%) Youth • 28,606 (44%) OVC caregivers • 32,566 IGAs (626 new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,748 CMGs with 35,314 members • 664 CMG registered by the GoT • \$10,185.7 OVC funds • 536 OVC supported through OVC funds • 1,000 health insurance premiums through CMG • 5,136 loans worth \$108,449 • \$41,956 CMG savings
Training and Post Training Support 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 575 Kaya learning groups with 3,260 members who are not part of CMGs • 828 youth trained on entrepreneurship • 126 youth linked with PSSP • 32,566 IGAs (626 new) • 531 youth in horticulture value chains linked to USAID Kilimo Tija • 248 youth supported through vocational skills training • 238 youth and OVC caregivers supported through private sector stakeholders 	

Success Story

Zinduka Youth Group - Empowering Young People through Savings and Entrepreneurship

In Kiwangwa Ward, Chalinze DC, many young people, including those living with HIV (CLHIV), face significant challenges, including economic instability and self-stigma. These issues hinder their ability to maintain consistent HIV treatment and achieve better health outcomes.

In 2022, the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone project, through a Kaya Facilitator, mobilized the community to form the Zinduka Youth Group. Initially named Vinaja na Maendeleo CMG, the group began with 10 members (4 CLHIV and 6 non-CLHIV). The initiative was led by three CLHIV members who mobilized other youths to join and form a savings group.

Adopting the CMG model, which includes Mandatory Savings, Voluntary Savings, Development Funds, and Social Funds, the group focused on economic strengthening interventions. They participated in entrepreneurship training provided by Kaya facilitators and ESLO, which led to the development of a pineapple farming business idea. The group initially raised TZS 530,000 for

land leasing, transport, seedlings, and weed management. They further secured additional funding through the zonal team and PASADA, allowing them to rent half an acre for five years.

The Zinduka Youth Group has significantly improved the economic stability and living standards of its members. It now has 10 active members who engage in savings and income-generating activities. Through their collective efforts, they have established a sustainable pineapple farming business. This venture not only provides a stable income but also enhances the members' ability to adhere to HIV treatment regimens.

Mwanahamis Ally, a VETA graduate, utilized a TZS 100,000 loan to start a tailoring business, which supports her and her mother, who is living with HIV. This economic empowerment has helped improve medication adherence and overall well-being.

By addressing economic barriers and promoting social support, the Zinduka Youth Group enables members to adhere to treatment regimes, ultimately contributing to better health outcomes and viral suppression. This initiative demonstrates the role of economic empowerment in the broader HIV response strategy, ensuring sustainable health and well-being for vulnerable communities.



Zinduka Youth and USAID kizazi Hodoari team during supportive supervision visit (top) and Zinduka Youth Group members working on their pineapple farm (plantation stage) in Chalinze DC, Pwani.

Success Story

From Despair to Hope: Maria's Journey

"I had completely given up on myself before Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone's intervention. Despite my current challenges, there's a glimpse of hope for my well-being and that of my unborn child. Now, I am confident that I will be able to raise my child and accomplish the big dreams I have for myself, my family, and my community."

These inspiring words are from Maria, a 17-year-old school Adolescent Living with HIV (ALHIV) and a school dropout from Kichangani Ward, Morogoro MC.

Following early pregnancy, Maria dropped out of secondary school and was exiled from her home. With help from the UKHSZ Project, Maria received counselling, supported to get an alternative shelter with a relative, linked to Antenatal Clinic and was supported to access vocational training scholarship. She attends a hairdressing course at Faith Victory Vocational Training Center and has been supported with a part-time job placement in a local salon.

She attends two-hour hairdressing sessions every morning before going to the local salon

where she works as a part-time hairdresser. With a small income of 3,000, Maria saves some money to support her maternity journey.

Maria aspires to become a prominent hairdresser in her community and open her salon to support her unborn child to university. The UKHSZ Project continues to provide ART adherence counseling to Maria and is closely monitoring her pregnancy to ensure the baby is born free from HIV. Maria is one of the 248 youth supported with Vocational Skills training under the UKHSZ Project.



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DREAMS Intervention

USAID KHSZ Project FY24 Q3 Achievements

Core DREAMS

Target group

In school AGYW (10 - 14 years)

Geographical Coverage

- 3 councils (Tunduma TC, Iringa MC and Mufindi DC)

School Coverage - 133 primary schools

236 - Engaged teachers

272 - Peer champions

Enabling DREAMS

Target group

In school AGYW/ABYM 10 - 17 years

Geographical Coverage

- 12 councils of Morogoro, Iringa, Songwe and Katavi

School Coverage

104 primary and secondary schools

208 trained teachers

The project implements DREAMS in primary schools in Iringa, Mufindi and Tunduma, focusing on reaching Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) aged 10 - 14 years.



Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV/AIDS and Gender sessions



Provision of reusable menstrual hygiene kits



Financial Literacy Sessions



Provision of Educational Subsidies

Behavioral change and Biomedical intervention



Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV/AIDS and Gender sessions



Norms Change Communication



SRH Clubs



Biomedical interventions
Bi-directional referrals based on identified vulnerabilities

DREAMS Intervention

The USAID KHSZ project continues to implement both Core and Enabling DREAMS interventions. Core DREAMS focuses on providing primary and secondary services to in-school adolescent girls aged 10-14 in Iringa MC, Mufindi DC, and Tunduma TC. Enabling DREAMS targets youth (AGYW & ABYM) aged 10-17 in 12 councils of Morogoro, Iringa, Songwe, and Katavi regions, with current implementation in Iringa and Morogoro.

Advocating for norms change through the SASA! Approach

The Project implements SASA! model which is an evidence-based community mobilization approach to reinforce and spread positive messages on the prevention of sexual violence and risky behaviors among AGYWs in Iringa MC, Mufindi DC and Tunduma TC. This will be through utilizing community gatherings to address harmful norms change to prevent Sexual violence and HIV infection among adolescents, this also involves capacity building to community influencers and champions, equipping them to deliver gender norms sessions in the community.

UKHSZ DREAMS Strategic Direction in Contribution of 95-95-95.

Moving forward, the project, through the DREAMS intervention, continues to focus on the provision of HIV and sexual violence prevention activities targeting adolescent girls and boys aged 10-17 years. In contribution to achieving the UNAIDS 95-95-95 Goals, the project currently uses strategic activities such as Parents/Caregivers and community engagement, Establishment of Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) school clubs and collaborating with facility and community IPs to provide HIV testing services among youth.

The project will also continue to target caregivers and parents in the community through the SASA! Approach and community gatherings to ensure that parents are involved in protecting adolescents against the risk of HIV infection.



Success Story

Achieving Zero Dropouts: The Impact of DREAMS and CBIM in Lugodalutali Primary School



Students of Lugodalutali Primary School during a learning session in class

In the heart of Mufindi District Council, Iringa region, Lugodalutali Primary School is home to 276 students, comprising 126 girls and 150 boys. However, not too long ago, this school faced challenges all too common in the region: teenage pregnancies, school dropouts, and poor attendance.

Since 2020, the school has benefited from PEPFAR/USAID-funded projects, notably the DREAMS and CBIM interventions. DREAMS sessions, designed for in-school girls aged 10-14, impart crucial lessons on sexual reproductive health, HIV prevention, gender-based violence, and financial literacy. CBIM interventions target

boys of the same age, instilling values of self-respect, respect for others, and the prevention of gender-based violence through sports-based activities.

These interventions have significantly improved the school's overall performance and student behavior. Academic achievements have escalated, with zero failures in standard four for four consecutive years and standard seven performance rising from 93% in 2020 to 100% in 2023. This remarkable success is a testament to the dedication of the teachers and the supportive learning environment fostered by the school's administration.

Among many inspiring stories is that of Grace, who benefited from the DREAMS program's provision of reusable sanitary pads. Grace is extremely thankful for the DREAMS program. She recounted how, when she was in the fourth grade and was about to take her national exams, the KHSZ program provided her with reusable sanitary pads. These pads proved to be a lifesaver for her during her menstrual cycle, which unfortunately came during the exams. Grace firmly believes that if she had not received these pads, she would have possibly missed her exams. The program has had a significant impact on her life, and she is grateful for the support she received when she needed it the most.

The school's commitment to discipline and education has led to zero dropouts and zero pregnancy cases, reflecting the students' respect for school values. Student attendance improved from 95% in 2020 to 100% in 2023, demonstrating their eagerness to learn.

The headteacher attests to the profound impact of DREAMS and CBIM on the community, with parents witnessing positive changes in their children's discipline and passion for learning. These evidence-based interventions play a crucial role in strengthening HIV awareness, promoting adherence to antiretroviral treatment, and fostering viral load suppression among affected populations.

Lugodalutali Primary School has become a model institution in the region, with parents and teachers recognizing the remarkable changes over the years. Students are now more respectful to one another, their teachers, and their parents, creating a more conducive learning environment. The school is grateful for the support received from these projects and is proud to be part of such impactful interventions that have helped shape the lives of young students.

Success Story DREAMS Intervention- Pictorials



Empowering Young Boys: Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM 10 - 14)

Global Context



Adolescents have low interaction with health facilities



Many young people do not know their HIV status, and are not on ART



Child sexual violence is common in SSA countries, Tanzania being one of them (PHIA studies)

Country Context



Early sexual debut: 24% of boys practiced before age 16 in TZ (Tanzania VACS 2009)



Harmful gender norms perpetuates sexual violence



Childhood sexual violence: 13% boys experienced CSV



High new HIV incidences, high risk of HIV, and sexual violence among adolescents

Violence Against Children

- Direct transmission
- Compromised Negotiation
- Forcing children out of homes
- HIV risk behaviors

HIV Infection



Global Coverage: Iringa MC, Mufindi DC and Tunduma DC



Annual Target: 5,708 adolescent boys



67 schools reached



59 clinic CBIM Coaches engaged to deliver 12 CBIM sessions

The “Coaching Boys Into Men” (CBIM) program is making an impact that matters by transforming young boys’ lives in three councils. With more than 5,700 adolescent boys participating across 67 schools, this initiative prevents violence and the risk of HIV. Thanks to 59 dedicated coaches, CBIM has exceeded its enrollment goals and nearly all participants have completed the sessions. This success has led to better school attendance, improved

academic performance, and a reduction in gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against children (VAC). These outcomes show the effectiveness of early interventions in fostering positive behaviors among young boys.

Success Story

USAID KHSZ Project Support for VAC Survivors

Laila, 13, is a standard six pupil at Mtibwa Primary School. On September 26th, 2023, she attended a graduation ceremony at her school, afterwards, her whereabouts were unknown. Upon discovery, Laila told her mother, Theresia, that she had been sexually abused by a man who was a small business owner in the area. Laila mentioned that the abuser would give her TZS 1,000 while threatening her not to tell anyone. At the time of reporting, she had been sexually abused for two months (since July 2023).

Theresia reported to the Turiani police post, who advised sending Laila to the hospital for a further check-up. At the hospital, the Doctor confirmed that she had been sexually abused more than once and was found to be HIV positive. With support from USAID KHSZ Project CSO, WEO, ward SWO, DSWO, and a district lawyer, the mother opened the case in September 2023. With the backing from police, the abuser was arrested and placed under custody at Mtibwa police post for 5 days, and later, he was transferred to Wami police post while continuing with case proceedings.

After three months, in December 2023, the abuser was sentenced to jail for 35yrs (30 years for rape and 5yrs for infecting the child with HIV).

Counseling and Support

The USAID KHSZ Project provided ongoing

counseling and emotional support to both Laila and her mother, Theresia, to help them cope with the trauma of the abuse and the challenges of living with HIV.

ART Services Initiation

With the assistance of the project, Laila was able to start Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) services to manage her HIV infection. The project facilitated the process by ensuring that Theresia understood the importance of ART and supported her in deciding for Laila to start treatment.

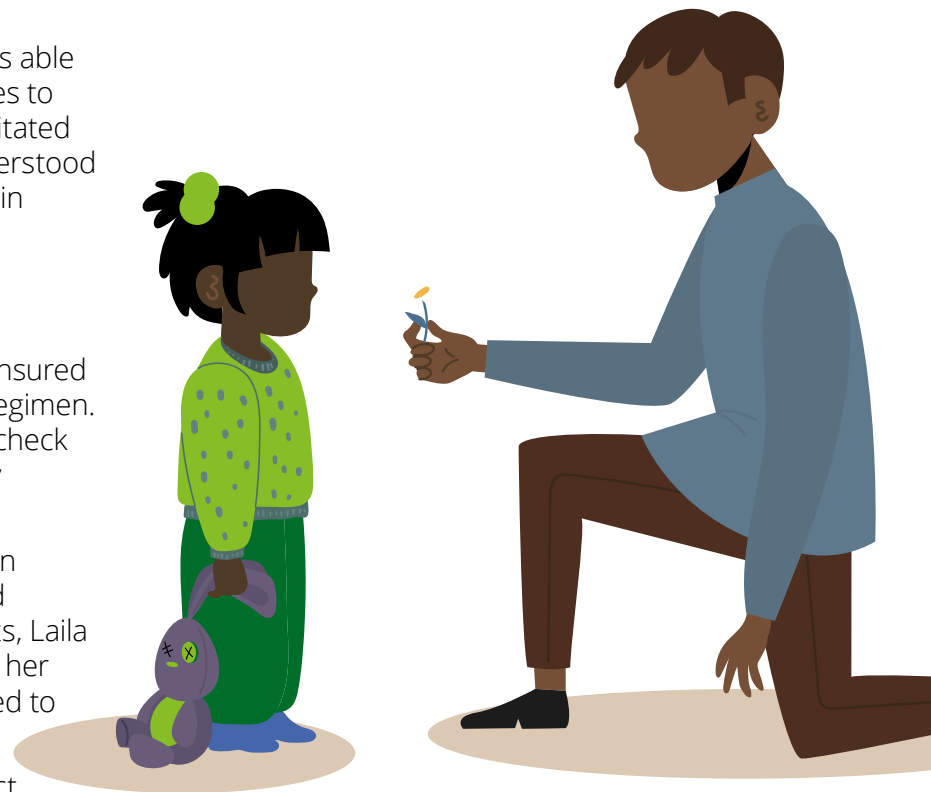
Monitoring and Adherence Support:

Continual monitoring and support from Community Health Workers (CCWs) have ensured that Laila adheres to her ART medication regimen. The CCWs regularly visit the household to check Laila's progress and provide any necessary guidance or assistance.

As a result of these efforts, there have been positive improvements in Laila's health and overall well-being. Despite initial side effects, Laila is now adjusting well to the treatment, and her adherence to ART is being closely monitored to ensure continued progress.

The support provided by the UKHSZ Project has played a vital role in helping Laila overcome the challenges she faces as a survivor of sexual abuse and a young person living with HIV. The ongoing monitoring and assistance from CCWs are essential in ensuring that Laila continues to receive the care and support needed for her

health and future well-being.



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Eminence

CBIM Sports Materials Handover in Iringa

The USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Project conducted a handover event of Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) sports materials at JJ Mungai Primary School in Iringa. The materials, including sports jerseys, shoes, and footballs, were distributed to adolescent boys across 5 schools in Mufindi DC, helping to promote healthy relationships and prevent violence among young athletes.

CBIM is an evidence-based violence prevention program that inspires coaches to educate young male athletes about healthy relationship skills, self-respect, and respect for others. Through this program, coaches model respectful behavior and promote healthy relationships among athletes by incorporating themes such as teamwork, integrity, fair play, and respect into their daily practices. The sports materials provided will enable coaches to use football to facilitate these important interventions. The CBIM intervention targets in-school boys aged 10-14 from primary schools in Iringa, specifically in Iringa MC and Mufindi DC. The program aims to reach over four thousand adolescent boys, focusing on 40 schools in Iringa MC and 14 schools in Mufindi DC.



Eminence

Reflecting on Success and Planning for the Future

The USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone (KHSZ) Project team convened a three-day Reflection and Planning Meeting in Dodoma. These intensive sessions served multiple purposes, including a detailed reflection on FY24 project implementations. The team reviewed what went well, celebrated significant achievements, identified areas for improvement, and discussed key lessons learned from the past year.

One of the primary focuses of the meeting was on FY25 priority activities, targets, and budget. The team engaged in brainstorming sessions to develop a strategic work plan for FY25. These discussions were crucial in ensuring that the project's goals align with broader objectives and are both ambitious and achievable.

The meeting was honored by a brief visit from the Regional Social Welfare Officers from Iringa and Ruvuma and the Regional Community Development Officer from Ruvuma. Their insights and perspectives added significant value to the planning process, ensuring that the project remains responsive to regional needs and priorities.

Project staff also engaged in team-building activities to foster collaboration, boost morale,

and enhance communication, preparing them for effective service delivery in the upcoming year.

Overall, the meeting not only set the stage for a productive FY25 but also reinforced the commitment and readiness of the USAID KHSZ Project team to continue making impactful contributions to the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children in the Southern Zone.



USAID KHSZ Project Staff in a productive session during the Reflection and FY25 Planning Meeting in Dodoma

Eminence

Celebrating World Menstrual Hygiene Day: USAID KHSZ Staff Unite to Support Menstrual Hygiene for DREAMS Adolescent Girls

In celebration of World Menstrual Hygiene Day, the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone (KHSZ) Project team came together to raise funds for the DREAMS AGYW. This heartwarming initiative provided selected schools in Iringa and Songwe with essential items such as reusable sanitary kits, toilet paper, and cleaning products to ensure a safe and hygienic menstrual environment.

This effort is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping young girls in school during their periods by providing access to dignified menstrual care. The DREAMS intervention empowers young girls through mentorship, enhancing school environments, addressing performance issues, and eliminating factors that lead to school dropout. In the last quarter, the project reached over five thousand Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) across 133 primary schools in Iringa MC, Mufindi DC, and Tunduma TC.

The USAID KHSZ team also provided education on menstrual health management (MHM), equipping these young girls with the

necessary knowledge, and understanding to manage their menstrual health effectively. This initiative not only supports their physical well-being but also empowers them to stay in school and continue their education with confidence.



USAID KHSZ Project Staff handing over menstrual hygiene and cleaning supplies to the teachers of of Itimbo Primary School, Mafinga during World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Collaboration

Collaboration with USAID Afya Yangu Southern

The collaboration between USAID KHSZ and USAID Afya Yangu Southern (UAYS) continues to drive positive results across various areas, especially in viral load (VL) testing and viral load suppression (VLS).

This quarter, there have been significant improvements in these metrics, thanks to our joint efforts. Key activities contributing to this success include regular data review meetings, monthly data sharing, and the involvement of senior management in these discussions. Moving forward, we are committed to strengthening our collaboration by ensuring UKHS staff have better access to clinical data.

This partnership has also been strengthened through joint supportive supervision, orientation sessions for Community Case Workers (CCWs) and healthcare Workers (HCWs), and coordinated home visits across implementation regions like Morogoro, Iringa, Njombe, and Ruvuma. These combined efforts have enhanced service delivery and led to the identification of new cases, contributing to improved clinical outcomes.



Joint home visit to CLHIV with high VL in Nachingwea DC and Njombe DC



Joint supportive supervision with Regional Health Management Teams (RCHMTs), USAID AYS, USAID KHSZ Project and UC4S in Mufindi Council



Joint Orientation of Community Case Workers (CCWs) on clinical outcome indicators at Sabasaba health center.

Collaboration with other Implementing Partners



THPS/USAID Police & Prison/ Afya Hatua - Pwani

- Conducted joint supportive supervision in four councils
- Conducted Data Review Meetings in three councils
- Support enrollment of RoC into the OVC program
- Data exchange: IIT 124, RTT 117



USAID Kilimo Tija

- 531 Youth out-of-school in horticultural activities
- Linking youth with agricultural extension officers
- Support youth on accessing marketing opportunities



HJFMRI/Civilian and military project

- Technical meetings in Songwe, Rukwa and Katavi
- Data Review Meetings in Katavi
- Data sharing on the 14th of every month
- Oriented 237 CCWs on PrEP demand creation in Songwe



USAID Tunawajali Watoto

- Developed orientation package on HIV clinical service for CCWs
- Oriented HCPs from 23 facilities in Iringa region on the OVC program and social service directory
- Oriented 179 CCWs on HIV clinical cascade in Iringa region
- Conducted joint supportive supervision in Mufindi DC
- Four technical meetings



FHI 360: EpiC

- Enrolled twenty five CLHIV-CFSW in the OVC program
- Oriented 237 CCWs on PrEP demand creation in Iringa, Njombe, Morogoro and Ruvuma
- Joint Date Review and Support Supervision



AMREF/Afya Tahbiti - Mjini Magharibi, Zanzibar

- Conducted joint supportive supervision and clinical home visits
- Conducted conducted technical and data review meetings
- Data exchange: 99% of RoC were returned to care, 100% RoC were tested for HVL

Collaboration

DREAMS Interagency Visit

The USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Project alongside USAID Afya Yangu Southern participated in an interagency DREAMS field visit in Iringa. This event brought together various PEPFAR-supported agencies, including USAID and Peace Corps, along with implementing partners like UNICEF, EpiC (FHI360), the Government of Tanzania through the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and PO-RALG as one of our key stakeholders. The visit aimed to deepen the understanding of PEPFAR-supported DREAMS programs from both agency and interagency perspectives while also promoting data exchange and fostering innovative collaboration.

Key sites visited included Ismani Secondary School, Lyandembela Secondary School in Ifunda, Nzizi Health Facility, Iringa DC, Ipogolo Health Clinic, and Iringa Medical Center.

The Determined, Resilient, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe (DREAMS) initiative is an evidence-based intervention aimed at empowering adolescent girls and young women and reducing HIV risk through youth-friendly reproductive health care. It actively mobilizes communities for change through various HIV and violence prevention initiatives, while also providing crucial support to families through social protection measures. Through

these two USAID-funded projects, Deloitte implements DREAMS interventions across the Iringa, Morogoro, Songwe, and Ruvuma regions.



Collaboration

Engaging Stakeholders for Impact: USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Project's FY25 Plans

After a productive Reflection and Planning Meeting in Dodoma, the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Project Team convened with key stakeholders in Morogoro to strategize for the upcoming fiscal year. This two-day session was crucial in aligning project goals with government priorities, as the UKHSZ Team presented it's proposed work plan and received invaluable feedback from representatives of the Ministry of Health, PO-RALG, the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, and TACAIDS.

This session also involved site visits to health facilities, households, and economic strengthening groups, which provided firsthand insights into the project's impact on recipients of care and reinforced it's commitment to their well-being.

Key agendas included discussions on project sustainability, enhancing community healthcare worker capacity, expanding stakeholder engagement, improving beneficiary linkage and referrals, and strengthening government systems. The input

from government representatives was key in shaping the project's collaborative approach and ensuring long-term project viability beyond its current cycle.

The Project extends its sincere appreciation to the ministries for their steadfast ownership, support, and ongoing collaboration. Their dedication plays a vital role in our mission to safeguard and enhance the lives of Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tanzania's Southern Zone. Following this, the project also held similar planning meetings across all regions of implementation with the CSO's to align regional activities with national priorities and ensure cohesive efforts across the board.



USAID KHSZ Project Staff, government officials and the former Regional Medical Officer (RMO) for Morogoro, Dr Kusirye Ukio in a group photo following a courtesy call meeting as part of the FY25 Planning



USAID KHSZ Project Chief of Party, Dorothy Matoyo giving opening remarks during the FY25 Planning Meeting with Ministries in Morogoro



USAID KHSZ Project Staff, and government officials in a group photo after a successful Planning meeting in Morogoro.



USAID KHSZ Project Staff and government officials in a productive session during the FY25 Planning in Morogoro

Collaboration

USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone Project Support Amid Devastating Floods

In response to the recent devastating floods in Kibiti, Rufiji, and Mlimba Districts, the USAID Kizazi Hodari Southern Zone (KHSZ) Project stepped forward with essential support. The project donated reusable sanitary kits worth TZS 14.6 million to address the urgent hygiene needs of individuals affected by the floods, providing much-needed assistance during this challenging time.

The Project facilitated the handover of these essential items to Mr. Hamed S. Magaro, the District Executive Director (DED) of Kibiti. The sanitary kits were then delivered to Kibiti Boys High School, the central hub for receiving all relief donations in the district. In addition, the project extended its support to Rufiji by delivering sanitary kits in the presence of the Regional and Council Health Management Teams in Chumbi, Rufiji.

Mr. Magaro expressed his gratitude for the USAID KHSZ Project's support and continuous efforts in the Pwani Region. He noted that donating these essential items provided immediate relief and demonstrated the project's dedication to improving community well-being during times of crisis.

The USAID KHSZ Project, through collaborative efforts, remains committed to assisting and improving the health and well-being of vulnerable communities in Tanzania.



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