



**SATF** NEWS  
social action trust fund **LETTER**



# MVC CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

**2022**  
program  
highlights

- >> Operated in 36 districts within 18 regions
- >> Worked with 13 implementing partners
- >> Spend about 1.44 billion
- >> Reached 2271 (94%) beneficiaries of 2410 the planned target.

## Word from the CEO



*BEATRICE MGAYA*

### Celebrating 25 years anniversary with a bang!

Take this opportunity to thank the Board Members who have been leaders of this long journey, the US government through USAID and Tanzania government through the Ministry of Finance and Planning, President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, SATF staff, Implementing Partners and all stakeholders of our activities aimed to support the needy people in our society.

This year Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) celebrates 25 years of supporting the Most Vulnerable Children in Tanzania. We

celebrate this milestone with a myriad of local and international partners and stakeholders who joined in our mission and worked tirelessly towards transforming the lives of hundreds of vulnerable children in Tanzania.

Tremendous achievements have been marked through testimonials and demonstrated by several beneficiaries graduated from the program with skills to inter labor market. Within 25 years of services, SATF has changed lives of many vulnerable girls and boys who would otherwise see no college doors, a career built, and emerging productive members of the society. Financial burden has been relieved off the shoulders of vulnerable families.

We believe both in academic and life skills training for our beneficiaries to be desirable human being in the community.

We do not stop here, there is a lot to be done forward to make sure that we accomplish our mission and vision. We continue to implement activities covering four core programming thematic areas for the Most Vulnerable Children which included Education subsidize support, Health by facilitating access to health services through healthcare insurance (iCHF and NHIF)- Provision of Sanitary pads (Menstrual Health Management) for school female beneficiaries, Nutrition, Special support, Child Protection, and Household Economic Empowerment.

It is worth noting that, Special Edition of SATF Newsletter will be out this year in recognition of celebrations of the 25 years of existence.

**Enjoy reading.**



Bags making trainees on practical learning session.

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Binti Nadhifu beneficiaries at Nyakatanga secondary school Muleba DC jumping with joy after receiving the package of support

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## SATF donates motorcycles to Implementing Partners

To strengthen the quality of services to its beneficiaries, SATF has planned to provide motorcycles to enable smooth operation of the SATF programs. Phase one of this plan, the Trust provided motorcycles to 5 Implementing Partners operating from Mara, Njombe, Lindi, Singida and Kigoma regions. The handover ceremony took place at SATF premises in Dar es salaam on 14th March 2023. Welcoming Board Chairperson for official handover, SATF Chief Executive Officer explained that the plan to provide means of transport to its Implementing Partners was among the deliberations from the Stakeholders meeting. 'I'm glad that today we have been able to fulfil our promise, and it is my belief that the motorcycles will facilitate swift implementation of the project.', said Ms. Beatrice Mgaya- SATF CEO.

The SATF Board Chairperson Mrs. Mariam Mwaffisi emphasized on taking

good care of the motorcycles and use them solely for program activities and not otherwise. Furthermore, advised Implementing Partners to good ambassadors to the rest of the Implementing Partners by showing the value added in increasing efficiency through having additional working tools. SATF will keep a close eye on this, as part of its routine monitoring responsibility to ensure there is proper use of motorcycles. This will determine whether to scale up or otherwise' said the Board Chairperson as she concluded.

Thanking SATF on behalf of fellow Implementing Partners, Mr. Martin Mlahasi from JIPEMOYOMara region assured SATF officials that, the motorcycles will be used solely for project purposes. The provision of these motorcycles puts a mark of fulfilling Implementing Partners requests. Two years ago, SATF received a proposal from Implementing Partners to be supported with motorcycles with the aim of facilitating service delivery to the program beneficiaries. As part of capacity building to improve efficiency and support beneficiaries, SATF will continue to support Implementing Partners with working tools to ensure smooth implementation of the program activities. Other areas of improvement in operations during the reporting period include the provision of mobile phones for data collection and desktop computers for the purpose of improving efficiency.



*IP representatives posing with their brand new motorbikes.*



*Chairperson of SATF Board of Trustees Mrs Mariam Mwaffisi, awarding a certificate to one of the graduates from SATF/SIDO special skills development course.*

## Developing skills for Self-employment

One of the objectives under the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) number three, calls for building skills for employment or self-employment among the youth, This is operationally cascaded into Tanzania national plans such as National Development Vision 2025, National Accelerated Action and Investment Agenda for Adolescent Health and Wellbeing (NAIA-AHW 22/25) as well as the National Youth Development policy of 2007. This is to say apart from being a global agenda, countries with transitional economies such as Tanzania have demonstrated the desire to address youth development challenges.

Mirroring the Global Sustainable Development Goals and the national plans, in the financial year 2022, SATF entered a partnership with SIDO to implement a tailor-made skills development course for 50 vulnerable out-of-school youth from Mkuranga and Kibiti districts Pwani region. Among those, 23 (46%) are male and 27 (54%) are female.

The recruitment was done in a participatory way involving Local Government Authorities and JIMOWACO who is SATF

implementing partner in the Pwani region.

The main goal of the project was to build skills in using simple technology for making market-demanded products hence creating sustainable income-generating projects among youth from these areas. The recruited beneficiaries were trained in two main courses, namely tailoring and bag making.

Trained beneficiaries have been facilitated to form business groups and they will be provided with startup tool kits. The groups will be coordinated by the Implementing partner in Mkuranga working close with Mkuranga and Vikindu District councils through the Office of Community Development.

It is anticipated that the Community Development office will play a vital role in nurturing these groups by exposing them to the market and other opportunities available in their locality.

SATF has experience of more than 20 years in providing care and support services to the most vulnerable children and addressing the impact resulting from HIV/AIDS and poverty in Tanzania.



# A step toward achieving academic goals!

**E**ducation helps to develop critical skills like decision-making, mental agility, problem-solving, and logical thinking. Education is not how well you can read and write but whether you can communicate with and understand the world around you. Our ability to make rational and informed decisions comes from how educated and self-aware we are. SATF is considering education as the vehicle in securing the future of vulnerable children.

Steven John Mnonjela is one of the SATF beneficiaries enrolled in the SATF education and care support program. His recruitment was done under LISAWA in 2016 when Steven was a form one student at Lindi Secondary School in Lindi.



*Steven John Mnonjela posing with his trophy during the college forum event at Mbezi Hotel in Dar es salaam.*

Mnonjela was living with his mother who could hardly support him with his basic needs, particularly scholastic materials.

"I am glad that SATF spotted me during that period when I was struggling with my mother trying to hardly support my studies," said Steven recalling that time before enrolling in the program. Mnonjela acknowledges that the support from SATF was a catalyst for him to study hard and perform better in his studies thus he passed form four exams and was selected to join advanced secondary school education at Shambalai Secondary School in Lushoto district, Tanga region where he pursued art subjects.

While at Shambalai secondary school Mnonjela maintained his hard working in studies. Luckily, he passed form six National examinations and was selected to join higher learning studies at Tanzania Institute of Accountants undertaking a bachelor's degree course in Marketing and Public Relations.

Mnonjela aspires to do better in his education carrier. "My wish is to graduate from the University with an upper-class GPA," added Steven.

SATF's main goal is to transform the most vulnerable children and youth into productive members of society by supporting them to acquire skills for employment or self-employment. This year a total of 112 beneficiaries of 168 of the planned targets graduated from different education categories with skills to enter labor market.

# SATF complementing Government efforts in addressing GBV.

It has been indicated that gender-based violence (GBV) and Violences against Children (VAC) are among of the main factors contributing to the raised number of Most Vulnerable Children in the community.

Violence and abuse manifesting in marital conflicts leading to marriage brick ups, child neglect and abuse, early marriages, and teenage pregnancies as well as sexual exploitation and child labor are few forms of violence and abuse against children and women.

Stud show that, in Tanzania, 40% of all women aged 15-49 years have experienced physical violence, while 17% have experienced sexual violence. Of women aged 15-49, 44% have experienced either physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner. Spousal violence prevalence is highest in rural areas, averaging 52% while the prevalence in urban areas averages 45%. Almost 30% of girls experience sexual violence before the age of 18 (THIS 2017) In a bid to complement Government efforts to end violence against women and children, SATF collaborated with PO RALG through the District Social Welfare Officers to facilitate capacity building training to the committees coordinating the response on violence against women



*Participants in group work session during NPA VAWC training at Nzela ward Geita DC*

and children at the ward level.

The main objective of the training was to orient members on their roles and responsibilities to enable them to perform their duties better. Apart from building skills to members in supporting victims of violence against women and children, committee members were also trained on how to prepare action plans.

SATF funded the cost for training and facilitators were the trained social welfare officers at the district level. The training reached 430 committee members from 30 selected wards in Geita, Kondoa and Musoma in Geita, Dodoma and Mara regions respectively.

In the next financial year SATF will scale up the training, reaching other regions which are not yet reached.

# Achieving more with less

**T**here is a Swahili metaphor; Mpe Ndoano badala ya Samaki, meaning give a person a hook instead of fish. Literally it means it is more helpful and sustainable to give people tools and skills for obtaining their needs instead of providing them direct materials.

SATF heeds this metaphor by providing soft loans, training on financial literacy and Income Generation Activities (IGA) among identified care givers from poor households.

Following the training caregivers are facilitated to form groups, given soft loans, and guided to select viable income generation projects which can give them quick returns. Main established projects include livestock keeping, vegetable cultivation, soap making and petty vending.

The main goal of SATF IGA program is to facilitate care givers to be able to meet other basic needs apart from scholastic materials provided by SATF. Additionally, the project aims to help care givers to attain household level assets and attain social capital to be able to access financial opportunities available at the community level including the Village Loaning and Saving (VSLA) schemes and 10% funds from the Local Government Authorities. The project assessment in Ikungi has revealed that all the project beneficiaries have managed to repay their soft loans and most of them (94%) are able to meet some of the basic needs using the income earned from the established IGA projects. Furthermore, the assessment indicated that more than half (57%) of the project beneficiaries have attained some household



*Ms Pendo Raphael from Kitundu ward Ikungi, Singida region posing with her Mobile phone she brought using the proceeds from the established poultry project.*

assets such as livestock (chickens, goat, and pigs), mobile phone, others renovated their houses using income earned from the established IGA projects.

"For the first time now, I am having my own mobile telephone" said Ms Pendo Raphael one of the project beneficiaries from Kitundu ward in Ikungi district, Singida region.

The key drivers contributing to success includes targeting care givers with productive age (not too young nor too old), selecting income generation activity that is common and accepted locally, and giving them a grace period to produce before starting to repay the loan. Additionally, it was evidenced that female beneficiaries are more likely to do better compared to male beneficiaries.

Apart from Singida SATF is implementing Household Economic Strengthening project in Ruvuma Mara and Morogoro. A total of 331 care givers are enrolled in the project from these four regions. The Trust envisions to scale up this intervention to other regions in line with availability of resources.