

Ushiriki wa Vijana (Youth Engagement to End the HIV Epidemic in Tanzania)

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CONTENT



**GOAL OF THE
PROJECT**



ACHIEVEMENTS



CHALLENGES

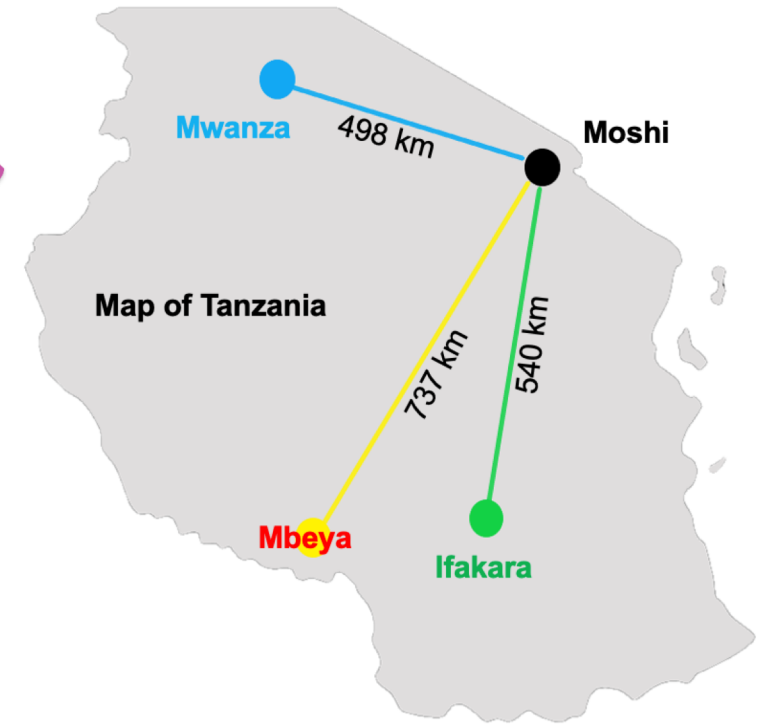


FUTURE PLANS



GOAL OF THE PROJECT

1. Establish formal youth community advisory board (CAB) groups in four regions of Tanzania where the Sauti ya Vijana Intervention is being evaluated



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Site visit to identify lead supervisor and youth liaison
- Created the constitution (mission/vision)
- Budget and financial support structure
- Board members and voted positions
- Digitalized Logo
- Monthly meetings since December 2022



YOUTH CAB



GOAL OF THE PROJECT

2. Incorporate chairpersons of the youth CABs within the current T-AHISA network.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Youth at the table with key stakeholders
 - Comments from the meeting in having youth presence and the importance
- “Youth corner” in the quarterly newsletter and featured section the website (www.t-ahisa.org)



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3. Complete a **concept mapping exercise** to identify the most critical factors that impact the implementation of HIV-related prevention and treatment programs for young people in Tanzania from the youth perspective.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Strategizing the plan of using whatsapp to do this in a simple way
- Leveraging the Youth CAB meetings to introduce key concepts and give youth time to consider the questions before the mapping exercise
- Youth to work with a MScGH student in the 2023-2025 cohort and bring the findings back to T-AHISA and Ministry of Health





CHALLENGES

1. Youth CABs: We are new and not yet recognized in the community. How to link with other youth-based CBOs. Working through how to make our presence known and make our voices heard.
2. Finances: Organizing a system for transferring funds for the meetings and tracking spending from the grant to each site.
3. Sustainability: How to ensure our work continues beyond the life of this grant



FUTURE PLANS

1. To conduct community outreach; engage in community HIV advocacy projects; appear as invited guests on radio programs; advertise our group to research community (e.g. NIMR; T-AHISA)
2. To collaborate with other NGO's who works in the same field
3. Conduct concept mapping to identify best area to focus our efforts and engage with HIV Implementation Science Researchers
4. Have a fee structure for consultation with us whereby the fee contributes to future meeting costs (be a valuable resource)
5. Encourage researchers to incorporate youth CAB funding in adolescent HIV grants to help support us

Thank you!
Asante Sana!!



OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- Members of youth CAB are both seropositive and negative and were approached from the Care and Treatment Center , youth-based NGOs, and from the social welfare office of the street they live
- Age range
- Gender balance was important
- In school/out of school

VISION AND MISSION

- To provide a safe place for youth advocates to bring unanswered health questions to bolster learning; to suggest research ideas based on community needs; to advise on youth related research results and what they mean back to their local community to develop health advocate.
- To be an example to the local community that stigma towards youth living with HIV or other illness does not help, and that friendships can and should occur and remain between diverse group of young people in the youth CAB
- To especially provide a forum for girls and boys to talk about sexuality in a non- threatening way/ thus reducing gender-based violence.

MISSION

- To help people in the community to learn about and educate peers on important health topics, to advise on research ideas in their local area to become health advocates.