

Quarterly Progress Report  
April –June 2022

KWA WAZEE



## Social Protection for older people

### Pension Fund

The pension fund is implemented in seven wards of Muleba district as means of supporting and empowering older people in Muleba district to improve their livelihoods. The number of older people reached with monthly pension during this period is represented in the table below:

Monthly	Gender		Total	Children	Cash transferred (Tanzania shillings)
	Male	Female			
April	129	670	799	96	12,123,500/=
May	126	670	796	96	12,145,000/=
June	124	597	785	96	12,015,000/=
<b>Total</b>					<b>36,283,500/=</b>

### Universal Pension Pilot

The Universal pension pilot is implemented is piloted in two villages of Nsisha and Ikondo in Muleba District as a way o advocating for universal pension to older people in Tanzania mainland. The table below shows the number of beneficiaries reached in two pilot villages per month:

Month	Gender		Total	Cash transferred (Tanzania shillings)
	Male	Female		
April	56	127	183	2,745,000
May	58	122	180	2,700,000
June	54	128	182	2,730,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>8,175,000</b>

### Psychosocial support to older people

12 groups were monitored and supported on sustaining income generating activities, the groups continues with mutual support initiatives where every

members who gets sick are supported by the groups with funds to buy medicine, contribute food and visits to make sure they are taking medicine and comfort. These build more on the group's identity and mutual relationship among the members.

On the improving income of the older people the members engage in revolving funds which make a person to receive certain amount which can allow him/her to start a project. 8 have started keeping goats, 12 keeps chicken, and 7 keeps pigs individually which make them to have assets which could help them during difficult time. Some groups make small income generating during pensions two groups sale juice and cultivated products.



***Mutual support group's meeting (in first photo) and older people selling various products as income generating activity(In second photo)***

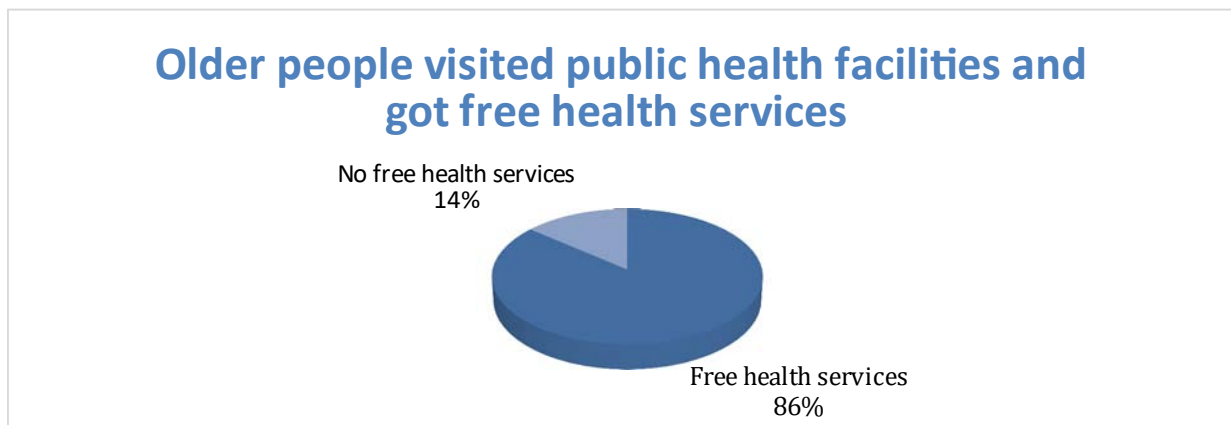
The challenges; the groups have been supported with goats as the revolving funds which helps to increase their income, they require more loans based on cash to start a business like storing food crops, purchase manure and do business. To solve this we would like to connect them with Districts where they could access 6% of the District income to support vulnerable groups such as women, disabled people and youth but also the revolving funds would save the groups at individual level to start small income projects.

We have planned to review together the group's constitution so that to make to make the groups to be registered by the District where by they could access the government loans especially groups with older women. We have developed some basic tool for recording implemented activities, support and savings. This will increase transparence in the groups and govern the group development. The synergies of the groups make the groups dynamic

## Advocating for older people`s right

Over past five years one of the biggest agenda was about advocating for free and quality health services to all old people with sixty years and above. Kwa Wazee has created awareness to the old persons on how the accessibility of free and quality health services can be advocated with on which available base and supporting policies to strengthen their advocacy movements.

This has contributed a lot to the currently positive changes as today in every public health facilities there is specific public announcement that older people are in a list of marginalized groups who have an exemption to free health services. As the way of following up on this, Kwa wazee has facilitated 40 leaders of older people from 20 wards of Muleba District in collecting confirmation data on gaps of accessing health services from older people who have visited public health facilities. During this period, 8018 visited public health facilities. Among of these 6932 old people (86%) confirmed that they got free health services when visited public health facilities and 1086(14%) confirmed that they paid for health services when visited to public health facilities. This result is shown in percentage below:



As the way of monitoring, Kwa wazee has facilitated 8 leaders of older people`s council in doing follow-up visits in seven public health facilities of Ikuza, Mazinga, Kyebitembe, Karambi, Ikuza, Kimwani, Izigo and Kibanga. The collected information by leaders of OPC will be presented to the government authorities for the improvement.

Also, during this period, Kwa Wazee has facilitated 3 linkage sessions with aim of connecting local authorities with issues affecting old people at their families as well as at their communities at large. These sessions reached over 300 older people, political and local government leaders.





**What we call a “Bridge” a photo taken afetr engaigement meeting which involve the National Ageing forumn, MP from Muleba district and Kwa Wazee org held in Dodoma Region**

**Health Program**

We have financially supported 5 older people with serious cases to access health services in various hospitals. One older people were supported with spectacles. We have also conducted group monitoring in Mubunda, Biirabo and Mugaba and 196 older people attended groups meetings during the visit.



**Older people exercise in Nsisha and Mugaba**



Topics reviewed were balanced diet, body cleanliness and proper use of specified drugs by doctors. Older people reached reported on changes on their healthy and body fitness due to regular use of vegetables, fruits and drinking water. Other older people have reported on decreased loneliness as they have currently participating in group's weekly exercise.

### **Self-protection**

During this period, three groups of Ngenge were visited to check their progress of weekly trainings. The group visit aimed at discussing on current issues and situation on violence against older people in their respective areas. During the visit we also reviewed various topics related to violence among older people



### **Self-defense Training**

### **Tatu Tano**

#### **Education**

Tatu-Tano continues to promote lifelong and equitable learning opportunities for all by supporting vulnerable students with school materials and fees. During this period TatuTano has paid fee total TZS 6,153,000/= Tanzania shillings to 58 continuing students attending vocational training and we expect to pay fees to 15 students who will be joining vocational trainings in September 2022. We have printed 182 and distributed 83 African story books to learning groups and we are continuing to print more books to full fill the

needs of children. We expect to distribute them during the cluster meeting; we are pleased that through these groups most of children from poor households are getting extra time to revise what they learn from schools.

### **Economic Empowerment**

In April we built 56 goat shed and 25 sheep sheds for the children groups who requested the animals and we bought the animals and distributed them in the groups. In May 2022, 15 groups have handled back goats and 5 sheep which have been distributed to other children groups. The revolving approach shows sustainability of this project over time.

### **PAMOJA**

Our experience shows that adult people and parents committees around community can defend and protect children against violence actions. These members are selected by children because they look only people who can protect their rights in the community. Pamoja committees are in 42 sub villages in order to maintain the children's rights while they are in street, at home as well as at school. We hold the meeting of Pamoja Facilitators in order to get the feedback from group visited and planning what we do for the next meeting. The following are the feedback from the group; All members propose that meetings should be done by using drama, they said *"we need drama because we get all message faster than to ready the hand out. Drama stimulates our feeling and we express what we see to our children. We need to continue with Pamoja to ensure good care to our children."* The village persons also said that *"Pamoja help people because it protect the rights of children eg land grabbing etc. Also Pamoja has built a good relationship between parents and children. We are preparing a letters to 13 members of Pamoja which outline TatuTano activities and all Pamoja facilitator's recommendations. Also we planned to continue with meetings in July through drama.*

### **Peace is a Decision (PiaD)**

conducted a Piece is a Decision course in 3 areas which are Kanoni Primary school, Biija Primary school and Ikondo secondary school. The course includes only 75 boys. Our target to provide this education in this area is to educate young boys to abstain from violence acts, to be aware on good and safe environment that will make them to be a real man in the society.. During the course children tried to share their experiences about violence, and among

the trained boys, 16 participants reported that they had tried to rape young girls.

*One day when I was back home, I met with my neighbor who had grabbed a stick. He canded me with stick. I cried a lot and asked why he has beaten me, he told me that every day I scolded his children that they always eat alocasia (magimbi). When he left me, I ran home and met their chicken. I killed his chicken and throw it to it his shamba. His children saw me and sued me to their dad. They reported me to my parents and I was whipped ten sticks. I was so angry to the extent that I even felt to kill someone. But i am very grateful to the Peace ia a Decision facilitators to educate us and now I can't do any violence action. I promise to be a good person in the community*



*Photo taken during PiaD  
Training in Kanoni  
Primary school*

These notable stories are among of many stories from children on how many times they have done violence acts to others. For instance 5 boys from Kanoni primary school reported that they have tried to rape young girls. Thus, we are convinced that this training will enable these young boys change their behavior, escape from risk behavior which could increase risk of getting HIV and other sexual transmitted diseases and be responsible for their community development.

### **Self-defense**

We trained 83 girls in two schools which are Ruhanga Secondary school and Kimwani Secondary school. Members tried to share their experiences on violence by writing their stories on what happened to them before the



training; 7 girls reported on being raped, 13 girls reported on tempted to rape, 60 reported to be touched their bodies, 9 girls reported to be harassed by their relatives and 50 to get harsh words from boys. After completing the course we choose the assistant trainer who performed better during the course to assist the group and we will meet with them for monthly training to improve their skills in self-defense training.



**Self-defense training for girls**