

## TECDEN QUARTERLY UPDATES (APRIL TO JUNE 2022)



For the period April June 2022 Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) has accomplished the following in supporting the implementation of National Multisectoral ECD Program. By working collaboratively with ECD stakeholders both government and non-state actors the following has been achieved during the quarter;

### The Launch of National Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Programme Technical Working Group (NM- ECDP TWG)

TECDEN in collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Group (MoCDGWSG) organised the meeting for the National Multisectoral ECD instruments; Stakeholder Group as well as Technical Working Group (NM-ECDP TWG) meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 respectively. All meetings were conducted at President Office-Regional Administrative and Local Government (PORALG) offices in Dodoma. These two instruments aimed to provide support in the implementation of the NM-ECDP.



#### Official Opening key highlights:

One among the key highlights of the Guest of Honour speech is the recognition the National ECD Secretariat Group, ECD Stakeholders and TWG roles in supporting the in implementing the NM-ECDP to attain its objectives and also the SGDs especially the “Africa We Want by 2040”.



*Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Community Development Gender Women and Special Groups Launching the TWG*

## Key results/ actions from NMECDP meetings:

**Updates on the implementation of the NM ECDP** whereby many interventions were implemented across NMECDP outcome number 3 on service delivery. However on Outcome number 2 on systems strengthening the interventions were very little and so it calls for ECD stakeholders to invest on ECD system strengthening



**Recommendation to strengthen ECD coordination at sub national level** where by REO should coordinate the program at subnational level instead of RPO because REO is the member of Regional Consultative Committee meeting.

Recommended to develop an implementation guide to support NM-ECDP implementation. The implementation guide will allow changes to accommodate gaps of NMECDP document noticed during the implementation.

Approval of National ECD Stakeholders Group Terms of Reference (TOR) which highlight the composition of the ECD stakeholders group at national level

Approval of NM-ECD ToR which clearly stipulate their roles and responsibilities.

## NMECDP Coordination Meetings

- The coordination meetings supposed to starting from local level at regions that is Council level Review Meeting and Regional level Review meeting
- The regional review meetings at regions will inform the national meetings i.e. NM-ECD TWG Quarterly meeting
- The annual Multisectoral Review Meeting and the Annual High level meeting will be conducted in each year
- Biennial meeting will be conducted in every two years that is when will be combined by Annual Multisectoral Review meetings

## NM-ECDP Dissemination:

- Noted that orientation package for program dissemination has been developed. So far it has been piloted in Tabora and Morogoro. NMECD Secretariat has agreed to use the package in all regions to maintain the standards and ensure common understanding of the program
- Noted that on program dissemination partners in the regions should then liaise with REO
- There is a need to strategize on how to disseminate the NMECDP to cover all 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland.
- There is a need to continue to mapping the international NGOs across the country so that could support NMECDP implementation

## The Mtoto Kwanza implementing partners organized a project orientation workshop to CSOs which were recruited to implement the project in phase 1



### Civil Society Organizations Orientation Meeting

TECDEN in partnership with CiC and UTPC is implementing Mtoto Kwanza Project across all 26 regions of Tanzania mainland. The project will be implemented in two phases; phase one will comprise of 10 regions and the remaining 16 in phase two. The project is intending to catalyze the implementation of the National Multisectoral ECD Programme (NMECDP) across national and sub-national levels.

The consortium therefore organized a training workshop to orient CSOs which are going to implement the project in phase 1.

### MTOTO KWANZA PROJECT SCOS PHYSICAL VERIFICATION

**Mtoto Kwanza Team** conducted physical verification of CSOs so that they could select qualified CSO to support the NM-ECDP coordination at Regional Level. The verification confirmed 10 CSOs to be engaged by TECDEN to implement Mtoto Kwanza Project ((CDO Morogoro, LIWOPAC Lindi, BJI Dar es Salaam, JIDA Tabora, VIPAMARU Rukwa, KIHUMBE Mbeya, COSITA Manyara, MPDI Arusha, TADEPA Kagera, ACC Dodoma)

### NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIPS MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

TECDEN collaborated with various ECD stakeholders in number of ways;

#### 1. Global Leaders Conference held in Orlando, Florida USA on 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

More than 500 in-person delegates and 700 virtual delegates from 80 countries and a wide range of professions gathered at the 2022 World Forum to engage in deep discussion of key early childhood issues, including children in conflict settings, reconnecting children with nature, advocating sound national early childhood policies, leading early childhood programs, recruiting and training early childhood staff, AIDS and young children, play, and literacy. Importantly, the conference connect and reconnect ECD actors all over around the world.

#### 2. IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Participated in the meeting organized by the Ministry of Education Science and Technology on 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 held at Morogoro Secondary School in Morogoro. The meeting which engaged

ECD stakeholders discussed on how to improve the Early Childhood Education Implementation Plan. Participants of the meeting includes, Head Of Teachers Training colleges, Education Quality assurances, teachers from Teachers training colleges, PPE Teachers, Universities, TIE, CSOs working on ECE and Early Childhood Development (ECD)

- ✚ It was recommended that ECD activities from NM-ECDP that address ECE should be included in the Plan.
- ✚ was agreed to advocate to high level authorities that Pre Primary to be sub sector within the Ministry of Education so as to have its own financing and leadership by having its directorate.
- ✚ Furthermore agreed that there is a need to construct one Pre Primary school model in each council, increase skilled PPE workforce and improve infrastructure that consider children with different types of disabilities and address school feeding program especially for PPE pupils.

### **3. TUWEKEZA PAMOJA PROJECT EVALUATION**

Save the Children Tanzania organized a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 held at Nashera Hotel in Dodoma to validate the *Tuwekeze Pamoja* Project Evaluation Report from the consultant. Participants of the meeting includes MoEST, PO- RALG (TAMISEMI) and CSOs.

Save the Children started the program from 2017 to June 2022. The program was targeting children aged 0-6 years in Mbozi District Songwe Region. The Program was an operational Research where there was a **control gear** and **treatment area**. The Program had four outcomes which are: 1) focus on Change behavior, understand, knowledge of parents/care givers and adapt supportive development of learning through parental groups; 2) aimed at improving Teaching and Learning to PPE teachers; 3) aimed at Creating enabling for learning; and 4) aimed at Reduce Violence at Home, school and at Community level

### **4. TECDEN participated in the SAFE SCHOOLS AND LIFE SKILLS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Organized by the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) on 21 May 2022 in Dodoma. Officials from Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST), Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) Tanzania Gender Police and Prison, President Office- Regional Administrative and Local Government (PO-RALG), Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN), Children in Crossfire (CiC), Tanzania Children Right Forum (TCRF), Plan International, Investing in Children and Their Society (ICS) were present.

The objective of the meeting was to report to Technical Working Group (TWG) progress of the quarter of the National Plan of Action on Violence Against Women and Children (NPAVAWC) implementation.

#### **Key High level meeting highlights**



- i. Raise agenda from guest of honor Commissioner of Education on connotation and definition of safe schools and practical practice. The Commissioner of Education argued to all stakeholders to create and contextualize safe schools for the benefit of all children;
- ii. Homosexually raised by the Commissioner of Education as critical in schools where called stakeholders to collaborate and rescue children welfare;
- iii. Call for submission of progressive report from respective thematic area Ministry and stakeholders;
- iv. The NPA-VAWC on the evaluation stage to review and give high level on the next performance and next plan of action

### Recommendation and Way-forward

- i. The Ministry will prepare modality and communicate with stakeholders on sharing of progressive report before next technical working group;
  - ii. **Engagement of wider stakeholders to create community awareness on the effect and threatening of homosexual to school children;**
  - iii. Stakeholders call advocate for the implementation of the National Plan Of Action To End Violence Against Women And Children In Tanzania (NPA-VAWC);
  - iv. The evaluation commissioned consultant from University of Dodoma will engage wider stakeholders to get technical and financial support on the evaluation process;
  - v. The review process of education curriculum going on suggested and advised to incorporate aspects of child development to school aged children. The curriculum to balance the academic and child development in holistic way.
5. **Day of African Child:** TECDEN was involved from preparation to the commemoration day led by the Dodoma City Council from 19<sup>th</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The preparations involved formation of sub-committees which included resource mobilizing, venue, and others. The event was later merged with the National event as the government decided to conduct the commemoration in Dodoma not in Mwanza as previously announced. TECDEN contributed Three Hundred Thousand Tanzania Shillings (TZS 300,000/) to support the event.
  6. TECDEN participated in World Family Day organized by Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. During the commemoration, the government Launched the “*Mwongozo wa Malezi ya Familia*” and “*Tumishi ya Malezi Program*”. **The importance of Religion on Family care; Parents/guardians responsibility on child care; and four types of parenting and psychology on care which are -** Authoritarian parenting, Authoritative parenting, Neglect parenting and Permissive parenting.
  7. TECDEN participated the meeting organized by SOS Children’s Village Tanzania from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Bagamoyo to develop a Child Rights Advocacy Strategy.