

Annual Report



2020



WE ARE CHANGING LIVES

MANAGING PROGRAMMING IN COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT



Osha mikono kwa maji tiririka, Kaa kwa umbali usiopungua mita moja, *Vaa Barakoa, Tumia vitakasa mikono, Epuka kukaa kwenye makundi makubwa ya watu, Punguza safari zisizo za lazima, Usafiri tu inapobidi, na Nenda Hospitali mapema*

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His Story Our Story



NOW

Promoting Adequate Housing

FROM MICROFINANCE BUSINESS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK

A word of thanks to TAHEA Mwanza for 11 years of coaching, mentoring and training in Community development work, development work is not static it is dynamic and a multi-dimension approach is needed to catch-up as changes become inevitable.

My profession taught me to work with numbers, community development journey shift with TAHEA Mwanza wasn't easy, but through close supervision, coaching and mentorship from TAHEA Mwanza organization, turned out to be one of the most area of interest, result-oriented and supportive work towards my self-esteem, my confidence, and exposure to development work arena, as a young man who joined the organization with knowledge of Microfinance and Business, has remained a foundation skill in improving the lives of resource poor families and communities.

I joined TAHEA team in 2009 and was employed as Community Managed Microfinance Field Officer, coming from a Microfinance Institution, having microfinance experience where credit scheme with my target customers was my major practice and this added conflicts between me and the loan defaulters, an experience which continued to be my work at TAHEA, but this time working with resource poor communities and using a new approach in microfinance activities, where members accumulated their own capital through saving and lending activities.

Joining TAHEA team as a new staff member was one thing, but caring people, incentives, motivation, treatment and support that was extended towards me was so special and remarkable that I will always cherish across my career path. I am happy to work with TAHEA staff, management, and the Board and this has a mark in my life.

The skills and experience I acquired from the organization have enabled me to be promoted to the higher positions within the organization and now I head a housing programme, conversant with community development work of which I can manage programming and personnel as an added task.

Mussa John Masongo

Message from The Board

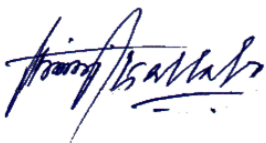
We are all living through a tough time with the global pandemic, but we all have hopes and equally respond to the needs of our target population many people including our donors opened up for support towards our work amidst the virus challenge where they offered support financially by allowing us to re-allocate funds to address the immediate needs of our communities where we were able to extend our support to their immediate needs including household handwashing facilities, messages for awareness creation on the pandemic, workbooks for children to continue learning at home, developing learning and play materials for use at homes with parents and many others.

While the needs of our target communities continue to be greater due to the pandemic which has limited movement, every day we see the impact of our programs and the impact of our donor's generosity which have led to our annual achievements amidst the pandemic. We have also learned lessons from our work and the pandemic where we are wondering what the pandemic might mean for our work, our families, and our country going forward, we also have to think on how we can help our target communities through the uncertainty and how our programming can help navigate the challenging times in the future.

We see our role is to come with measures on how to mitigate the impacts on families, children, households, farmers, CBOs, and the community at large. Most of the future planned activities will embrace the mitigation aspects, not only for the pandemic but other areas of focus i.e., promoting Health and Nutrition Responsive Caregiving, Improving Children Early Learning & School Readiness, Supporting Access to Adequate Housing and Land Ownership for Women and Young People, Climate Smart Agriculture promotion, climate change mitigation in all what we implement.

Lastly but not least, I offer my sincere gratitude to all TAHEA staff who have worked tirelessly apart from the COVI-19 environment, to all our donors, partners, advisors, and our collaborators including our target communities, I thank them for the inspiration they had for joining our efforts in realizing our mission.

Chairman of the Board



Dr. Sospatro S. Ngallaba

TAHEA Mwanza Coordination

Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA Mwanza) in year 2020 was a year of new happenings for our organization with targets for improvement in both organizational development and programming areas.

Having a sound organization which is grounded and committed to the changing world is key in making it operational. We noted that our Constitution was outdated and was not meeting the current needs of the organization, so we mobilized members to participate in the process of the constitution review which was a success and we were able to have in place a new constitution which started to be operationalized in 2020, a process which had an implication to most of our organizational development activities which included policy/ manual reviews, structure review, Board review and others, this happened in all the regional chapters.

TAHEA Mwanza has just ended its 5-year strategic plan and was looking into developing a new one and so the year 2020 was a transitional year where the new 5-year strategic plan was developed under the COVID – 19 Challenges and most of the meetings were held virtually and this has to take a long time to have it in place, fortunately TAHEA Mwanza has its new Strategy 2021/ 2026 in place.

Our Mission-driven approach to our work has remained consistent, focusing on Changing lives of the resource poor communities, empowering families and communities in Mwanza, however due to constitutional changes, TAHEA Mwanza has expanded its reach to cover all regions in the lake and western zones of Tanzania, enabling the replication of our successful models and approaches which have been implemented in Mwanza region. We continue to use the expertise of our professional members and staff to facilitate development processes by networking and collaborating with the government and other organizations with similar vision and mission.

TAHEA believes that being professionals gives you the basic skills and knowledge about different disciplines however, in utilization of the acquired knowledge and skills in the field one has to have the ability to open up for challenges as you work and being best at what you do with a room to fit in the changing situations, as development is not static. Our role as Home Economists is to expand our target population's capabilities to fit into the systems or give them skills to enact change that gives them the power to transform without compromising their beliefs and the already existing indigenous knowledge and skills. We believe that

“Everything we do in life is Home Economics”

The Regional Coordinator – TAHEA Mwanza

TAHEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Coming to an end of the year 2020, TAHEA Mwanza had time to reflect back, assess where we were and make projections for the future, especially now that we have in place a new 5-year strategic plan to guide us. In few words we thought about changing our way of doing things so that we influence systems which we think, can be more contextually relevant, community driven, effective and more sustainable.

TAHEA Mwanza believes that the community is our super power and if this is what we are, then we should strengthen the community change makers/ drivers of change through strong partnerships, strong relationships so that mobilization of communities' impact systems that will ensure the wellbeing of our target communities, that will ensure what they do are contextually relevant and community driven, invest in collaborative processes of prioritization of issues and actions by planning with communities and the local government, while emphasizing the need for different stakeholders to carry out different activities and become responsible for the different actions. We believe if we closely monitor and evaluate, learn and reflect we shall improve the positive actions over time.

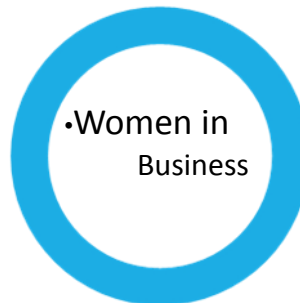
Systemic change that we aspire at the current time have to be improved by shifting the relationships and power structures that affect what we want in the social sector, and which can benefit the poor through their direct participation, supportive systems which are open and inclusive.

In order for TAHEA Mwanza to realize the systemic change, the organization will always conduct learning checks and challenges/ barrier assessments to help analyze and interpret situations in our target communities. We understand that change happens in phases and it takes a long time, changing how we do things is a transition to enable us to reach where we desire to be, so changing how we deliver the change will encompass mobilization of stakeholders, capacity building, collaboration and forging partnerships. In addition, we shall make sure that we adhere to rules which govern how other functions operate to help us implement harmoniously.

Mary Kabati

Executive Director

About TAHEA Mwanza – *Changing Lives*



Adequate Housing

The organization mission: TAHEA mission is to empower families and communities in Mwanza and Tanzania as a whole to transform their lives socially, economically and with Gender Perspective. We do that through education, training, and information sharing and consultancy. In order to achieve this, TAHEA uses the expertise of its professional members to facilitate development processes by networking and collaborating with other organizations with similar vision and mission.

Organization Objectives:

To promote and strengthen home economics, agriculture, education, health and nutrition, housing and habitat, to improve livelihood of communities.

To promote and advocate for the protection of human rights of communities.

To cooperate with various state and non-state actors in fighting against gender discrimination, environmental degradation, corruption and poverty.

To support and establish initiatives for economic and social empowering for women, young people and vulnerable groups.

To cooperate and affiliate with national and international organizations/ agencies which supports objectives/ programs similar to our aims and objectives.

Our Core Programs:

Early Childhood Development

School readiness

Afterschool programs for Literacy and Numeracy improvement (6-8 years)

Youth Programs

Agriculture programs

Habitat (Adequate housing)

Community Health Programs (health, nutrition, WASH, environment)

Capacity Building (organization development & programming to CBOs/ NGOs)

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1. Community ECD Services



Objectives:

Young children's age-appropriate opportunities in CBOs targeted communities increase through play and early learning supported through families and communities by 2020

Caregivers and Service providers in CBOs targeted communities improve their skills and knowledge on nurturing care to support young children to grow to their full potential by 2020

Quality provision of integrated ECD services to young children increase in TAHEA targeted families and communities by 2020

Right holders and office bearers in CBOs targeted communities increase their ECD services provision accountability to families and communities by 2020

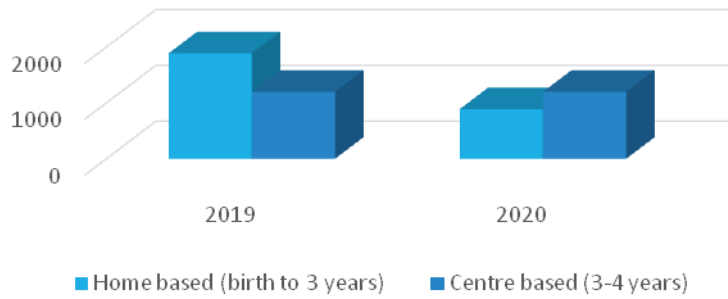
ECD interventions at family and community levels in CBOs targeted communities have updated information systems that track quality and coverage by 2020.

Achievements:

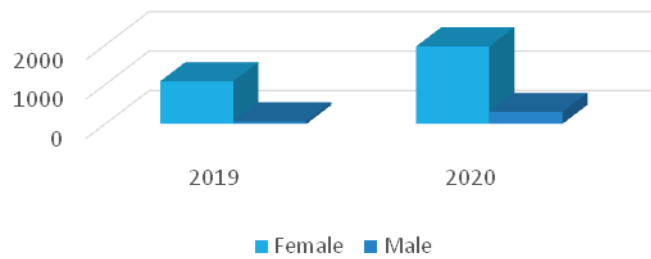
80% of parents and caregivers of children birth to three have increased knowledge and skills on play and communication which have been reached through home-based intervention (0-3) and center-based intervention (3- 4 years)

2,630 (1,576 girls, 1,054 boys) Children have improved developmental domains through play and early learning done at Community based ECD center and home-based interventions. Children are demonstrating abilities in language and communication, identification of things, pre numeracy and literacy abilities, gross motor skills and social development.

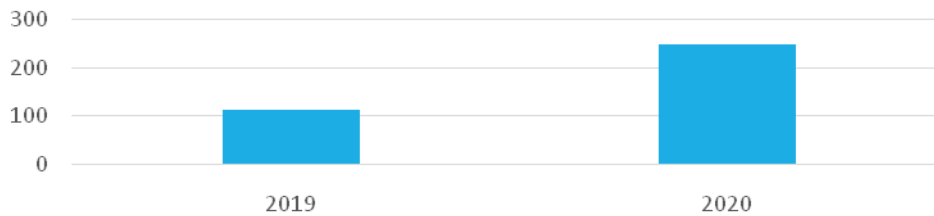
Children reached through home and centre based interventions



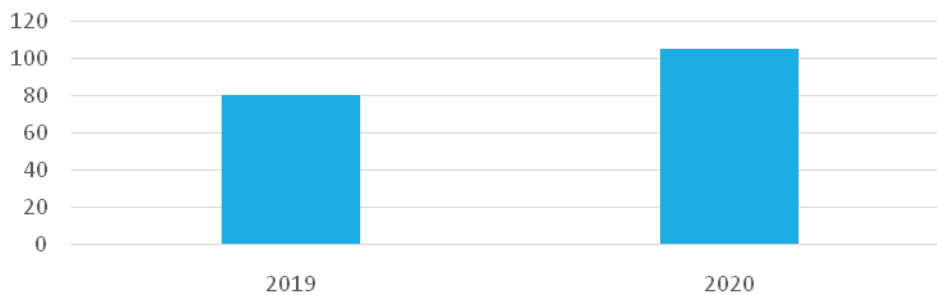
Parents/caregivers reached



Local Government Officials Engaged



Capacity Building to Youth CBO Members



SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

2. Preprimary Education



SUPPORTED CLASSROOM



SUPPORTED TOILET



A STIMULATING CLASSROOM

TAHEA Mwanza implements a program called 'Integrated School Readiness Program (ISRP)' also known as "Watoto WetuTunuYetu" in two districts of Misungwi and Ukerewe district.

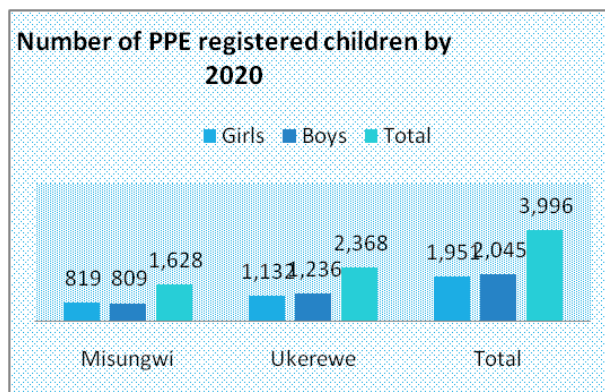
The Project aims at supporting government initiatives on improving pre-primary education for children aged 5 years in public pre-primary schools by creating simulative learning environment.

2020 TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

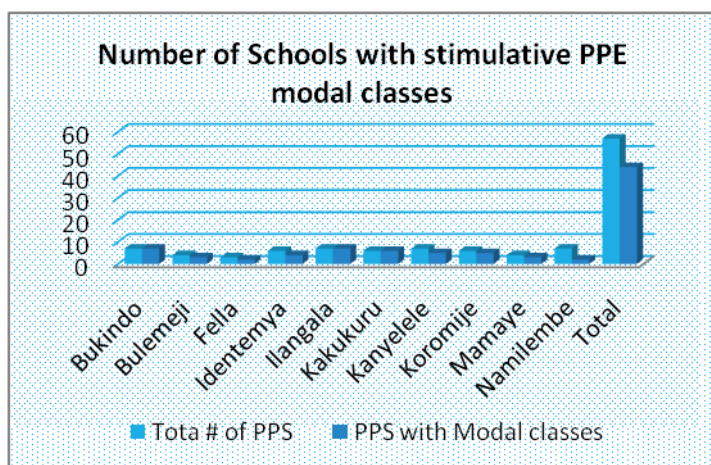
Through ISRP program, TAHEA Mwanza anticipated the following outputs by the end of year 2020:

Children aged 5 years receiving at least one year of quality pre-primary education in simulative learning environment for early learning years in the impacted districts increased by 2020.

Achievement 1.1: 75% of children aged 5 years in the targeted communities were enrolled in 43 preprimary classes in the year 2020. This includes a total number of 3,996 children (1,628 boys and 2,368 girls). The data includes 21 MVC (girls being 5 and 16 girls)



Achievement 1.2: 77% of preprimary schools in the impacted ward have simulative classrooms as model classes with learning materials in three compulsory learning corners, displayed photos, floor covering with tarpaulin/ mats, well arranged furniture and age-appropriate blackboard



and children enjoying outdoor games in the year 2020 leading to the improvement of children attendance by 82%, while improving the retention rate of children in school by 84% as well.

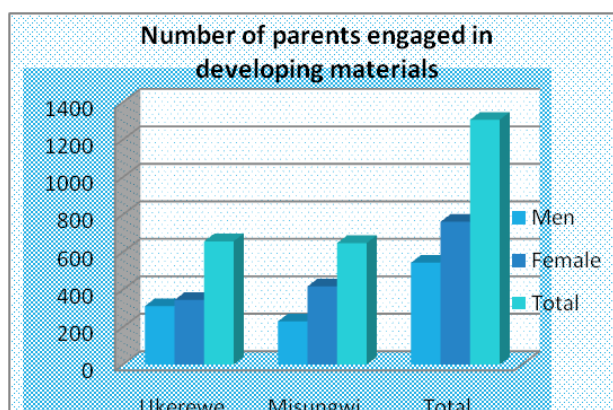
Achievement 1.3: 80% of preprimary schools in the impacted wards managed to have feeding program in the year 2020 leading to an increase of children school attendance.

Achievement 1.4: 35% of the new targeted PPE classrooms were constructed in the impacted districts by the year 2020

Parents and Caregivers acquiring knowledge, skills and tools for parenting and ECE in the impacted areas increased by 50 in the year 2020

Achievement 2.1: 86% of parents/guardians with children registered in PPE classes participated in early leaning development process of their children (child protection, development of learning materials, support feeding and WASH programs) through community meetings and sensitization events.

Achievement 2.2: 100% of Primary School committees in the impacted schools met with parents three times per year to discuss pre-primary school development in 2020.



ADEQUATE HOUSING

In 2020, TAHEA continued to implement the PAHWaYP which aims to promote access to adequate housing a key component of the cooperative empowerment. A key player in TAHEA adequate housing approach is the **Cooperative and Community Managed Microfinance Model**. Promoting Adequate Housing for Women and Young People (PAHWAYP) is the five-years project funded with We effect started during in 2018 and ends in 2022. This project was designed to strengthen adequate housing in Mwanza Tanzania with special emphasis on cooperative housing, women and young people through *Promote Adequate Housing to Women and Young People project*. The project is on track by 53% of the total expected results by 2020, a total of 3 cooperative housing has been formed and registered with a total of 320 (191 women; 129, men) members. A total of 472 Saving groups has a total number of 15,010 members, 61% of the total members are women and young people out of them 1,019 have acquired housing using incremental housing construction model which is cheaper for poor communities, therefore TAHEA encourages housing cooperative and savings groups so that families can develop their housing with mutual aid.

The project objective is; “Empowered 1,600 women and 600 young people accessing the right to land and adequate housing leading to improved quality of life in Ilemela and Buchosa Districts by 2022”.
Achievements:

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Indicator 1: Number of women and young people with secure tenure documents:

Under this output the indicator were number of women and young people with secure tenure documents and **Accessibility of secure tenure:**

As result of the project in 2018 number of women with secure tenure documents has increased from 14 (12 women; 2 Young people) in 2018, to 234 in 2019 and 824 in 2020. This is equal to 97% of the five-year targeted of the project direct beneficiaries of 2,200 members by 2022.



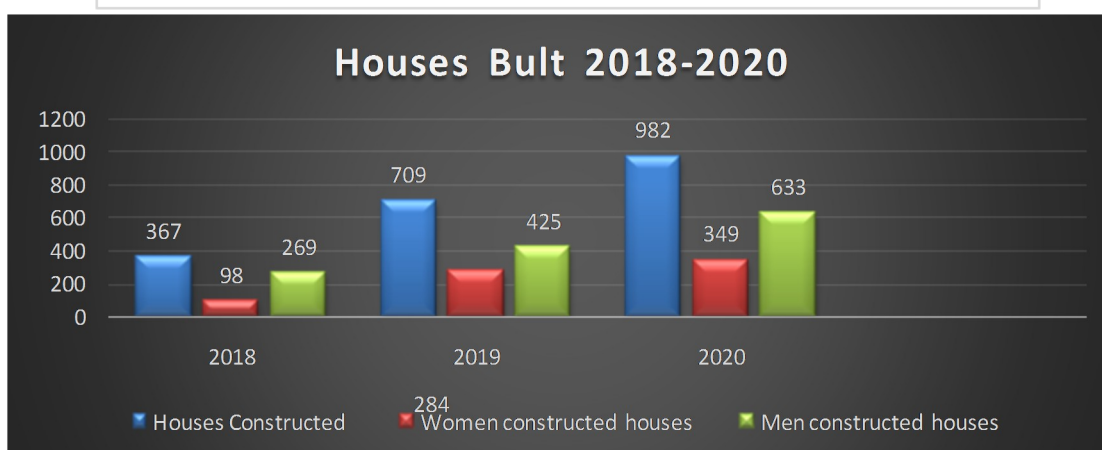
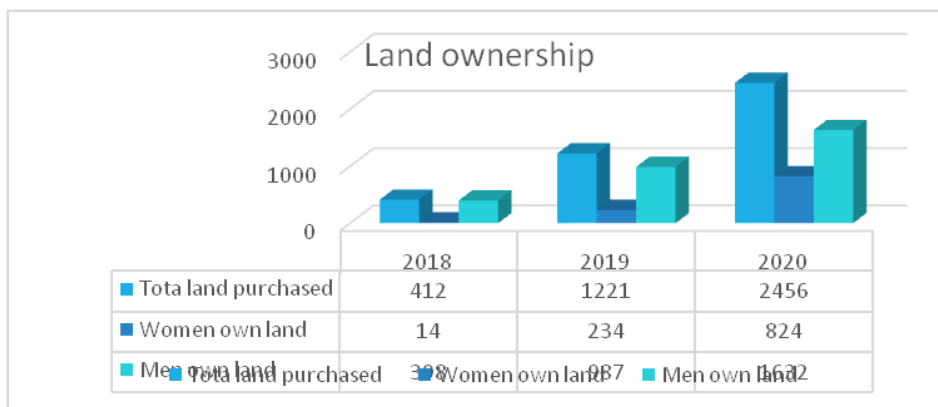
Under this indicator i.e. Number of houses constructed has increased from 367 houses at baseline to 982 houses in 2020, an increase on 64%. During the year 2019 to 2020, the same increased from 709 to 982 respectively, an increase of 28%.

The houses were constructed by cooperatives and CMMF group’s members using their own savings contribution. This is equals to 94% of the five-year target of 2,200 group members by 2022.

Under this indicator i.e., Number of women and men with land- “Which has increased from 412(14 women; 398 men) at baseline to 2,456 (824 women; 1,632 men) in 2020, an increase on 84%.” During the year 2019 to 2020, the same increased from 1,221 (234 women; 987 men) to 2,456 (824 women; 1,632 men) respectively, an increase of 50%.



Deputy Minister of Lands, Housing and Human settlements Mrs. Angelina Mabula handing over title deed to Ilemela Communities. (Source Ilemela and Buchosa District Municipal council land office department 2020)



Agriculture



Goal: To improve food and nutrition security, health and income for resource poor households through promotion of Orange Sweet Potatoes and Vegetables rich in micronutrient in Ilmela and Buchosa districts. During the 2020 TAHEA planned to reach 1800 smallholder farmers (1200 women and 600 men) who are engaged in sweet potato and vegetable gardening production by building their capacity so as **to enable them increase the productivity and profitability and hence increase their household income through selling of the produce from their farms.**

TAHEA Mwanza support to farmers was to build their capacity on:

- Agronomic practices and crop husbandry
- Integrated pests and disease management
- Post-harvest handling technologies (processing, storage and utilization)
- Marketing skills
- Entrepreneurial skills

Sweet Potato and Horticulture Outcomes

Target Beneficiaries: 1,800 Smallholder Farmers

Micro Finance



WOMEN INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES



YOUTH INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES



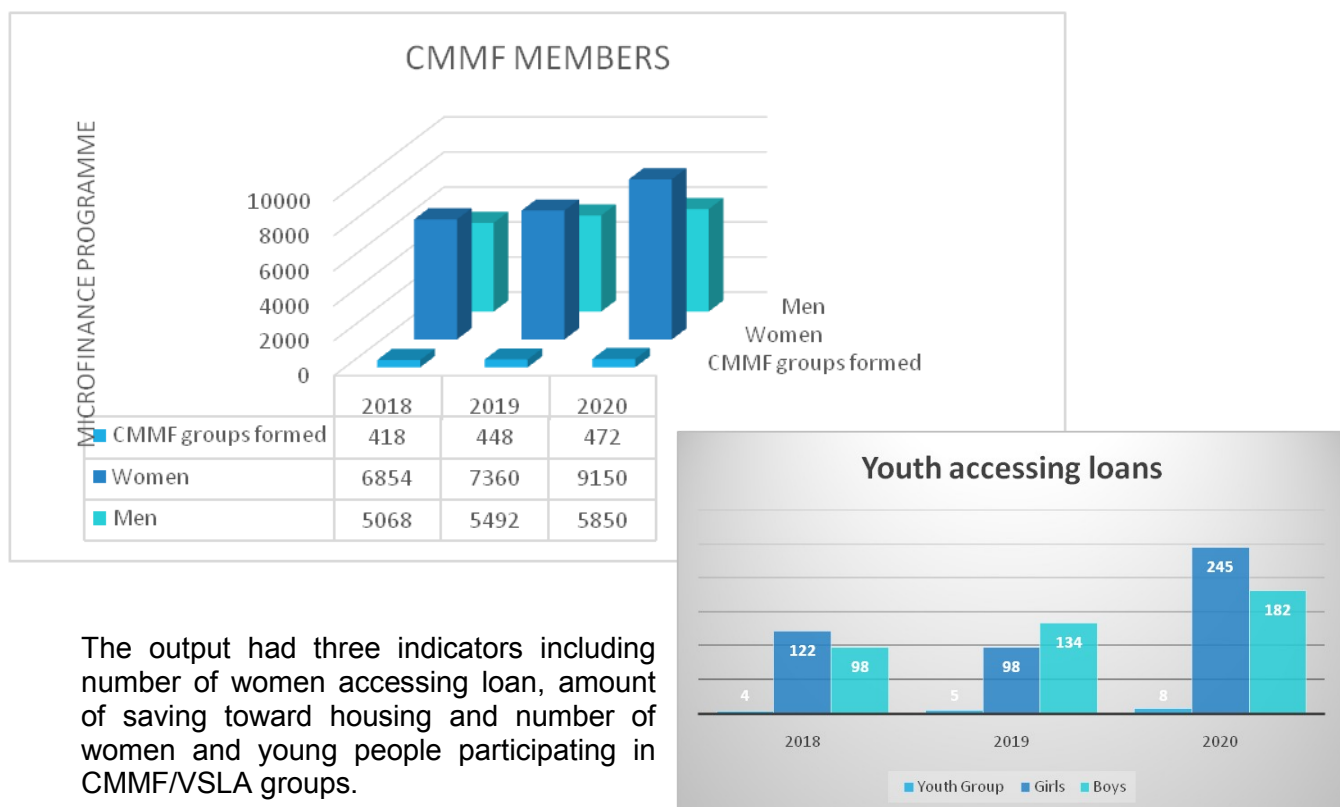
S/N	Gathered information	Data Collection Period			
		January 2020		December 2020	
1	Number of total individual surveyed	600		600	
2	Number of men surveyed	300		300	
3	Number of women surveyed	300		300	
Income		Tsh	Usd	Tsh	Usd
4	Total income amount past one year earned by all individuals surveyed	1,920,349,200	845,568.80	2,323,622,532	1,014,682.30
5	Total income amounts past one year earned by all men surveyed	1,325,040,948	583,718.50	1,487,118,420.48	649,396.70 (69%)
6	Total income amounts past one year earned by women surveyed	595,308,252	262,250	836,504,111.52	365,285.64 (31%)
7	Average amount of income per individual surveyed past one year both women and men	3,200,582	1,409.95	3,872,704.20	1,691.14
8	Average amount of income per man surveyed past one year per year	4,416,803.20	1,945.73	4,957,061.40	2,164.65
9	Average amount of income per woman past one year per year	1,984,360.80	874.20	2,788,347 (36%)	1,217.62
10	Average amount of income per day per individual surveyed	8,768.72	3.90	10,610.15	4.60
11	Average amount of income per day per man surveyed	12,100.80	5.33	13,581.00	5.93
12	Average amount of income per day per woman surveyed	5,436.60	2.40	7,639.30 (36%)	3.34

TAHEA's Community Managed Microfinance (CMMF) groups accelerate the social and economic empowerment of women through village savings, loan activities and skills acquisition to resolve social issues affecting women and girls. Over 472 CMMF groups have been formed in Mwanza, consisting of 15,000 (9,150 women; 5850 men) community members which have accumulated savings over TZS 501,322,350 in the past five years. TAHEA provides an integrated package of services for CMMF groups; basic business skills, and SPM, share out, audit, vision building, leadership, Personal Advancement & Career Enhancement and life skills curriculum.

CMMF groups have led to social-economic empowerment of women in rural communities, they have facilitated creation of marketing and business networks where beneficiaries are using the saving group platform to market their products both within and out of the group.

Community Managed Microfinance (CMMF) is TAHEA's proven and evidence-based social and economic empowerment platform that enables women to save money, develop financial literacy, and invest in income-generating activities. In addition to increasing women's access to financial services, CMMF groups also focus on learning skills and building capacities, self-esteem, increasing access to information and resources, and promoting collective action and community organizing. This combination of economic and social empowerment positions them as leaders and decision-makers in their households and communities.

The program objective: To improve access to sustainable income to 5000 people from resource poor families by 2020.

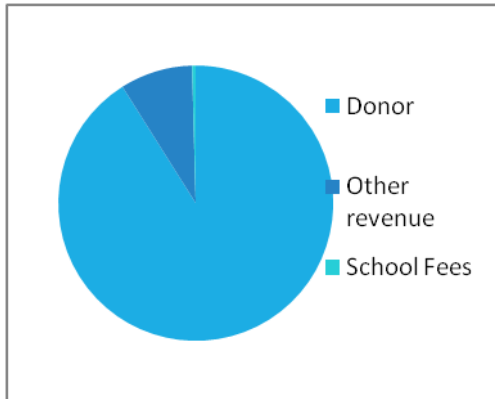


The output had three indicators including number of women accessing loan, amount of saving toward housing and number of women and young people participating in CMMF/VSLA groups.

Under this output access to financial services was enhanced through increased formation of VSLAs/CMMF groups from 418 in 2018 to 472 TAHEA is enabling families to improve their quality of life by establishing Community Managed Microfinance (CMMF) groups that contribute to the social and economic empowerment of women through village savings and loan activities and discussion of social issues affecting women and girls. A total of 461 CMMF/ VSLA groups have been formed in TAHEA's program areas, consisting of 15,000 (9,150 women; 5,850 men) community members which have already accumulated loan of TZS 625,822,450 and cumulative total saving of TZS 501,322,350 to date.

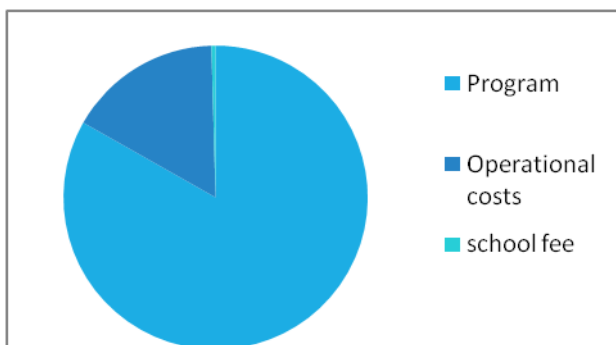
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

A. Income



Donor	474,471.17
Other revenue	44,411.53
School Fees Support	2,243.04

B. Expenditure



Program	421,379.73
Operational costs	82,820.16
School fee	2,243.04

Partnerships, Collaborations and Networking



Partnership working refers to a broad range of actions and can easily be defined as two or more groups coming together to achieve a common purpose.

Networking is the most informal level of **partnership** working and involves exchanging information for mutual benefit.

Collaboration is to get work done efficiently, whereas social **networking** focuses on making connections, not necessarily in the context of an immediate project. In the offline world, two people sitting together and working together intensively on a common problem.

