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## PARTNERSHIP FOR NUTRITION IN TANZANIA (PANITA)

**PANITA**

*“Catalyst to end malnutrition in Tanzania”*



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## Message from Executive Director



Greetings from PANITA Secretariat

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The year 2016 marks the end of first year since PANITA started implementing its five years strategy. Essentially PANITA has managed to advance advocacy efforts through effective participation in nutrition multi-stakeholders fora, worked with key and influential groups, such as politicians, government leaders and religious leader; and enhance effective participation of PANITA members in District nutrition steering Committees. The advocacy efforts conducted have gained two fold effects namely; first sustaining the gains that have been achieved at national level, and secondly the agenda has been moved to the next level; particularly to the regions, district and community at large. Also institutional capacity building of different organs of PANITA. Progress has been done through resources that were acquired from different projects namely: ReMAC, SuPREM, Engage Plus and Subnational level advocacy Initiative. All these efforts were aiming at having a Tanzania free from all forms of Malnutrition.

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In his regard it is evident that, we have set a right foot in the journey to make the outcomes of the five years strategy a reality; given resources availability going forward.



Tumaini Mikindo  
**Executive Director**

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## BACKGROUND

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## PANITA STRATEGIC PLAN (2015-2020)

**Strategic Aim 1: Policy and practice changes that prioritize and increase resource allocation to nutrition at national, local authority and community levels are effectively influenced**

**Results 1.1** PANITA Secretariat and members engage in dialogue structures and related advocacy processes for scaling up nutrition at all levels.

### 1. *Identify and capitalize upon existing and emerging influencing opportunities for desired changes*

PANITA capitalized on the existing and emerging influential opportunities for diverse changes, such as higher level Nutrition steering committee to share the experiences, including but not limited to greater role that Civil Society play in the implementation of various nutrition actions at local level. PANITA also contributed in the finalization and adoption of the new National Multi sectorial Nutrition action plan (NMNAP).

PANITA also participated in other forums like Development Partner Group on Nutrition (DPG-N) and Multisectoral Nutrition working groups and well as other committees and the launch of Global Nutrition report 2016. These established platforms provide space for structured engagement in advocacy process which remains as a cornerstone for PANITA to advance its advocacy agenda. Through these meetings, important aspects of partners' nutrition programs are being discussed. PANITA has used these platforms to conduct evidence based advocacy for improved nutrition. One of the key element that came to our attention during our engagements with local authorities e.g. from Mbeya, Kigoma and Morogoro is, there is knowledge gap among technical staff, councillors and politicians on the link between good nutrition and better economic and development outcomes.



*Global Nutrition Launch in Tanzania*

PANITA members also participated in the District Nutrition Steering Committees meetings which enable them to contribute towards improvement of nutrition at District level. These multisectoral committees' aim at ensuring nutrition agenda are implemented at Council level. There are about 70 PANITA members represented in District nutrition steering committees all cross Tanzania Mainland (Annex 2).

PANITA with the funding assistance from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) managed to conduct a bilateral advocacy meeting at regional and sub-regional level in Mbeya. The meeting emphasized on addressing malnutrition problems

in a multi-sectoral approach. Also to highlighted the link between malnutrition and poor economic and development for households and country at large. During these meetings the following were resolved:

- Allocating budget for nutrition in all sectors that are connected to nutrition in all the district councils;
- Preparation of detailed analysis of the nutrition interventions to reflect the environment and challenges of the specific area;
- Provision of nutrition education especially on budgeting to leaders and other experts.

Moving forward, PANITA is planning to conduct a meeting with Rukwa and Katavi regional leadership on the same given high stunting rates and low awareness on multisectoral aspects of nutrition as observed during the Regional Commissioners meeting.



*Meeting with Mbeya Regional Nutrition Steering Committee.*

## ***2. Develop good working relations with Nutrition Focal Points and Nutrition Officers at all levels.***

PANITA secretariat is working closely with Nutrition officers at all levels. Conversely, PANITA members are always encouraged to develop a good working relationship with Nutrition officers in their respective Councils. This is mainly done by sharing the progress reports; inviting them in all zonal review and capacity building meetings and national fora.

## ***3. Develop good working relationship with gate keepers (e.g. media house editors) influencers (e.g. politicians) and decision markers (e.g. senior government officials) for rewarding policy engagement***

PANITA has been able to conduct bilateral meetings with various senior Politicians and Government officials as well as other key influential leaders in the community; as part of its broader strategy to raise profile of nutrition and to advocate for increased domestic resources for fighting malnutrition in the country. This is basing on various global nutrition commitments that the country has had opportunity to ascent for example Sustainable Development goals, Malabo declaration and World Health Assembly Nutrition Targets 2025.

Some of the key meetings include but not limited; a meeting with Hon. Ummu Mwalimu the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children where the discussion based on two issues: First N4G Summit that was to be held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, where PANITA Executive Director accentuated the importance of top governmental leaders to attend Global Nutritional summit. Secondly, discussed on 2016 Global Nutrition Report launch in Tanzania. The Minister promised to promote public awareness and education on nutrition, food security, and child rights. Also she indicated nutrition activities as a priority and emphasized use of guideline on nutrition budgeting at LGA level.

PANITA, also, met with Hon. Anastazia Wambura- Deputy Minister for Information Culture, Arts and Sports; Hon. Engineer Stella Manyanya-Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Technology and Hon. Jennister Mhagama – Minister for PMO- Policy Coordination and Parliamentary Affairs. The objective was to garner Support for Rio Summit - encouraging the Government to attend the meeting and commitment for improving Nutrition situation.

PANITA secretariat met Deputy Speaker Dr. Tulia Ackson. It was an opportunity to share the country nutrition situation as is related to the economic development. Also discussed was the need for multi-

sectoral approach towards fight against malnutrition in the country. Further on this, we requested her continue support in an effort to engage the parliament.



*"Courtesy call" PANITA at the deputy speaker's office advocating for high level presence at the nutrition for growth summit II in Rio de jenario in August 2016*

PANITA organized a workshop with national religious both from Christianity and Islam representatives. In order to influence the faithful and followers on good nutrition practices that will contribute towards improved nutrition status in the country. The objective of the meeting was to establish relationship with religious leaders, familiarization and learn from each other on the importance of nutrition and to see how religious leaders can contribute in the struggles of fighting malnutrition.

#### *4. Forge strategic partnership with Members of Parliament, particularly the Parliamentary Group on Nutrition and Children Rights*

PANITA conducted an orientation meeting with both ongoing and new members. The meeting served as mechanism to create continuity to work with the group but also to introduce the new leadership and set strategies on how best the Parliamentary group on nutrition food security and children right will continue to perform the role of advocating for improved nutrition at higher level. The meeting emphasized on key nutrition issues that need the support of PGNFSCR as critical agenda for discussions and resolutions during upcoming Parliamentary sessions. Further to this the Parliamentarians agreed unanimously to make follow up so the government will attend and pledge at the Rio Summit or any other available opportunity that may arise thereof.



*Meeting with Parliamentarians Group on Nutrition Food Security and Children Rights held in Dodoma*

## **Strategic Aim 2: PANITA membership base is broad and members collaborate, learn from one another and network with other stakeholders**

### **Result 2.1** Quality membership services are provided timely

#### *1. Establish and run a feedback mechanism to monitor and adaptively improve the service delivery*

PANITA has been striving to establish a good working relationship between Secretariat and Members in order to strengthen the partnership. This has been achieved through monitoring and back stopping visits; two way communications via phones and emails between secretariat zonal coordinators and



members; and fostering of good working relations between zonal coordinators and members in their respective zones.

PANITA procured a server and developed of members' database. Processing of members' information in the database is on progress. The use of member's database will ensure effective management of member information and activities conducted on their localities. This will be one stop shop for accessing member information. The database is expected to foster linkages and cross learning within members and with key potential allies and partners. Collection, validation and update of member's information are underway.

## 2. *Undertake due diligence screening of members based on explicit membership criteria*

Strategic membership drive for PANITA is an ongoing process within the partnership. Member's recruitment is specifically based on 1) Geographical coverage especially in Districts where PANITA lacks members; 2) Sector mix to represent the mult sectoral dimension of nutrition 3) Selective roles that is played by individual CSO such as membership in the Nutrition Steering Committees in their respective Districts.

**Result 2.2:** Information on Best practices and success stories of members shared widely and timely

### 1. *Identify and popularize members' development innovations in nutrition programming*

PANITA designed a data collection tool specifically for voluntary collection of reports on nutrition activities from members. The tool has been instrumental in coordination of information sharing on the best practices and innovations among members. It is envisaged that, the gathered information will inform the overall contribution of CSOs at national level as well as promoting cross learning among members.

### 2. *Promote cross learning among members*

In 2016, zonal capacity building and review meetings were conducted, with coverage of 167 CSO members. Members reported on their nutrition activities that relates to PANITA strategic objectives. Similarly PANITA members who are representative in the District nutrition steering committee reported on the performance of the committees in their respective Districts. Likewise, members shared innovations and success stories; these were further shared widely within the Partnership. PANITA encourages sharing as a means of supporting effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability in implementation of nutrition interventions.

## **Strategic Aim 3: PANITA members' capacity to deliver quality nutrition programs strengthened**

**Result 3.2:** PANITA members facilitated to develop sound organizational systems, and mobilization of resources to deliver quality nutrition interventions

### 1. *Provide coaching support to PANITA members to develop winning grant application*

#### **Opening statement**

In efforts to PANITA secretariat has brokered financial resources exclusively for its members from the Lake and Western zones through MTOTO MWEREVU (ASTUTE) project to be part of implementing CSOs. This program will run for five years from 2016-2020. PANITA members with sound organization system were given priority. We believe this project will increase their capacity to deliver tangible nutrition

interventions with special focus on reducing stunting through WASH, early childhood development; Home based care and counseling on Nutrition, early SAM detection and referral systems. On demand basis, the Secretariat has worked with members to enhance their proposal and fund raising capacity through reviewing of the proposals and budget.

## **Strategic Aim 4: Strengthen the position of PANITA as a nutrition communication hub for members and general Public**

### **Result 4.1: Dissemination of knowledge among PANITA members improved.**

#### ***1. Make use of appropriate information and communication Technologies for packaging and information dissemination***

PANITA collected a total of 35 relevant publications, surveys on nutrition and review papers. These publications provide PANITA staff with useful information on nutrition that was shared to members and general public via PANITA Website ([www.panita.or.tz](http://www.panita.or.tz)), emails and other engagements such as meetings with our members, Zonal coordinators and the media.

PANITA has produced and reprinted different materials on demand bases and shared with members and other stakeholders. A total of 6334 copies of materials were produced by PANITA and others were collected from different stakeholders. It includes the following joint statement on investment on nutrition, a case for nutrition investment in Tanzania. PANITA also managed to reprint the available education materials from TFNC and disseminated them to members, these includes Maziwa ya Mama pekee yanatosha, Jinsi ya kukamua maziwa ya Mama, Lishe wakati waUjauzito na kunyonyesha, Jinsi ya kumlisha Mtoto baada ya miezi 6, Jinsi ya kunyonyesha mtoto wako.

During the reporting period PANITA produced and distributed over 500 copies of newsletter by the name "Lishe News" which contains various information and activities from the secretariat, member's activities and other nutrition stakeholders.

### **Result 4.2: Functional communication interface with PANITA members improved**

#### ***1. PANITA engage with different communication channels such as Website, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and having PANITA website linked to the social media.***

PANITA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PANITA-Partnership-for-Nutrition-in-Tanzania> has been active, where relevant information is shared by the secretariat to members and general public. Members also have the opportunity to post their activities, success stories, pictures and other educating information through visitor's page of PANITA Facebook page.

PANITA has a twitter account [https://twitter.com/panita\\_tz](https://twitter.com/panita_tz) which is also used to post different information and the good thing about twitter is that it has attracted more people from international arenas and therefore positions PANITA to the global world.

PANITA also uses YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/NutritionTZ> where different videos of PANITA activities and members activities being posted. During the reporting period a total of 178 posts were posted on website 13, Facebook 71, YouTube 9 videos and Twitter 85. All these posts were educational and useful to the viewers.

PANITA's website [www.panita.or.tz](http://www.panita.or.tz) has been upgraded; reflecting not just appearance but being with improved interface, functionality, features and information. These improvements made it more interactive and easy to access information and link it with key components such as member's data base that is currently under development. PANITA's key documents as well as members information such as

success stories and good practices has been posted on the website. These changes have proved to be instrumental as evidenced by increased number of visitors to the 7500 by December 2015.

## Result 4.3: Working relationship with Media enhanced

### 1. *Maintain long term relationship with media houses and journalists*

PANITA organized a workshop with Editors from all media houses, which was used as the key to open doors for media houses on Nutrition reporting both from the print and electronic media. It further enabled Editors to understand more on why there was a need to publish more nutrition articles and news as a means of raising public awareness on Nutrition.



*Capacity building meeting with Editors*

### 2. *Capacity strengthening of journalists*



*The First Prize Winner of Journalist competition on Nutrition Awards Ms. Tumaini Msowoya (Mwananchi) receives her prizes from Deputy Minister Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Hon. Anastazia Wambura.*

PANITA conducted a competition on Excellence Journalism on Nutrition reporting in line with Editors workshop. The competition theme was around Nutrition for Growth Summit and domestic resource mobilization for nutrition. More than 50 articles were submitted (Printing and Electronic media) for competition. The awards presented to the winners by Deputy Minister of Information Culture Arts and Sports Hon. Anastazia Wambura (MP) included; TZS One million five hundred plus tablet for the first winner, TZS one million plus tablet for the second runner up and TZS five hundred thousand for the third winner.

The outcome of this was positive as quality of nutrition articles improved in the medium term. Articles had in-depth information in an easy language, which were highly educative thus expected to increase public awareness on challenges and opportunities on nutrition. The eagerness to understand more on the role of good nutrition on physical and cognitive development of the person from childhood to adulthood also increased among journalists.



## Strategic Aim 5: Organizational Development and Sustainability of PANITA strengthened.

### Result 5.1: Human resource capacity strengthened

#### 1. *Hire and maintain a highly competent and maintain optimal number of staff for quality programme*



*African Nutrition Leadership Programme participants on the session*

PANITA as part of its long term plan, it embarked on various initiatives to improve performance of the Secretariat staff which is expected to enhance efficiency and effectiveness on the course of implementing various programs within the network. This involved both external and in-house trainings as well targeted skills development session. To mention a few; Executive Director attended African Nutrition Leadership course (ANLP) organised by Centre of Excellence in

Nutrition from North West University, South Africa. The course has proven to be very useful to PANITA, as it formed the basis of in- house training focusing on leadership capabilities and positive attitude towards ownership and commitment to work performance and deliverables. This was further linked to performance improvement through staff personal development plans. PANITA will continue to train its staff depending on the need and availability of resources as one of the key pillars towards improving performance and ultimately deliver as per its five years strategic plan, contractual obligations both to donors and meet members expectations within agreed PANITA main objectives.

Learning Route Rwanda 2016 - Civil society alliances from eight countries participated; this includes Tanzania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Kenya. PANITA was represented by Mr. Faraja Kassim from PANITA Secretariat, Ms. Itika Kisunga and Mr. Daniel Mtweve PANITA members from LUWADA and CEELS respectively who were selected on competitive basis.

Each country team was required to design the Innovation Plan that intends to support participants in capitalising on the knowledge acquired during the Learning Route in Rwanda, transforming this knowledge into practical actions to strengthen SUN Civil Societies Alliances' coordinated activities to address malnutrition. PANITA SUN Civil Society Alliance in Tanzania "Accountable Districts Nutrition Steering Committees for Scaling Up Nutrition in Tanzania" proposal won the first place for Innovative Plan Award.



*Cooking Demonstration - Gissagara District, Rwanda*



*Learning Route Rwanda 2016 participants on the session*



## Result 5.2: Governance and Management of PANITA strengthened.

### 1. *Effective Support to the Board to perform its fiduciary function*

PANITA Board of Directors (BOD) convened its meetings as per agreed almanac. During all these meeting, The Board did it's fiducially function where it received and scrutinized the progress report (both technical and financial) for the respective quarter approve the forward plans with its appended budgets. Other key decisions were deliberated and approved include but not limited to: PANITA's five years strategic plan (2015 -2019); the newly selected Zonal Coordinators following rigorous recruitment process; the partitioning of the Lake zone into West and East Lake zone; the policy on institutional indirect costs;

Also BOD endorsed the feedbacks from the 5th AGM: including renewal of second and final term of service for three Board members (Prof. Joyce Kinabo, Ms. Frida Lekey and Dr. Rose Rita Kingamkono); and recruitment of a new member from Pemba (Mr. Abubakar Ali) for 2 years tenure. Furthermore it was resolved that BOD Chair to write a service acknowledgement letters to individual PANITA Secretariat staff for their outstanding performance in respect of their contribution towards PANITA realization of full-fledged autonomous institution status. This was a resolution that was adopted from the 4th AGM meeting. On the effort to keep PANITA financially sound, it was agreed that fundraising will be a permanent agenda in all BOD meetings.

The 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 05 April 2016, where Members were represented in this meeting as per MEMART requirements from each zone. The following key issues were agreed by the 4th AGM: re - election of three BOD members who are Prof. Joyce Kinabo, Dr. Rose Rita Kingamkono and Ms. Frida Lekey for a tenure of two years; approval of PANITA 2015 annual report; endorsement of CSOs statement for high level nutrition advocacy in collaboration with Graça Machel Trust and Members' agreed to cover 20% of their per diem to attend future Annual General Meetings.



*PANITA Annual General Meeting 2016.*



*Release of CSOs Joint Statement for high level nutrition advocacy with Graça Machel Trust*

## Result 5.3: Resources mobilization and management strengthened

PANITA developed a five-year (2016-2020) fundraising strategy meant to guide resource mobilization and fundraising efforts to enable PANITA secure financial resources to successfully implement its five-year strategic plan (2015-2019). The overall aim of this strategy is to obtain increased and diversified funding for PANITA programmes and activities thereby enabling the institution to fulfil its mission-to advance advocacy efforts, improve coordination and reduce malnutrition.

PANITA Secretariat is working on building skills of the staff in proposal writing and program implementation, financial management and monitoring of the projects. To date all PANITA project proposals are written in house with no external expertise engagement. PANITA is and will always underscore accountability transparency and value for money in all project engagements in order to fulfil the expected nutrition outcomes.

PANITA received major funding from Irish Aid that supported the ReMAC project from Oct 2015 to Sept 2016. Other donors include Graça Machel Trust, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Institute of Development Studies

(IDS) University of Sussex UK. PANITA has liaised with other potential donors like Children Investment Fund (CIFF), KANCO - Kenya and SUN CSN.

## **Result 5.4: Quality Assurance, M & E system established and operationalized.**

### **1. Adopt a participatory approach to Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Evaluation system**

PANITA Strategic plan (2015-2020) is accompanied by the measurement frame work (log frame) that provided guidance on designing and operationalization of an efficient and effective Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system. The M&E system provide feedback on organizational development, program implementation and performance. Monitoring entails continuous collection of data on specified indicators to assess for a development intervention, its implementation in relation to activity schedule and expenditure of allocated funds, and its progress and achievements in relation to objectives.

### **2. Develop and roll out user-friendly tools for Monitoring and Evaluation**

PANITA developed various data collection tools for the purpose of gathering information from different data sources. Both PANITA staff and members have been trained on the utilization of the tools. The following are examples of data collection tools developed during the reporting time: PANITA devised a data collection tool for CSO members of the District Nutrition Steering committees in order to collect information on the presence and performance of the committees in their respective Councils. During the reporting time, PANITA collected nutrition activities reports from 118 members. This was possible through a newly devised nutrition information data collection tool for collection of both specific and sensitive nutrition interventions implemented by members in their respective localities. Also the exit form was developed for collection of information from members following zonal coordinator's member's visits, this was added to foster accountability component



*Sensitizing community on the importance of using Sunflower Oil Fortified with Vitamin A –Implemented by The Voice of Marginalize Community (TVMC) PANITA Member Shinyanga*



During the reporting period, PANITA conducted monitoring visits as a part of supportive supervision to zonal coordinators and nutrition interventions of PANITA members in Kagera, Mwanza, Geita, Arusha, Pemba and Kigoma. For efficiency in project implementation, monitoring visits were combined with member's capacity and review meetings. For the year 2016, PANITA was able to visit members in all zones.

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## ZONAL COORDINATION REPORTS

Strengthening of zonal coordination within PANITA was one of the key priority areas for the year 2016. It all started by conducting a rigorous recruitment process whereby reputable zonal coordinating CSOs and competent zonal coordinators were obtained. In total, there are 10 zonal coordinators all across Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. Next following step was to equip zonal coordinators for the immense responsibility ahead, as is a well-known fact that PANITA is as strong as its members. Therefore, zonal coordinators were trained on leadership, facilitation and advocacy skills. Zonal coordinators meetings were carried out consistently and timely disbursement of zonal coordination funds to all zones. The efforts resulted into tangible advocacy outcomes at regional and district levels (Annex1).

A total of eight zones managed to conduct advocacy dialogues that aimed at increasing accountability on nutrition activities at regions and sub regional levels. The dialogues involved PANITA members, Districts and/or Regional Nutrition Officers, local level nutrition stakeholders and Region and District government officials. Zonal Coordinators were prepared on advocacy through various trainings. Dialogues were based on different themes including: Strengthening of District Nutrition Steering Committees; Dialogues on multisector approach in addressing malnutrition; advocacy dialogue for improved nutrition status and dialogue on domestic spending on nutrition. Dialogues were vehicles in raising PANITA visibility and merging relationship between CSO's and the local government. They also revealed the knowledge gap that exists among decision makers and lack of accountability on nutrition agenda that continuously fed into our national advocacy agenda.

At local level, these dialogues opened a channel of continued engagement and mechanisms for mutual accountability among key stakeholders including government and CSO's. As the immediate results among dialogues conducted, directives were given to councils by either Regional Commissioners or Regional Administrative Secretaries (Morogoro, Shinyanga, Tabora, Simiyu, Dodoma, Singida, Mtwara, Lindi) to give much emphasis on the need of prioritizing on nutrition. All the dialogues came up with resolutions with time line.

District Nutrition Steering Committees meetings are platforms aiming at ensuring nutrition agenda are implemented at Council level. These are multisectoral committees comprised of District Executive Director (DED) as a chairman, Heads of departments from Planning, Health, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Education, Community Development, representative from religion wing, business wing and CSO representative. There are about 70 PANITA members represented in District nutrition steering committees all cross Tanzania Mainland (Annex 2). A new tool for monitoring progress in scaling up nutrition at council was introduced. Zonal coordinators are urged to follow up on the performance of members of District Nutrition steering committees in their respective zones.

There is a notable improvement in working relationships between members and zonal coordinators. This is exemplified by increased number of CSOs that were visited in 2016. PANITA also works on improving transparency in all levels; accountability tool was developed for collection of information from a visited member on satisfaction of the purpose of the visit.

Zonal coordinators have been working closely with District Nutrition Officers in their respective regions.





*School feeding Program Implemented by Children of Lake Victoria (PANITA member Ukerewe, Mwanza)*

Southern Zonal Coordinator reported on improved relations with Nutrition Officers in Mtwara DC and Mtwara Mikindani MC. Together, they are working on a joint nutrition work plan for the year 2017. They also, conducted a joint campaign on iodized salt for salt producers and consumers in Mtwara region. PANITA is involved in all nutrition undertakings in these Districts. From Southern highlands zone; The zonal coordinator visited Regional Nutrition Officer of Ruvuma and District Nutrition Officers from the following

Councils Mufindi DC, Mafinga DC, Iringa MC, Njombe TC, Ludewa DC and Ruvuma DC.



*Vitamin A supplementation in infants and children Implemented by HUDERES in collaboration with Karagwe District Council*



*Mebendazole medication used for treating certain worm infections - Implemented by Human Development Relief Services (HUDERES) in collaboration with Karagwe District Council.*



# 4.0

## CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

- o Managing expectation from Members and other key stakeholders Vis a viz the real situation. Essentially, PANITA organizational growth rate is at good pace, particularly after operating and an independent entity; however is absolutely critical to note that PANITA is still juvenile stage, if gauged under the Adize's theory for the organization life cycle. This is well capture in the Five year strategic plan, where the institutional and members capacity strengthening have been given adequate attention. If the Five year strategic plan is well implanted, it will consolidate its position in the nutrition ecosystem in Tanzania, where it will increase its visibility and attracts more investments from members and other stakeholders. However for this to happen as envisaged, it would require availability of sufficient resources and it take may take little while to accomplish the set objective under the five years strategic plan.
- o Bureaucracy remains to be a challenge. This happens when we want to engage higher level technocrats, however good relations with key policy and decision makers and nurturing a culture of constant communication could be beneficial and bring about policy change. An example of the use of the Parliamentary Group and especially the Minister who is part of the group facilitated successful Launch of the Global nutrition report and other activities within ReMAC
- o There is a knowledge gap among technocrats as well as politicians at local level on the link between malnutrition and poor economic & development outcomes. This has been revealed through our engagements with local authorities. This will continue to be PANITA's focus as we move along in the implementation trajectory of our five years strategic plan.
- o Availability of resources for carrying out Advocacy meetings, TV and radio sessions, remains to be a challenge however with the additional fund from CRS PANITA has managed to move the nutrition advocacy agenda to the lower level in the district of Mbeya rural, Mbarali and Mbeya city councils.



*Bilateral advocacy meeting on Nutrition as Development Agenda with members of the Council from Mbeya City Council.*

- o A resource gap among PANITA members has been evident for conducting nutrition interventions that will have significant impact in reducing malnutrition. In addressing that, PANITA is trying to device mechanism on how members collaborate within themselves and other stakeholders e.g. the ASTUTE program where the Secretariat on behalf of members collaborated with IMA World health in the Consortium and agreed in principle PANITA members will be exclusively the implementing agent for the community interventions that will be carried out by CSO's. This project has capacity strengthening component that is expected to elevate both their organizations governance as well as technical ability to carry out both specific and sensitive nutrition intervention in the ASTUTE regions (namely Mwanza, Geita, Kagera, Kigoma and Shinyanga).
- o Advocacy capacity among PANITA members is still weak, however capacity building workshops were conducted to enable them acquire more skills that will help them to conduct meaningful advocacy at district level. This will be a continuous effort under the current strategic plan given availability of resources.
- o Inadequate number of articles and documentaries on nutrition. This is a missed opportunity for community to acquire important knowledge on nutrition. We believe that the spirit that was shown during the journalist competition will continue and that more articles on nutrition will be sustain so as to increase public awareness on nutrition.
- o The current guideline for reconstituting of District Nutrition Steering Committee is not firmly adhered to, particularly on the selection of CSO representatives. PANITA will continue to influence this process given the availability of space to engage on the same.

## 5.0

# SUSTAINABILITY

Since its inception PANITA has and continues to full fill its mandate based on its long and medium term objectives as stipulated in MEMART and five years strategic plan (2015-20). The main focus has been on: advocacy, networking and coalition building, capacity building of members, information sharing; and organization development and sustainability. The quest to achieve long term sustainability of PANITA has been core to its strategic direction and engagement underpinned in its medium term strategy. This matter is further addressed through three pillars: improved institutional technical, governance and accountability framework; Member's capacity enhancement; increased institutional visibility and external engagements, both nationally and globally. These efforts are expected to culminate into financial sustainability.

One aspect of PANITA financial sustainability relates to ability of PANITA to generate funds to cover its core operations. In this regard it will be paramount for PANITA to showcase its results and contributions that it make to improve nutrition situation in the country within the framework of national policies, strategies and plans. Other aspects of PANITA sustainability relates to setting up and maintaining Operating Reserve Fund and strengthen ability of PANITA to sell services at some cost coverage rate/ fees; one of good options for achieving this is to operationalize business development unit. The generated revenues will in turn fund non-profit work of PANITA.

# 6.0

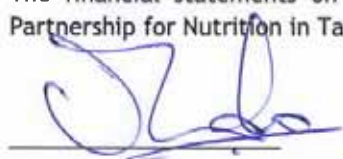
## FINANCIAL REPORT

### PARTNERSHIP FOR NUTRITION IN TANZANIA AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	Year Ended 31-Dec-16	Year Ended 31-Dec-15
<b>Income</b>		<b>TZS</b>	<b>TZS</b>
Grant revenue	5	1,360,164,080	521,777,480
Donation and other income	6	36,471,735	3,073,828
Programme income	13	43,613,069	4,895,000
<b>Total programme income</b>		<b>1,440,248,884</b>	<b>529,746,308</b>
<b>Less expenditure</b>			
Personnel costs	14	500,678,964	260,321,676
Contractual costs	15	42,373,526	20,146,103
Supplies	16	12,135,668	13,427,099
Equipment	17	54,701,423	23,739,233
Travel & meeting expenses	18	534,478,312	169,141,363
Other Expenses	19	201,416,717	41,812,796
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,345,784,610</b>	<b>528,588,270</b>
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure</b>		<b>94,464,274</b>	<b>1,158,038</b>
Balance brought forward		1,158,038	-
<b>Total balance</b>		<b>95,622,312</b>	<b>1,158,038</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalent	20	778,962,925	654,810,150
Deferred Income	21	(672,024,734)	(673,827,667)
Accounts payables and accruals	22	(223,402,219)	(30,125,231)
Receivables and prepayments	23	212,086,340	50,300,786
		<b>95,622,312</b>	<b>1,158,038</b>

The financial statements on page 14 to 22 were approved by the Board of Directors of Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania on 27/10 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Tumaini Mikindo  
Executive Director



Dr. Rose Rita Kingamkono  
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## 7.0

# CONCLUSION

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It was envisaged from the beginning that, the implementation of the strategic objective will be gradual, starting from those objectives related to the building and strengthening of core organizational elements at the secretariat, followed by zonal coordination and to the objectives that related to members activities. This has been very vivid from what was accomplished in the first year of implementing the strategic plan. This has been possible with the funding that PANITA received from Irish Aid, through Reducing Malnutrition through Advocacy and Coordination (ReMAC) project. It is worthy to note that Irish Aid has been the main donor to PANITA since its inception. Also PANITA received additional support from other donors and supporters such as Graça Machel Trust, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), US Alliance against Hunger and New Venture Fund. All these projects were aligned and supported the objectives of the strategic plan 2015-20. PANITA would like to compliment all donors for the generous support that contributed to this remarkable accomplishment.

All nutrition stakeholders in the country are now implementing National Multisectoral Nutrition Action plan (NMNAP), upon which PANITA strategic plan do align. While PANITA strive on accomplishment of its objectives which are: Advocacy and promote nutrition awareness; Coordination and facilitation of Capacity Building of CSO and Resources Mobilization, we are convinced that building upon the foundation of strategic collaboration that we have with donors, the government and other nutrition stakeholder will open even more doors for the success of our strategic plan in the remaining years.



# 8.0

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX1: REPORTS FROM ZONES

#### 1) CENTRAL ZONE

**Regions:** Manyara, Singida and Dodoma

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Non-Governmental Organization Network of Dodoma (NGONEDO)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Mr. Edward Mbogo

#### Advocacy at District and Regional level

During the year 2016, NGONEDO received support from PANITA and conducted 2 Regional advocacy dialogue meetings on Nutrition in Dodoma and Singida regions. These meetings involved PANITA members and government Nutrition officers at district and regional levels which deliberated on the status of nutrition in the respective regions. All the dialogue sessions in the 2 regions were officiated by respective regional Administrative Secretaries. Both advocacy dialogue meetings resolved to advocate for increased resources allocation for nutrition interventions, and regular reporting of progress of nutrition interventions carried out by various stakeholder from their localities, as well as close coordination by respective Nutrition district steering committees. The dialogue meeting in Dodoma prompted the government to issue the by-law preventing horticulture activities around Swaswa Sewage dams, due to food safety.



*Homestead garden is integral part of food system which addresses food security and malnutrition as well as income and livelihood – (MACISNET) PANITA Member Babati*



*Hanang District Nutrition Officer Ms. Marry Massawe Leading the Nutrition Education and Cooking Demonstration session at Health facility when she was visited by PANITA – Zonal Coordinator. (NGONEDO)- PANITA Member Dodoma*

#### Engagement with Nutrition Officers:

PANITA zonal coordinator managed to visits some of the District nutrition officers for discussions and follow ups on member's representatives in the district nutrition steering committees. Among the councils visited include Mpwapwa DC, Kongwa DC, Bahi DC, Chamwino DC, Singida MC, Singida DC, and Ikungi DC.

## Member's visits and support:

Zonal Coordinator visited PANITA members in 10 districts out of 19 districts in the zone. The visits aimed at monitoring the progress of members' activities and provided supportive supervision accordingly.

## 2) EASTERN ZONE

**Regions:** Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** The Center for Counseling, Food and Nutrition (CECOFON)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Mrs. Gaudensia Donati

### Advocacy activities at local & Regional level

CECOFON with support from PANITA organized Eastern Zone Nutrition Stakeholders' Dialogue in Morogoro. Among 37 Participants, were PANITA members who are representatives of CSOs in the district nutrition steering committees in their respective councils, District nutrition officers from Dar es Salaam, Pwani and Morogoro Regions and regional Nutrition officer and District Medical Officer from Morogoro region. The guest of honour was Morogoro Region Commissioner (RC), Honorable Dr. Steven Kebwe. He insisted on strengthening collaboration among all nutrition stakeholders for realisation of improved nutrition outcomes. The meeting had the following objectives: To strengthening PANITA member's contributions to the performance of District Nutrition Steering Committees and to strengthen partnerships and collaboration and feedback among all nutrition stakeholders.

Participants from each region assessed the nutrition indicators for stunting, birth weight, wasting and maternal anemia. Apparently it was very clear that the performance is low in all regions. Therefore, participants from each region prepared a joint regional nutrition action plans to be shared and implemented by all stakeholders in their respective regions.

### Civil Society Organizations Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) visit

In Dec 2016 a delegation of 7 people from Civil Society Organisations Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) visited Tanzania on a 5 days cross learning visit. The objective of the cross learning visit was to enhance the knowledge, skills, and interest of CSONA district nutrition CSO platforms in planning and executing district level nutrition advocacy initiatives in order to create nutrition impact at community, district and national level. CSONA expected to learn from the model of PANITA on what works and what doesn't work in areas of nutrition coordinating. Meetings were scheduled with PANITA secretariat, other nutrition stakeholders from Government, Development partners and a visit to one of the district under PANITA coordination.

The delegation travelled to Morogoro region to meet with PANITA members from the region.

The zonal coordinator explained to the delegation some of her roles as a zonal coordinator. The delegation conducted field visit to PANITA members around Morogoro region. They had an opportunity to visit the following PANITA members: Irrigation Training Economic Empowerment Organization (IRTECO) conducts projects on School Nutrition Sensitization program Education of good nutrition practice at house hold level, Horticulture, Training on good, clean and fair food by encouraging the establishment of community gardens. They visited horticulture project of Mkwajuni Youth Economic group, organised by CECOFOFON. They also visited UMWEMA group and (HACOCA) dealing with Social and Behavior Change Communication on maternal and child nutrition.

On the final day of the trip the delegation paid a Courtesy call to the Morogoro Regional Commissioner's office, they had discussion with Morogoro RC Dr Kebwe Stephen Kebwe. He explained how Regional government is working with CSOs at local level in fighting malnutrition.



*CSONA team together with PANITA Members listening to PANITA Zonal Coordinator Ms. Gaudensia Donati sharing experience on Zonal Coordination mechanism used by PANITA.*

### 3) NORTHERN ZONE

**Regions:** Tanga, Kilimanjaro and Arusha

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Arusha Non - Governmental Network (ANGONET)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Mr. Peter Bayo

#### Advocacy at District and Regional Level

Meetings were conducted in all regions for strengthening the partnership between CSOs and the Government in Scaling up nutrition. These meetings resulted into important resolutions such as: Strengthening of both Region and District Nutrition Steering Committees. The Government at both Regional and District levels agreed to work together with CSOs in Scaling up Nutrition (Arusha Kilimanjaro and Tanga). Regional Administrative Secretary in Northern zone agreed to be nutrition champions and committed to actively take part in combating malnutrition in their respective regions.

#### Zonal review meeting

In April 2016, PANITA held two days zonal review and capacity building meeting to PANITA member's organizations in the northern zone at CGR Hotel in Arusha. The aim of the meeting was to share the knowledge experience and challenges that members face at community and district levels, and to present annual nutrition activities reports that members implemented in their respective communities. Capacity building sessions were on organizations governance, M&E and on nutrition issues like National programme on food fortification.

#### Monitoring Visit

The monitoring visit was conducted in April 2016; this involved visiting five PANITA members located around Arusha Municipality. The following members were visited: Maarifa ni Ufunguo; Business and Entrepreneurship Support Tanzania (BEST); Elimu Community Light (ECOLI); Maasai Pastoralist Development Organization-LARETO (MPDO-LARETO) and Arusha NGO Network (ANGONET)

The objectives of the visit were: to get the first hand information and see the real situation of their working environment; to learn and provide supportive supervision as a back stopping mechanism to Zonal coordinator as well as members on implementation of nutrition interventions and to follow up on involvement of PANITA members in District Nutrition steering committees



*PANITA Program Coordinator, Jane Msagati (left) admiring an exclusive breast fed baby held by her mom at ECOL office in Arusha during the monitoring Visit.*

#### 4) SOUTH WESTERN HIGHLANDS ZONE

**REGIONS:** Mbeya, Songwe, Rukwa and Katavi

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Community Economic Empowerment and Legal Support (CEELS)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Mr. Daniel Mtweve

##### **Advocacy at District and Regional level**

CEELS with support from PANITA organized PANITA members meeting in Mbeya. The meeting explored potential PANITA members and discussed achievements and challenges in pushing nutrition agenda as development agenda. Zonal Coordinator visited and made follow up to some PANITA members in Rukwa and Mbeya regions and conducted membership drive in collaboration with PANITA Secretariat. Nutrition dialogues meetings for advocacy in Rukwa and Katavi regions were conducted. As a result Regional and District nutrition steering committees in Rukwa Region are activated.

##### **Engagement with Nutrition Officers**

District Nutrition officers were visited with the aim of raising the visibility of PANITA and improving the working relations between CSOs and the government. PANITA Members are also encouraged to develop good working relationships with the Government and other stakeholders. There are some notable improvements in working relationships between PANITA members and government across the zone.

#### 5) SOUTHERN ZONE

**Regions:** Lindi and Mtwara

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Kikundi Mwavuli (KIMWAM)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Fidea Luanda

##### **Advocacy at District and Regional level**

Through support from PANITA, KIMWAM conducted advocacy meetings to highlight malnutrition status in Southern Zone (Lindi and Mtwara). Meetings comprising a total of 37 participants, from Mtwara MC, Mtwara DC, Lindi MC and Lindi DC. The aim was to advocate for prioritization of nutrition plans and allocation of funds for nutrition. The following government officials were involved: District Executive Directors, District Nutrition Officers, Health Officers, Planning Officers, Agricultural Officers, Councilors, Members of the district nutrition steering committee (NGO's), Media and Religious leaders. It was clear that malnutrition is still a major challenge in Southern regions augmented with low intake of iodized



salt. These dialogue meetings were used as a platform for bringing together nutrition stakeholders in the regions. Some important resolutions were as follows: To ensure District Nutrition Steering Committees' quarterly meetings; Preparation of fundraising strategy for Nutrition Intervention; To Strengthen relationship between CSOs and District Nutrition Officers and to declare nutrition an outstanding agenda in all councils meetings.

### Engagements with District Nutrition Officers

Zonal coordinator collaborated with District Nutrition Officers in Mtwara and accomplish the following: Preparation of an action plan for nutrition interventions and resource mobilization for 2017; To organize District Nutrition Steering Committee meetings in Mtwara MC and Mtwara DC; participated in a "use iodated salt" campaign in Mtwara DC.

### Engagement with members

A total of 26 members in five districts of Lindi and Mtwara Region were visited resulted into improved working relations between zonal coordinator and members; To Know PANITA members, their activities and working station, their capacity, achievements and the challenges faced and follow-up on PANITA members of District Nutrition Steering Committee.

## 6) WEST LAKE ZONE

**Regions:** Shinyanga, Geita and Bukoba

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** The foundation of Human Health Society (HUHESO)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Mr. Juma Mwesigwa

### Members Engagements

20 PANITA member organizations were visited for supportive supervision in Kagera, Shinyanga and Geita regions and a total of 15 new members were recruited.

### Advocacy at District and Regional level



*Nutrition Zonal Dialogue - Shinyanga*

Zonal coordinator with support from PANITA organized the nutrition dialogue meeting in Shinyanga MC, 60 nutrition stakeholders participated in the dialogue. Participants were Shinyanga Region government officials from Departments of Community Development, Agriculture & Livestock development, education, water and sanitation and Health, PANITA members and other nutrition stakeholder and the Media. The guest of honour was Regional Medical Officer.

### Important resolutions were:

- Reviving Nutrition Steering Committees at Regional and District levels.
- Prioritization of nutrition Plans and budget at Council level.

- Working relationship among all nutrition stakeholder should be improved
- Provision of nutrition education to the community.

### Engagement with District Nutrition Officers

Visits to District nutritional officers in 20 Councils were conducted for improvement of working relationships between CSOs and the government.

## 7) WESTERN ZONE

**Regions:** Kigoma and Tabora

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** UMOJA WA WAWEZESHAJI KIOO

**Zonal Coordinator:** Edward Saimon

### Advocacy at District and Regional level

Zonal Coordinator received financial support from PANITA and organized nutrition advocacy roundtable with members of Region nutrition committees in Tabora and Kigoma. The objectives were: To advocate for the establishment and/or strengthening of both regional and district nutrition steering committees and awareness on nutrition status within the regions.

The meeting offered an opportunity for participants to reflect on the magnitude of malnutrition problem in their regions and importance of nutrition during the first 1000 days in reducing stunting levels. The relationship between nutrition and economic development was well understood. They all agreed with one accord on prioritisation of nutrition in planning and budgeting at the council levels.

### District Level Score Cards

PANITA has been working with the institute of Development studies (IDS) of the Sussex University UK on the use of Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HANCI) as an advocacy tool for engaging political leaders around hunger and nutrition. The focus now is implementation, and translating national level political commitment to effective policies at sub-national level. In order to understand how a measure of commitment at the sub-national level might be possible, IDS together with PANITA worked on identification of indicators might be useful as part of a score card measuring district level commitment. Meetings were conducted in August 2016, with Kigoma and Morogoro district officials and PANITA members working at the subnational level, to share the score cards and discuss their potential utility as advocacy tools. Additionally, since the TFNC is currently engaged in drafting national level score cards, IDS and PANITA will seek to collaborate with the TFNC to support this process by suggesting potential new indicators that could be incorporated into the national score cards, or by supporting the TFNC and others to use these score cards as effective advocacy tools.



*Harmonization workshop of National Nutrition Scorecard indicators held at TFNC – Dar es salaam*

## Engagement with members

Staff from PANITA Secretariat conducted monitoring visit to members around Kigoma MC. It was an opportunity for our members to showcase how they mainstream nutrition in their different interventions that they undertake.

### 8) ZANZIBAR ZONE

**Regions:** Unguja and Pemba Islands

**Zone Coordinating CSO:** Pemba Rapid Development Organization (PRADO)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Abdulkarim Mussa

#### Advocacy at District Level

Zanzibar zonal coordinator was one of the participants in a meeting of key nutrition stakeholder chaired by the head of the Department of Food Security and Nutrition Pemba to discuss the establishment of District Nutrition Committee in Pemba and initiate discussions on positioning of nutrition in government structures since there are Nutrition Officers from Ministry of Health and Food Security and from Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.



*PANITA Executive Director Tumaini Mikindo (first left) Discusses with members of Tunda Jema Cooperate Society from Pemba on their involvement on mother and children care, nutrition as well as promoting organic agriculture on vegetable growing, during his visit to PANITA members in Ole and Gando province of Pemba.*

Two meetings was conducted, one Pemba with Municipal Councils, District Nutrition Officers and PANITA members and one at Unguja with Urban and West districts Municipal councils and District Nutrition Officers to discuss the nutrition status in Pemba and Unguja and the ways of which nutrition stake holders can work together.

Two nutrition dialogues meetings were conducted in Pemba and Unguja to address the current situation of anemia and nutrition in Zanzibar. Pemba dialogue was inaugurated by Chake Chake District Commissioner and Unguja by Hon Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare of Zanzibar. The dialogues aimed to raise awareness and find collaborative ways to fight malnutrition in isles. PANITA secretariat provided financial support for these meetings. The following were the resolutions: Zonal coordinating Organization have to work closely with Department of Food Security and Nutrition in the process of establishing District Nutrition Committee in Pemba and Unguja.

#### Outstanding Activities from members

PRADO worked very closely with Department of Health Prevention in Pemba during the cholera outbreak in Pemba. Together they provided education on WASH to communities in Wete and Micheweni Districts through Shehia community meetings.

#### Engagement with members

During this period, monitoring visits to members were conducted by Zonal coordinators and Secretariat, both in Pemba and Zanzibar to discuss member's obligation towards fighting nutrition in their localities, current structure and direction of PANITA towards nutrition advocacy at local level.

### 9) WESTERN HIGHLANDS ZONE

**Regions:** Ruvuma, Njombe, Iringa and Njombe

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Afya Women

**Zonal Coordinator:** Thabit Msofe



## Advocacy at District and Regional level

Regional and district nutritional officers were visited for the purpose of introducing PANITA. All Regional nutritional officers and 13 District Nutrition Officers recognize the work of CSOs in the grassroots level and promised to collaborate with all CSOs in their respective areas.

## Engagement with members

All members were visited and had opportunity to showcase their nutritional related activities and other initiatives in the respective districts in towards fighting malnutrition. Zonal review and capacity building meeting was also conducted, PANITA zonal review meetings are forums where members meet and share different experiences and challenges in order to foster cross learning among members. TIENAL a member from

## 10) EAST LAKE ZONE

**Regions:** Mara, Mwanza, Simiyu

**Zonal Coordinating CSO:** Mass Media Bariadi (MMB)

**Zonal Coordinator:** Frank Kasamwa

## Advocacy at District and Regional level

PANITA supported MMB to conduct Regional Nutrition advocacy dialogues in Simiyu Region to sensitize nutrition stakeholders on the mainstreaming and integration of nutrition in the planning and implementing various activities in Councils. The Participants were; DEDs, District Planning Officers, DMOs, District Agriculture officers, Regional Medical officer, District Nutritionists from all six councils and Representatives from Implementing Partners and other nutrition stakeholders. Objectives were: To strengthen District Nutrition steering Committees; To Advocating Councils to allocate budget for nutritional interventions; To share experiences and exchange information on the challenges in the implementation of Nutrition interventions in the respective localities for better future action so as to contribute to more and effective results of respective intervention in regions/districts.



*Zonal dialogue Meeting in East Lake Zone – Mass Media Bariadi - PANITA Member Simiyu*

Action plan was prepared, with the following action points: Provision of nutrition education to decision makers and government officials; to prioritize nutritional activities during council budgeting and funds allocation; Increase number of nutrition personnel in regions; to strengthen mult sectoral coordination mechanism, resource mobilization and advocacy and to reinforce function ability of nutrition steering committees at regional and council levels.

## Media:

Throughout the implementation of nutritional issues some PANITA members have done their activities through media. For example the use of journalists, Newspapers radio and Television.



## ANNEX 2: PANITA members in District Nutrition Steering Committees as of December 2016

S/N	REGION	DISTRICT COUNCIL	CSO Representatives
1.	Shinyanga	Kahama TC	The Foundation of Human Health Society (HUHESO Foundation)
		Ushetu DC	Nutribase Organization
		Msalala DC	Kahama Medical Cultural Troupe(KMCT)
		Shinyanga MC	Modern Education and Culture Group (MECEG)
		Shinyanga DC	The Voice of Marginalized Community (TVMC)
		Bukombe DC	The Foundation of Human Health Society (HUHESO Foundation)
2.	Kagera	Misenyi DC	Misenyi AIDS& Poverty Eradication Crusade (MAPEC)
		Bukoba MC	Tanzania Development and AIDS Prevention Association (TADEPA)
		Karagwe DC	Human Development and Relief Services (HUDERES)
3.	Geita	Geita TC	Roman Catholic Diocese of Geita (RCDG)
4.	Singida	Ikungi DC	Save Mother and Children of Central Tanganyika (SMCCT)
		Singida DC	Save Mother and Children of Central Tanganyika (SMCCT)
		Singida MC	Save Mother and Children of Central Tanganyika (SMCCT)
		Mkalama DC	Save Mother and Children of Central Tanganyika (SMCCT)
		Manyoni DC	Mfuko wa Elimu Manyoni (MEMA)
5.	Dodoma	Dodoma MC	Non-Governmental Organization Network of Dodoma (NGONEDO)
		Kongwa DC	UMWEMA Group
		Bahi DC	Sharing Worlds
		Chamwino DC	Sharing Worlds
		Mpwapwa DC	Mpwapwa Integrated Development Organization (MIDO)
6.	Manyara	Babati TC	Manyara Civil Society Organizations Network (MACSNET)
		Hanang DC	Manyara Civil Society Organizations Network (MACSNET)
		Mbulu DC	Community Support Initiatives Tanzania(COSITA)
		Babati DC	Community Support Initiatives Tanzania(COSITA)
		Babati TC	Community Support Initiatives Tanzania (COSITA)
		Kiteto DC, Simanjiro DC	KINNAPA

7.	Mwanza	Magu DC	Kikundi cha Furahisha Magu (FURAHISHA)
		Ilemela DC	Baraka Good Hope Orphans Development (BAGODE)
		Mwanza CC	Baraka Good Hope Orphans Development (BAGODE)
		Kwimba DC	Baraka Good Hope Orphans Development (BAGODE)
8.	Simiyu	Bariadi DC	Equatorial Lakeside Action (ELAAC)
		Bariadi TC	Mass Media Bariadi (MMB)
9.	Mara	Tarime TC	Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA)
		Musoma DC	Social Economic Development Trust Fund (SEDITIF)
		Butiama DC	Victoria Metal Products Organizations (VIMEPRO)
10.	Pwani	Kibaha TC	Pwani Development Promotion Agency (DPA Pwani)
		Kisarawe DC	Kilwa Non- Governmental Network (KINGONET)
		Chalinze DC	Coast Region Eradication Fund (COPEF)
11.	Morogoro	Morogoro DC	Umwema Group
		Morogoro MC	Center for Counselling Food and Nutrition (CECOFON)
		Kilosa DC	Huruma Aids Concern and Care (HACOCA)
		Gairo DC	Sustainable Holistic Initiatives Organization (SHIO)
		Kilombero DC	Kilombero Group for Community development (KGCD)
		Malinyi DC	Community Environmental Management and Development Organization (CEMDO-Tanzania)
12.	Tanga	Tanga MC	Tanga Civil Societies Coalition (TASCO)
		Tanga DC	Centre for Informal Sector Promotion (CISP)
		Korogwe DC	Tanzania Livelihoods Skills Development and Advocacy Foundation (TASIDA)
13.	Kilimanjaro	Hai DC	Hai Non-Governmental Organization Network (HANGO)
14.	Arusha	Arusha MC	Arusha NGO Network (ANGONET)
		Karatu DC	The Multi-Environmental society (MESO)
		Monduli DC	Monduli orphans project (MOP)
15.	Rukwa	Sumbawanga MC	All Saints Anglican Parish Sumbawanga
		Sumbawanga DC	Kaengesa Environmental Conservations Society (KAESO)
		Kalambo DC	Community Economic Empowerment and Legal Support (CEELS)
16.	Mbeya	Mbarali DC	Kilio Cha Waathirika na Waathiriwa wa UKIMWI Tanzania (KIWWAUTA)
17.	Songwe	Mbozi DC	Action Development Program (ADP) Mbozi
18.	Njombe	Ludewa DC	Asasi ya Kuhudumia Wajane, wagane na yatima (AKWAYA)

		Njombe DC	Community concerns of Orphans and development association (COCODA)
19.	Ruvuma	Songea DC	Songea Para Legal Centre (SOPCE)
20.	Iringa	Iringa MC	Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA)
		Mfindi DC	Afya Women Group (AWG)
		Makete DC	Evangelical Lutherans Church in Tanzania (ELCT)
		Wanging'ombe DC	Njombe Agriculture Development Organization (NADO)
		Iringa DC	ALAMANO
		Kilolo DC	Ilula Orphan Program (IOP)
21	Kigoma	Uvinza DC	Umoja wa Wawezeshaji (KIOO)
22.	Mtwara	Mtwara DC	Mtwara Economic Development Initiatives (MEDI) & Mtwara District NGOs Network (MTWANGONET)
		Mtwara MC	(Kikundi Mwamvuli Mtwara) (KIMWAM) & Mtwara Society Against Poverty (MSOAPO)
		Tandahimba DC	Asasi ya Vijana na Watoto Tandahimba (AVIWATA)
		Masasi DC	KIMAS
		Nanyumbu DC	Nanyumbu Development Foundation (NADEFO)
23.	Lindi	Lindi DC	Lindi Support Agency for Welfare (LISAWA)
		Ruangwa DC	Kilwa Non- Governmental Network (KINGONET)
		Kilwa DC	Ruangwa Organization for Poverty Alleviation (ROPA) Ruangwa Non-Governmental Network (RUANGONET)
		Lindi MC	Patronage in Environmental Management and Health Care Warriors (PEMWA)
		Liwale DC	Mtandao wa Wanawake na Maendeleo Liwale (WAMALI)

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