

PANITA PROFILE | 2020



PANITA

“Catalyst to end malnutrition in Tanzania”

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BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

PANITA – Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania - is a coalition of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) across the country dedicated to building the political and public-will, commitment and support to end malnutrition in Tanzania. Besides, members are engaging both specific and sensitive nutrition interventions at their localities.

It was established in 2010 through technical and financial support from Save the Children International (SCI), UNICEF and Irish Aid. PANITA as a platform for CSOs is working to provide technical support, sharing of information, learning space and synergy on nutrition advocacy both at national and local level. The members have become positive catalyst in enhancing Nutrition Sensitive and Specific activities within their localities; Sensitive sectors include but not limited to: Agriculture, Education, Health, Community Development, Gender, WASH, Livestock and fisheries etc.

PANITA operates in all regions in Tanzania through 346 members; activities are coordinated in the 10 geographical Zones; this has made it to have wider coverage across the country, where most of our members work at community level and contributing greatly in residing nutrition awareness at community level, particularly in rural areas.



Matumaini Group together with PANITA staff and Geita Diocese posing for a group photo in their vegetable farm at Nkome ward during a monitoring visit.

1.2 The Vision

The Vision of PANITA is “A Tanzania that is free from malnutrition”.

1.3 Mission

The mission of the Partnership is to advance advocacy efforts, improve coordination and reduce malnutrition by strengthening the capacity and increased mobilization and coordination of the CSOs, the media and other development partners to facilitate a more effective national and local response to addressing malnutrition.

1.4 Core Values

In pursuing objectives of the network PANITA is be accountable to the following core values:-

- i. Volunteerism
- ii. Professionalism
- iii. Excellence
- iv. Integrity
- v. Accountability
- vi. Responsibility
- vii. Transparency
- viii. Quality & Standards



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OBJECTIVES OF PANITA

2.1 Primary Objectives

1. To establish and maintain a vibrant national civil society platform covering all nutrition relevant sector in order to facilitate exchange of information, advocate for policy improvement and foster a dialogue on strategic nutrition issues in Tanzania.
2. To build capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders to engage more effectively in quality service, planning and policy processes.
3. To advocate for increased prioritization of nutrition at community to national level development plans.
4. To implement projects/programs and conduct research in collaboration with its members and other stakeholders all over the country to foster wellbeing of Tanzanian community in areas of Nutrition, Health, Reproductive Maternal Child and Adolescent, Youth, Education, Gender, Water and Sanitation (WASH), Nutrition sensitive agriculture, Social Protection and other cross cutting sectors.

2.2 Secondary Objectives

- To disseminate information on PANITA's mission, vision, objectives and activities on preventing and controlling malnutrition in Tanzania.



- To foster organizational capacities in actions to scaling up Nutrition among members of the partnership including recruiting staff of the national secretariat and nominating zonal level coordinators.
- To do fund raising activities for the purposes of sustaining the existence of PANITA from legal sources of funds in and outside the United Republic of Tanzania.
- To recruit members whose main focus is on nutrition and nutrition sensitive interventions which and are seriously committed to expand and strengthen issues of Nutrition all over Tanzania.
- To establish a structural mechanism so as to enable full participation of members in PANITA's programs.
- To do all such other lawful things as incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and purposes of PANITA



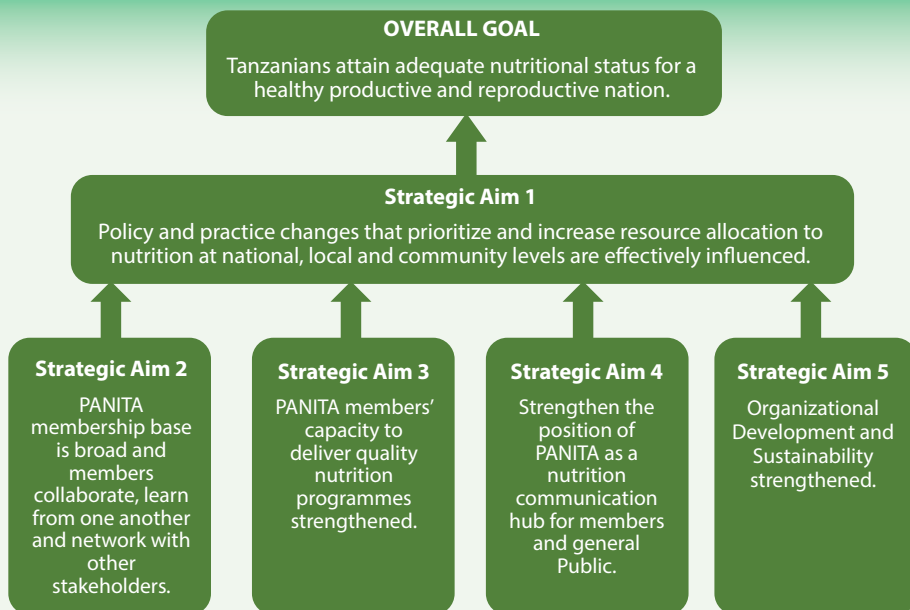
CSO Members capacity building session.

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THE STRATEGY

PANITA Strategy 2015-2020, defines strategic directions, goals and guiding principles, governance structure and ways of working. Under this new strategy PANITA has also highlighted the roles of members in advancing the efforts for scaling up nutrition.

PANITA FIVE YEARS STRATEGIC GOALS



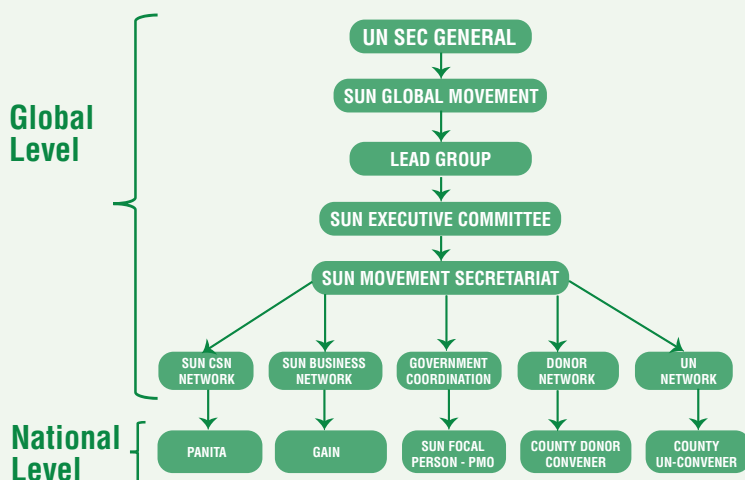
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PANITA AND SCALING UP NUTRITION (SUN) GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Tanzania joined SUN as early riser in 2011, with coordination of the activities being spearheaded by Prime Minister's office, under the SUN Focal Person who is the Director of the Government Business Coordination.

PANITA is the official Civil Society Alliance for moving forward Scaling Up Nutrition in Tanzania. Other networks include: Business Network, Donor Network, UN Agencies Network and the Government. PANITA has a seat in the High-Level Nutrition Steering Committee which is formally in charge of SUN Movement in Tanzania, and PANITA members joins Regional and Council Multi sectoral Steering Committees on Nutrition in their respective Regions and councils.

SUN COORDINATION SYSTEM





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ACTIVITIES

PANITA is a SUN Civil Society Alliance in Tanzania that engages closely with Government at all levels through its Secretariat and CSO Members all over the country in areas of capacity building on advocacy and raising awareness on nutrition, implementation of nutrition intervention at local level by CSO Members with substantial technical and backstopping support from the Secretariat.



PANITA advocates for better nutrition through influencing Government allocation and disbursement of funds for nutrition interventions, improving working conditions of Regional and District nutrition Officers as well as building their capacities to coordinate and supervise nutrition interventions at District levels. Particularly, PANITA is catalyzing investment for nutrition and contributing in the policy processes that accelerate reduction of malnutrition in the country through:



- Engagement with National fora such as: High Level Steering Committee for Nutrition, Joint Multi-sectoral Nutrition Annual Review Meeting (JMNR), Nutrition Compact Review, the Technical Working Group for Nutrition and Development Partner Group on Nutrition (DPG-N).
- Capacity of building of CSO Members and key stakeholders such as MP's, Religious leaders, Media etc on improving nutrition and its role in the nation development agenda.
- Communication and Media engagement to disseminate nutrition education to the public.
- Working with CSOs to improve Nutrition awareness in the community
- CSO Members engaging in nutrition dialogue through Regional and Council Multisectoral Steering Committee on Nutrition.
- Contributing towards implementation of the National Multisectoral Nutrition Governance at the National, Regional and District level. Where PANITA is responsible for:
 - ⇒ Conduct advocacy meetings on nutrition for MPs, RCs, DCs, Counsellors, RAS, DEDs and other influential people.
 - ⇒ Support Member of Parliament Group on Nutrition Food Security and Children Right (PGNFSCR) to review their nutrition strategic plan.
 - ⇒ Coordinate the implementation of NMNAP from all CSO's members.
 - ⇒ In collaboration with other stakeholders PANITA contributes to the implementation of the following NMNAP activities:
 - Work with the government to Review and dissemination of Term of Reference for Regional and Council Nutrition Steering Committees (R/CNSCs), development of indicators and joint supervision guideline.
 - Working together with the Government to monitor the implementation of Nutrition intervention within NMNAP.

- Working with the government to prepare and disseminate policy briefs on key nutrition issues to guide policy makers and other actors.
- Working with the government and other stakeholders to review and develop Nutrition Advocacy materials and tools (Radio programs, TV documentaries, printed materials, power point presentations)
- Participate and contribute on annual zonal planning and budgeting meetings with regions and Local Government Authority LGAs) Multisectoral teams.
- Working with government to establish a Joint National NMNAP Resource Mobilization Committee (JNRMC) and conduct quarterly working sessions.
- Develop operational guidelines on good governance for effective implementation of NMNAP.
- Work with the government to conduct mapping of nutrition stakeholders (interventions and geography).



Launch of the second Strategic Plan for Parliamentarians Group on Nutrition Food Security and Children Rights 2020 – 2025 by Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania

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ACHIEVEMENTS

6.1 Advocacy at National and Local level

- PANITA has been representing members and spearheading advocacy activities that focuses on improving enabling environment, increased investment specifically from domestic resources for improved nutrition; at national levels through fora such as: the High Level Steering Committee for Nutrition, Joint Multi-sectoral Nutrition Annual Review Meeting (JMNR), Nutrition Compact Review, the Technical Working Group for Nutrition and Development Partner Group on Nutrition (DPG-N).
- PANITA members are actively engaging with regional and council authorities through Regional and Council Multisectoral Steering Committee on Nutrition meetings to advocate for domestic resource mobilization and its governance for nutrition.
- The Platform has been successful in engaging with the political machinery of the country; by creating an advocates group of Parliamentarians as nutrition champions advocating for more domestic resources for nutrition.
- PANITA assisted the Members of Parliament Group on Child rights, Food Security and Nutrition to develop and launch second Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025.
- Awareness on nutrition among decision makers on the role of nutrition on improving livelihood and development at Large.

- PANITA also Participated in development of policy frameworks such as NMNAP 2016-21, Terms of Reference for Regional and Council Multisectoral Nutrition Steering Committee and its toolkit for Supportive supervision which guide the implementation of nutrition activities in the country.
- PANITA contributed to the recruitment of National Nutrition Champion Vice President of United Republic of Tanzania Her Excellence Samia Suluhu Hassan.

6.2 Media Engagement

PANITA has always strived to nurture engagement and maintain good working relationship with media based in its medium and long-term objectives. This has been built on the foundation of mutual benefits and trust; as well as capacity building with Journalists and media houses at large. This interaction has targeted both national and local level Journalists, radios, TVs, newspaper. This is relevant to PANITA's work given the fact that Media is a crucial partner in providing education, raising public awareness and shaping the public in matters related to nutrition and Health. This relationship aims at maximizing the synergistic effect of both parties in spearheading the flow of information through media houses; while providing reciprocal feedback to PANITA communication channels to the CSO members and the general public at large.

6.3 International Engagement

- Increased global branding and expanded involvement of PANITA as institution and of its senior officials in SUN movement structure and initiatives (e.g. Tumaini Mikindo who is Executive Director of PANITA being the Co-Chair of SUN Executive Committee & SUN Global Civil Society oversight committee.)
- PANITA is a learning model for SUN CSA for growth and sustainability path of CSA respectively. PANITA with CSO platform from PERU have been taken as a model CSA plat forms under SUN for learning.

- PANITA has a solid MEAL framework and system aligned with PANITA Strategic Plan (2015-2019). SUN CSN has used PANITA's experience, successes and challenges faced since its inception as a learning curve to inform the development of guidance materials and developing a community of MEAL champions to advise other CSAs in the future.
- PANITA has managed to forge collaborations with International alliances such as US Alliance against Hunger, Reproductive Maternal New-born Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) under the Graça Machel Trust (GMT), CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition (CAADP-NSAs), East and Southern Africa Regional Civil Society Nutrition Network. National alliances include; Forum for Rural Producers in Tanzania (JUWAVITA) and The White Ribbon Alliance Tanzania. This has enhanced our ability to effectively implement our strategic plan and increased visibility of PANITA both locally and internationally.



Members of Tanzania delegation with SUN Movement Coordinator Gerda Verburg during the SUN Global Gathering 2019 in Nepal November 2019.



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CHALLENGES

Despite the fact that PANITA have shown notable progress in raising the profile of Nutrition across the country, it has not been without challenges. Some of these includes but not limited to:

- Low awareness and understanding of the public on basic nutrition facts, and most of them think nutrition is about having food on the plate.
- Most decision and policy makers have associated nutrition to food security and health issues, while it is beyond these two elements as it involves many other things like Education, Gender, water and sanitation etc.
- Meager national cake - what to prioritize first, sometimes even CSO's do not speak the same language as to what is the priority (Competing priorities such as infrastructure, Health, Education).
- Leaders and the general public have been slow to articulate the long-term effect of malnutrition that develops in the early childhood phase to the negative consequences both socially and economically, to both individuals and the nation at large; thus, nutrition is not seen as a development agenda.
- PANITA has not been able to secure sufficient resources to support core activities such as member's engagement and capacity building and coordination thus improving its seamless institution growth.
- The high political will for nutrition at the top brass of leadership is not translated itself at the regional and district level, thus, lack of prioritization of nutrition issues in council plans and budgets.
- Despite the fact that the government has made substantive progress in instituting a system for data generation at council level; however its access and use has not been fully harnessed both by CSOs and local officials in planning and design of interventions.



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PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED AND FUNDING

Name of the Project	Year	Funded Agency
Working for Better Nutrition	2011-2013	UNICEF through Save the Children
Working for Better Nutrition	2012 -2013	Irish Aid through Save the Children
Reducing Malnutrition through Advocacy and Coordination (ReMAC)	2015-17	Irish Aid
Sub Regional Advocacy Initiative Regional Commissioner for Iringa, Mbeya, Rukwa and Katavi.	2015	Graça Machel Trust (GMT)
Civil Society Engagement: Nutrition for Growth Advocacy Initiative in Tanzania (Engage plus)	2016	New Venture Fund – Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
Role of Nutrition in Development agenda - Key component to achieve sustainable country growth (5yrs Dev. Plan) Mbeya - Region	2016	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)



Pilot Project- Evidence Based District Level Advocacy - Adaptation of the HANCI scorecard for district level in Kigoma and Morogoro District- Institute of Development Studies (2016)	2016	Institute of Development Studies University of Sussex UK
Support PANITA for Reduction of Hunger & Malnutrition in Tanzania (SuPreM)	2016	US Alliance
Reducing Malnutrition through Advocacy and Coordination (ReMAC II)	2018	Irish Aid
Addressing Stunting in Tanzania Early ASTUTE (Mtoto Mwerevu)	2016 -2020	Department for International Development (DFID)
Planning and Coordination for Civil Society Organizations (PLANCORD)	2018	UNICEF
Lishe Endelevu	2018 -2022	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Strengthening Nutrition Advocacy and Building Political Will in Replication Geographies	2018 -2020	Graça Machel Trust (GMT)
Sustainable Action and Advocacy to Reduce Malnutrition in Tanzania (AMKA Project)	2019 -2020	Irish Aid
PANITA Pooled Fund -	2019 -2020	SUN Movement – through UNOPS
Advocacy for ENRICH Project Sustainability in Shinyanga and Singida Regions	2019 -2020	Nutrition International



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PANITA ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY STATEMENT

PANITA – Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania - is a Civil Society Alliance of over 300 CSOs comprising both local and international with geographical span covering the entire country; dedicated to building the political and public-will, commitment and support to end malnutrition in Tanzania. Besides members are engaging in both specific and sensitive nutrition interventions at their localities. Sensitive sectors include but not limited to: Agriculture, Education, Health, Early Childhood Development (ECD), Community Development, Gender, HIV/AIDS, WASH, Livestock and fisheries and other cross-cutting issues.

PANITA operates across the country covering all 36 regions in Tanzania through 346 members; activities are coordinated in the 10 geographical Zones; this has made it to have wider coverage across the country, where most of our members work at community level and contributing greatly in residing nutrition awareness at community level, particularly in rural areas. This has been possible due to extensive capacity building to CSO Members particularly on community engagement techniques, message and communication around WASH, Health, and HIV/AIDS etc.

To date PANITA has implemented the following projects which contributed to the achievements highlighted in this profile:

i) **Working together for Better Nutrition in Tanzania - Irish Aid (2012 -13)**

Irish Aid funded project was implemented through Save the Children Tanzania from 2011 -2013, aimed at mobilizing civil societies to support Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) in Tanzania and strengthen the impact of



advocacy in reduction of malnutrition. The following were the results of this project: Nutrition Partnership was fully formalized and registered in 2013; Development and implementation of advocacy strategy; Media arm of the Partnership established providing critical support to the advocacy work of the Partnership; 35 MPs become “Nutrition Champions”, supporting advocacy work and influencing policy developments at national and regional level; Partnership’s capacity to influence nutrition planning, budgeting and practice at district level is increased.

ii) Reducing Malnutrition through Advocacy and Coordination (ReMAC) was a three years project funded by Irish Aid (Sept. 2015- Sept.2018).

The project addressing the advocacy at higher and Subnational levels, coordination of member’s nutrition activities and to create enabling environment for improved nutrition focusing at advance efforts aiming at improving the nutrition situation in Tanzania.

The project focused on advancing advocacy efforts through effective participation in nutrition Mult-stakeholders fora, worked with key and influential groups, such as politicians, government leaders and religious leaders and enhance effective participation of PANITA members in District nutrition steering Committees. Support PANITA’s institution structures for efficient and effective management of core operations and members’ affairs exemplified in Improved good working interactions between Secretariat, zonal coordinators and Members; designed data collection system, which has become instrumental in coordination of information from members, sharing on the best practices, innovations and success stories among members, the gathered information inform the overall contribution of CSOs at national level as well. Also strengthening the position of PANITA as a nutrition communication hub for member and general public resulted in collection of relevant publications, surveys on nutrition and review papers; the launch of PANITA newsletter “Lishe News” which contains various information and activities from the secretariat, member’s activities and other nutrition stakeholders. Additionally, he project included element of institutional capacity strengthening to improve its ability to manage various projects

iii) **Support PANITA for Reduction of Hunger & Malnutrition in Tanzania (SuPreM) - USAID (Jan -Dec2016)**

This was a one year project supported by USAID through US Alliance to End Hunger under the National Alliance Against Hunger (NAPP). PANITA /NAPP SuPreM project was designed to strengthen the organizational, operational, and financial capacity of the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) to effectively influence food security and nutrition policy processes. Results of this project are as follows, the secretariat staff and zonal coordinators have become more active and the board is more engaged; Operationalization of the PANITA structure was made possible through hiring the Administration and Operations Officer which enhanced the internal control systems; PANITA has improved its financial management capacity, especially in compliance in accordance to the defined policies and procedures; A comprehensive work-plan, monitoring and evaluation plan with systematic data collection mechanisms, and member's involvement mechanisms are in place; Enhanced database and e-filing system has helped the platform to perform timely analysis and to understand country wide distribution of the membership; During the NAPP period, 56 strategic members were recruited in the platform and for systematic engagement of the platform in advocacy, an advocacy strategy was developed.

iv) **Civil Society Engagement: Nutrition for Growth Advocacy Initiative in Tanzania (Engage plus) New Venture Fund – USA (Jan -Dec 2016)**

PANITA successfully completed a one year project, funded by New Venture Fund, through a grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The project aimed at influencing government of Tanzania to reaffirm its political will and commitment to reduce malnutrition based on 2025 WHA targets and increase country domestic spending on nutrition sector based on national coasted implementation plan for National Nutrition strategy by 2016. As the result of this project, during the 2016 Human Capital Summit with a theme of “Investing in the Early Years for Growth and Productivity” organized by World Bank Group; Tanzanian government through the Minister of Finance and planning honorable Philip Mpango (MP); This is the first time Ministry of Finance made a commitment of this size and 115 Million US dollars were committed to

support the National Multi Sectorial Nutrition Action Plan 2016 – 2021. Towards Financial Year 2017/18 Tanzania Government through the ministry of Finance has issued the directives to each Regional Secretariat (RS) to budget 10m per number of councils, and each Councils should budget TZS 1000/= as per under five population for nutrition interventions at Council level. To date the parliament has approved 11 Billion TZS as a result of this initiative for fiscal year 2017/18.

v) Strengthening Evidence-based Policy - Institute of Development Studies (IDS) University of Sussex UK (2013-2015)

The Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) has worked with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in a program titled ‘Strengthening Evidence-based Policy’, funded via an accountable grant from the Policy Division of the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID). The grant contributes to improving the lives of the poorest by expanding evidence-based knowledge, policy options and guidance in six thematic areas and working on three cross-cutting issues. This work falls under the Reducing Hunger and Under-nutrition theme of the program and is specifically linked to Better Metrics through the work on Hunger and Nutrition Commitment Index (HANCI).

This work was built on the previous work with Save the Children and PANITA on primary evidence gathering and sharing HANCI with the PANITA membership and the Parliamentary Group for Nutrition, Child Rights and Food Security. The work aimed to make HANCI data meaningfully accessible to Tanzania audiences and highlight opportunities for the Index to positively contribute to domestic policy driven advocacy which fosters evidence based dialogue. HANCI also sets out to learn from and document ongoing experience of PANITA members using the Index for country-level advocacy purposes and share learning from Tanzania to inform and support networks and stakeholders in other HANCI countries in their advocacy work. As a result of this work, all political parties that participated in the 2015 generally elections including the winning party incorporated nutrition agenda in their manifestos, we believe that the on-going initiative of the government on nutrition is the implementation of its manifesto.

vi). Sub national Advocacy Initiatives - Graça Machel Trust (GMT) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) (2015-2017)

The initiative aimed at Improving awareness and coordination among different sectors that are related to nutrition; build close working relationship with Region leadership and government officials at regional and District level with aim of accelerating the translating the political will and engagement at all levels; To create political accountability on nutrition at subnational level; To raise political awareness and enabling environment for nutrition actor at subnational. PANITA with support from Graça Machel Trust (GMT) and CRS conducted advocacy initiatives to government and political officials in Katavi, Rukwa, Mbeya, Njombe and Ruvuma regions. Resulted in: Galvanized political base in support for improved nutrition; Contributed to improved coherence and functionality of nutrition steering committees; increased understanding and commitment from technical experts from other sectors such as Water, Planning, Agriculture, fisheries in support for nutrition; Catalyzed process for creation of nutrition champions at local level; and increased awareness and accountability to leaders and technocrats on nutrition.

vii) Pilot Project- Evidence Based District Level Advocacy - Adaptation of the HANCI scorecard for district level in Kigoma and Morogoro District-Institute of Development Studies (2016)

The Institute of Development Studies and PANITA in collaboration with a researcher at Sokoine University of Agriculture worked to develop potential indicators of political commitment to reducing hunger and under nutrition at the district level in Tanzania. These indicators were developed and validated by key members of the District Councils and local civil society in Kigoma and Morogoro. The project had the following objectives: Convene stakeholders across sectors, departments at Council level and demonstrate the Multisectoral nature of nutrition; To foster dialogue between administrations, political leaders, civil society and communities; Enable monitoring by and of governments' efforts to alleviate, and malnutrition outcomes over time and Support accountability, necessary for delivering the visions set out in international commitments, national nutrition strategies, policies and programs. The roles of PANITA were: To spearhead technical stakeholders consultative

meeting for thematic indicators development process; Participated in development of draft score card; led data collection process; facilitated indicator validation meeting; organized stakeholders and facilitated indicator harmonization workshop involving the Government, UN agencies, Development Partners and other nutrition stakeholders and overall project management. Following this consultation about 50% of the proposed indicators were incorporated and sharpened the national District nutrition score card

viii) Accountable District Nutrition Steering Committees to Scale Up Nutrition September 2017. (SUN Civil Society Alliance Innovation Plan Awards of the Learning Route Rwanda 2016).

The project aimed at improving performance of Multisectoral Nutrition Steering Committee through 'performance contract'. PANITA identified 'performance contract' used in Rwanda as an innovation that can be replicated in Tanzania to improve coordination of District Multisectoral Nutrition Steering Committee; when introduced to the district level, and ward level these contracts will increase the accountability and effectiveness of the agreed nutrition-related plans. The project was implemented in Kalambo district (Rukwa region) in collaboration with PANITA member (Community Economic Empowerment and Legal support -CEELS).

ix) Addressing Stunting in Tanzania Early (ASTUTE) - Department for International Development (DFID) (2016 -2020)

ASTUTE is the five years project funded by the UK Government through Department for International Development (DFID) is implemented by Consortium of IMA World Health, The Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA), Cornell University Division of Nutrition Science and Development Media International (DMI) in five regions of Mwanza, Shinyanga, Geita, Kagera and Kigoma. The project aiming at improving early childhood development and reduce the prevalence of stunting (low height for age) among Tanzanian children aged less than 5 years, with focus on the first 1000 days of life from conception. PANITA's roles include but not limited to: Advocating for enabling environment that will allow multi stakeholders inclusivity and accountability within the wider framework of the National Multi-sectorial Nutrition Action

(NMNAP), development of Terms of References and selection of CSOs for the project activities; strengthening the capacity of 50 Civil Society Organizations, (PANITA members) in their ability to deliver integrated interventions; CSO capacity assessment, Coordination, and provision of supportive supervision to CSOs; and conduct project monitoring. The roles of CSOs on the other hand include: establishment and development of support groups to help families identify barriers to behavior change and to negotiate small, doable actions; Increasing household food security and food diversity by promoting homestead food production in order to make nutritious foods available to women and children; and participation in Multisectoral Nutrition Steering Committee at Regional and Council Level to ensure that the Nutrition agenda are being implemented at the subnational level.

x) Planning and Coordination for Civil Society Organizations (PLANCORD) - UNICEF (Apr-Oct 2018)

PLANCORD was a project supported by UNICEF, designed to improve availability, analysis, and utilization of information on the programmatic and financial implementation of nutrition activities as per National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan by CSOs in Tanzania. As a result of this, PANITA has been able to successfully quantify the monetary contribution of members in the implementation of the country's five years multisectoral nutrition plan. This has been key achievement as for the first time this data has been made available in a more robust and reliable process.

xi) Lishe Endelevu – USAID (2018 – 2022)

Lishe Endelevu project is a four-year project funded by USAID and implemented by Save the Children International (Lead) and its consortium partners: Deloitte, Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA), Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) and Manoff Group. The project aiming at intensifying and integrates nutrition support and improves the nutritional status of women, children, and adolescents in 4 regions of Tanzania. Working in Dodoma, Iringa, Morogoro, and Rukwa, the Activity will reach 1.5 million women of reproductive age, 1.1 million children under five, and 330,000 adolescent girls 15-19 years of age with improved nutrition services; social and behavior change (SBC) for optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and water,

sanitation and hygiene (WASH) behaviors; promotion of nutrition-sensitive livelihoods; and positive shifts in gender norms and equitable household decision making.

The role of PANITA on the project is to support, on rolling out CMSCN TORs and building the capacity of committee members to lay the foundation for coordination strengthening activities under IR1. The Activity will train 200 trainers (50 from each region) in quarters 3 and 4, who will go on to orient 123 wards and 738 villages in quarter 4 to ensure critical platforms are functioning properly, including the use of data for decision-making using scorecard and alignment to NMNAP targets. To conduct technical supportive supervision, mentorship and coaching visits to MSCN at councils, to enhance multi-sectoral coordination and support the implementation of NMNAP activities beginning in quarter four.

Also, PANITA will support advocacy for multi-sectoral coordination and capacity building for LGAs and CSOs in target regions, which includes leading supportive supervision efforts to CSOs. However it imperative to note that PANITA has been part of this consortium following its increased capability to implement both advocacy and capacity building intervention resulting from continued efforts to strengthen institutional capacity and linkages with different stakeholders and donor community. Specifically, we acknowledge the technical and financial support of US Alliance to End Hunger that was provided in 2016 to the attainment of this grant

xii) Strengthening Nutrition Advocacy and Building Political Will in Replication Geographies – Graça Machel Trust (2018 -2020)

Strengthening nutrition advocacy and building political will in replication geographies is two years project aiming at raising the profile of nutrition through advocating for enabling environment that will lead to prioritization and increased resources for Nutrition activities at district level and beyond. The project is funded by Graça Machel Trust, implemented in Rukwa and Katavi for region level. The project mainly focuses at: Strengthening governance structures, systems and frameworks to coordinate and effectively implement nutrition interventions; Promote prioritization and ownership of nutrition within

the Regional Implementation Structures and Regional and District Budgets and improve Civil Society coordination in nutrition advocacy and implementation.

xiii) Sustainable Action and Advocacy to Reduce Malnutrition in Tanzania (AMKA Project) – Irish Aid (2019 -2020)

AMKA project is eighteen months project funded by Irish Aid; it is implemented in Misungwi and Itilima districts in Mwanza and Simiyu Regions respectively. The Project is aimed at contributing towards improved nutrition status of children of the age of under-five and women of reproductive age through Strengthening the capacity of members at local level to support broader nutrition improvement initiatives; Galvanizing the implementation of various strategies, action plans, compact for nutrition through relevant ministries, Regions, and District; Improving Knowledge and nutrition information to support various nutrition improvement actions and Strengthening PANITA institutional structures for effective operational and robust implementation of AMKA Project. By the end of AMKA Project it is expected that PANITA would have contributed to the following: Adequate implementation of various plans, circular and policies at council level; Strengthened the capacity of CSOs members to deliver nutrition actions at the local level and PANITA institutional structured strengthened for effective operations.

xiv) PANITA Pooled Fund - SUN Movement (2019 -2020)

PANITA Pooled fund is a project that aiming at sustaining gains that have been achieved at national in terms of political commitment, policy and strategies through: Influencing national plans to promote the minimum budget allocations for nutrition; focus is on increasing locally available funds; Strengthen coordination of parliamentarians nutrition champions to increase their involvement in nutrition, advocate for increased resources for the sector, and Promoting CSOs coordination for effective participation and contribution in the Multisectoral Nutrition Platforms at the sub-national level. It is 18 months project from May 2019 to October 2020, the project is funded by SUN Movement through the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) with a total of US\$ 200,000. The project is implemented by PANITA Secretariat in Katavi for regional Level and Dodoma for National Level.

xv) **Advocacy for ENRICH Project Sustainability in Shinyanga and Singida Regions – Nutrition International (2019 -2020)**

The overall objective of this project is to sustain the achievements that have emanated from the ENRICH project beyond its lifetime that contributes to the reduction of maternal and child mortality and morbidity, and that is attributed to nutritional related causes. Primarily, ENRICH project focuses on improving the health outcomes of mothers, pregnant women of childbearing age, new-born and special target to children under two years of age because of the importance of nutrition in the first 1000 days of life. Specifically, the roles of Advocacy for ENRICH project Sustainability in Shinyanga and Singida are: To promote ownership of ENRICH project actions by LGAs and other key actors from the project areas through making maternal and child health and nutrition as a standing agenda for both political and administrative organs at all levels; To strengthen multisectoral coordination and integration of nutrition interventions promoted by ENRICH project into council's plans and budget for improved health and nutrition outcomes for mothers and children and promote accountability and oversight of maternal health and nutrition actions at national and sub-national level.

By and large to achieve desired change in the community, PANITA has played the following role: Driver of change through catalytic process highlighted by its engagement in policy development processes and pilot of specific actions as exemplified by the district scorecard initiative; Provision of a platform where different stakeholders have managed to use to improve nutrition situation in Tanzania; Provision of linkages and representation in different spaces where nutrition matters have been discussed and a sustainable movement of civil society organizations to move nutrition agenda in the next level through advocacy and other initiatives as well as capacity machinery for members and key stakeholders. Provision of extensive community education to citizens particularly in the rural and remote areas through our extensive network of members.

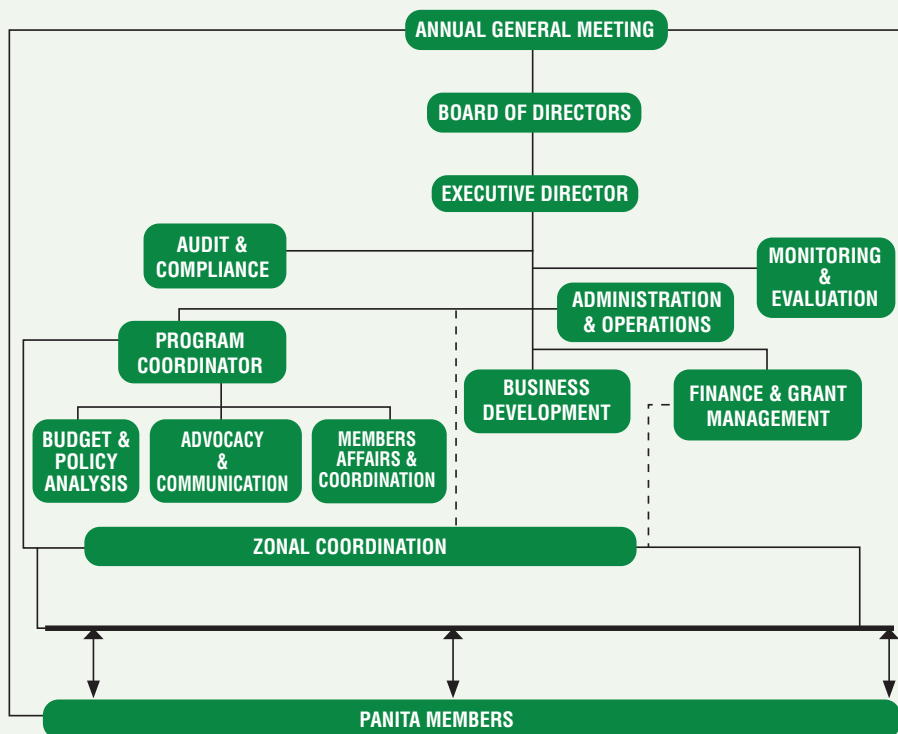
Essentially the primary beneficiaries of PANITA activities in Tanzania have been PANITA members, Members of Parliament, local Councilors, political leaders, journalists and editors, religious leaders, government technocrats both at the national and local level who are engaging in nutrition sector without forgetting children and mothers.



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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

PANITA ORGANOGRAM



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

S/N	NAME	POSITION	TITLE
1.	Dr. Rose Rita Kingamkono (PhD- Nutrition)	Chairperson of the Board of Directors - PANITA	Independent Consultant on Nutrition and former Chief of Party Land O' Lakes Tanzania USAID funded project "Innovation Equality to Promote Household Food Security"
2.	Mr. Tumaini Mikindo MPH, MSc, BPh	Secretary to the BoD	Executive Director - PANITA
3.	Dr. John Kalage MSc in Education for Sustainability	Member	Executive Director - HakiElimu
4.	Prof. Joyce Kinabo (PhD-Nutrition)	Member	Professor of Human Nutrition - Sokoine University of Agriculture - (SUA)
5.	Mr. Joseph Mugyabuso (BSc, MSc- Nutrition; MBA)	Member	Nutrition Advisor IMA World Health (Former Project Manager for PANITA under SCI)

6.	Mr. Abubakar Mohammed Ali. (BSc, MSc)	Member	The Executive Director for Zanzibar Clove Producers Organization – ZACPO.
7	Dr. Suma Kaare (PhD, Public Sector Management)	Member	M&E/Operations Research Team Lead Abt Associates, Public Sector Systems Strengthening PS3 Tanzania



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KEY PANITA SECRETARIAT STAFF

S/n	Name	Position	Qualification
1.	Tumaini Mikindo	Executive Director	MPH, MSc, BPh
2.	Jane Msagati	Program Coordinator	BSc. Home Economics and Human Nutrition
3.	Magreth Paul	Project Coordinator	BA. Sociology
4.	Faraja Kassim	Advocacy and Communication Officer	BA Public Administration and Management, Certificate on Broadcasting Journalism.
5.	Lubango Charles	Program Officer - AMKA Project	BA. Social Work
6.	Aaron Isaack	Program Officer – M&E	BA in Community Development.
7.	Twawila Abdul	Program Assistant	BSc. Food Science and technology
8.	Maria Machilu	Project Officer – Lishe Endelevu	MSc (Cand.), BSc. Human Nutrition
9.	Deborah Esau	Project Officer – Lishe Endelevu	BSc. Human Nutrition
10.	Adelaide Bagenda	Program Intern	BSc. Human Nutrition



11.	Florian Efrem	Accountant	B.Com (Corp. Finance)
12.	Husna Munisy	Admin and Operation Officer	Advance Diploma in Business Administration
13.	Frank Msafiri	Assistant Accountant	Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting
14.	Joseph Komba	Admin Assistant	Diploma in Human Resource Management
15.	Julian Mwakihaba	Support Staff	Ordinary Certificate



CSO Volunteer from TVMC Shinyanga in group discussion with Katunda group from Kizumbi ward - Shinyanga.



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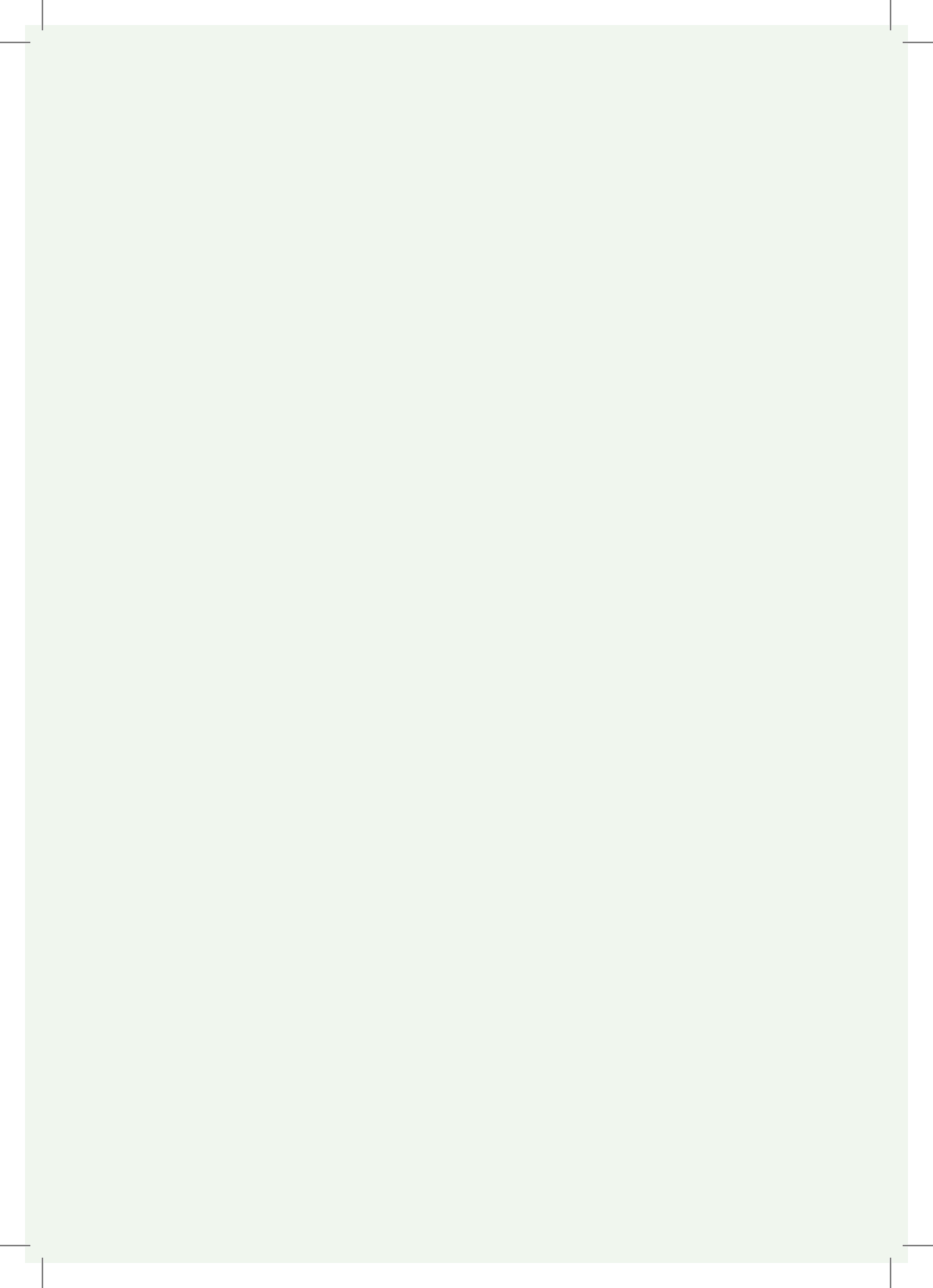
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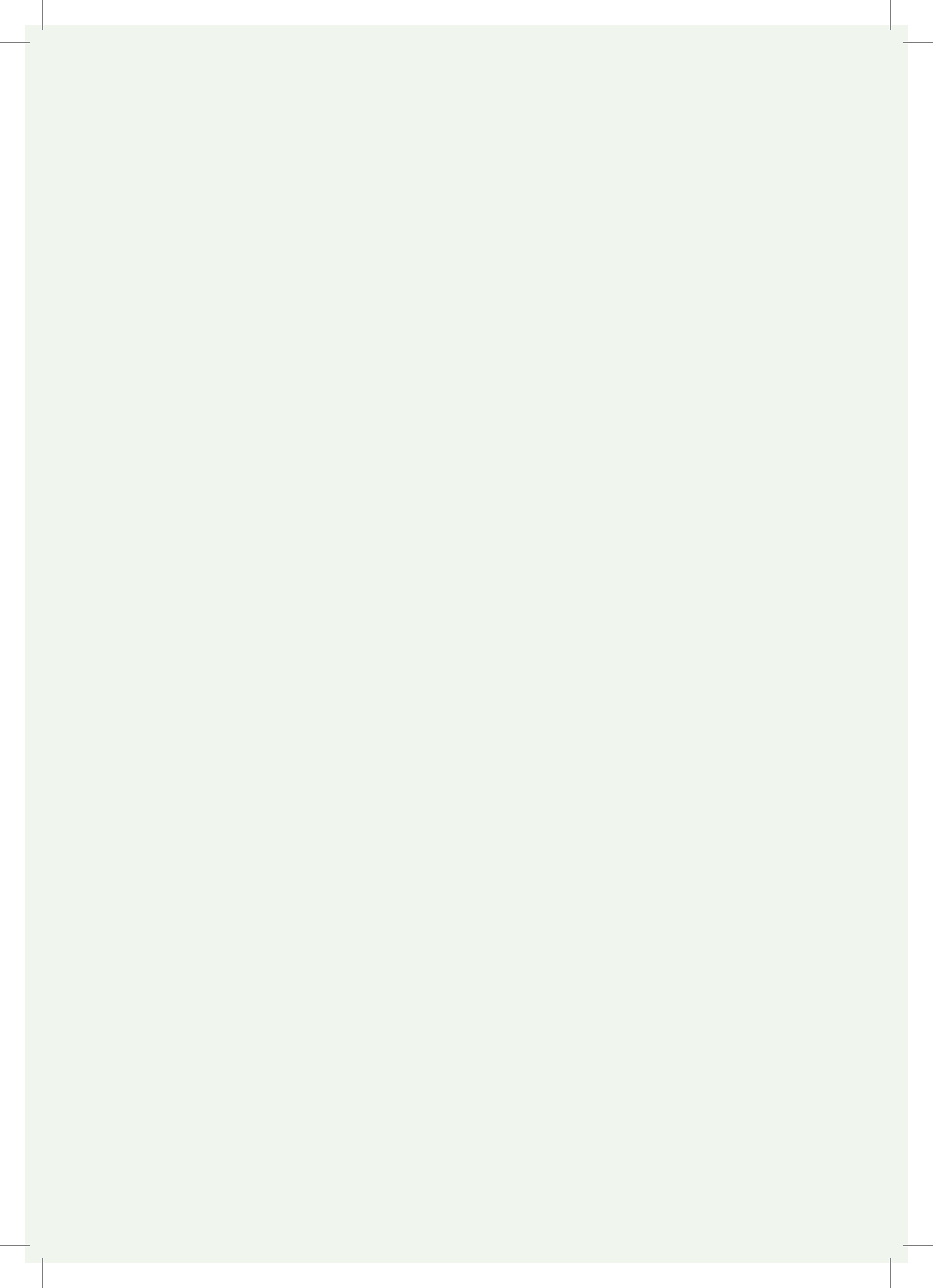
In the medium term, PANITA will continue to engage and advocate for improved nutrition across the country and consolidate the gains that have been achieved to date. Also, PANITA will carry on with advocacy work at sub-national in order to accelerate translation and implementation of national level policies, strategies and plan on nutrition. This includes prioritization of nutrition interventions and allocation of resources both at national and district level.

On the Member's side, PANITA will continue with capacity building, coordination of Members in order to increase efficient and effective of their intervention at their localities. This will be achieved through strengthening of Zonal coordination mechanism and enhancing capacity of Secretariat to fulfil its day to day activities,

At international arena, PANITA will continue to work with both regional and global players in nutrition such SUN movement Secretariat, Global SUN Civil Society Network, East and Southern Africa Regional Civil Society Nutrition Network, SUN Civil Society Network in Africa, Institute of Development Studies- University of Sussex UK, Graça Machel Trust (GMT) and other key regional stakeholders









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