



UMOJA - ONE UN in Tanzania

UN Resident Coordinator's Office

United we move

Umoja is Swahili for *unity*. What does this mean to you? And what does it mean for Tanzania? For the Government of Tanzania and the United Nations (UN) it means working together as One.

As one of eight countries worldwide to pilot the One UN reform, Tanzania is facing a unique opportunity, which the government and the UN Country Team are highly committed to make the best of. In the course of 2007-2008, the UN in Tanzania will undergo a process of change led by the Government. Through this monthly newsletter, we will share information on the progress towards One UN and we welcome your input.

The overall purpose of UN reform is to unify and align in order to more effectively deliver results in support of national priorities. I have worked for the UN for the past 23 years and I see the need for renewal for the UN to remain a relevant actor on the global scene.

Working as One at the country level, the UN can have a far greater effect on the development and humanitarian challenges facing Tanzania. We want to avoid the fragmentation and duplication of efforts and combine our skills and resources to have greater impact on the ground. Through new working modalities, we will be able to better complement the government, development partners, civil society and private sector.



The UN Resident Coordinator

Our vision of One UN is therefore to become a more effective partner for Tanzania. By focusing on what we do best and by being more strategic about our support to the country, I am confident the UN will achieve great results as One in Tanzania.

UN Resident Coordinator,
Oscar Fernandez Taranco

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One UN highlights

- Tanzania is one of eight countries to pilot One UN reform;
- The Government of Tanzania is taking the lead on One UN;
- The One UN Programme, one of four pillars of the reform, is taking shape;
- Initial work has started on the One UN Fund as part of an overall Budgetary Framework;
- The One UN Communication Strategy is drawn up to enable the UN to 'speak with One Voice.'

Update from the Government of Tanzania

Tanzania requested to be a pilot country through the then Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, who is now the UN Deputy Secretary-General. Government ownership is central to the reform initiative and the Government of Tanzania (GoT) highly values the opportunity to lead the process towards a One UN in Tanzania.

A high-level Joint GoT/UN Steering Committee and a supporting Joint GoT/UN Task Force have been established to take forward the implementation of the One UN at country level. Co-chaired by the Government and the UN, consultations are held frequently, especially in this initial phase, when the One UN pilot in Tanzania is being worked out.



The UN family in Tanzania

The UN in Tanzania is represented by 17 Agencies, whose work is guided by the Charter of the UN (1945) and its core values of peace, human rights, justice, and freedom.

The UN family in Tanzania is large in size. While most agencies have main offices in the commercial capital of Dar es Salaam, the UN

also operates out of Zanzibar, Arusha and the refugee hosting regions in northwestern Tanzania.

In mid 2006, the UN signed with Government the second phase UN Development Assistance Frame-



work (UNDAF) for support to Tanzania in the period 2007 to 2010.

The UNDAF is the "Business Plan" of UN Agencies active in the country and it was developed in support of the national poverty reduction strategies known by their Swahili acronyms of MKUKUTA (for mainland) and MKUZA (for Zanzibar).

The first of the Four Ones takes shape

At the centre of One UN reform are the four pillars: One Programme, One Budgetary Framework, One Office and One Leader.

The Government of Tanzania and the UN is working on the One Programme, as a first step towards implementation of the One UN. The programme will build on past achievements, and will be fully aligned to the new aid environment in Tanzania.

Joint Programmes drawn from the UN Development Assistance Framework and targeting priority sectors are at the core of the One UN Programme. Key results achievable in the next 18 months will be identified and jointly implemented, to inform a more comprehensive One UN Programme in 2009.

The One Programme pilot will be complemented by agency-specific

work and by working through new modalities such as a One UN common fund managed jointly by the government and UN.

The overall objective of the One Programme is to support the achievement of national development priorities and to assist Tanzania reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - depicted as icons below.



One UN calendar

16-18 April: Mission to Tanzania by Directors of Resource Mobilisation from the UN Development Group to advise on the One UN Budgetary Framework;

20 April: UN Country Management Team meeting with former President Mkapa on One UN;

25-26 April: Joint government/UN retreat on the One UN Programme.

Q&A on One UN in Tanzania

Q: "How will non-state stakeholders be able to have a say on the One UN pilot in Tanzania?"

A: "Non-state actors play an important role in guiding the implementation of One UN. For instance, civil society organisations can mobilize local communities, share views from the grassroots perspective, contribute to policy discussions, and play a supportive advocacy role. Consultations with non-state actors will be held through the newly established UN-Civil Society Advisory Committee, whose members are drawn from umbrella NGOs, trade unions, faith-based organisations and the private sector.

Send in your question or comment about One UN in Tanzania to mia.bulow-olsen@undp.org.

A United Vision: Working Together as One in Tanzania

One UN reform at a glance

Tanzania is one of four countries in Africa to pilot the One UN reform along with Cape Verde, Mozambique and Rwanda. Albania, Pakistan, Uruguay and Vietnam are also among the first pilot countries to implement the One UN concept at country level, starting in 2007.

The report of the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence (November 2006) forms the basis of the UN reform. It sets out practical recommendations on how the UN could become more effective and efficient in its delivery of support at the country level (go to <http://www.un.org/events/panel/> for more information).

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