

# Ministry supports women empowerment project

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**T**he TUSEME programme, which promotes women for higher education, will be rolled out in secondary schools countrywide.

This was said yesterday by the Director of Inspection in the Ministry of Education and Culture, Eliufoo Mnguu, when opening the 7th TUSEME Festival at the University of Dar es Salaam.

The festival, which is open to the public, is part of TUSEME programme. This year's theme is Ninajiamini na Nitaweza (I believe I can do).

The ministry made the deci-

## **Decision made in response to views by artists, educationists**

sion to expand TUSEME activities through its Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP) in response to suggestions from the Department of Performing Arts, the Forum for African Women Educationists (FAWE).

"Therefore the ministry is planning to expand TUSEME programme to all Tanzania Mainland secondary schools, come 2009.

The head of the Department of Performing Arts of the

University of Dar es Salaam and the Co-ordinator of TUSEME Festival Dr Frowin Nyoni, said the project that was introduced in 1996 empowers girls to understand and overcome problems that hinder their academic and social development.

He said the project also enables girls to identify on factors that make students drop out of school, poor academic performance, pregnancy during school, sexual harassment and other gender related problems.