

## Tanzania Civil Society Consultation on Domestic Financing

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Hosted by: Tanzania Council for Social Development

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### 1.0 Who was in the room?

About 20 organizations represented, including 5 from the youth constituency.  
Partners present at the meeting: Global Fund Secretariat, GIZ, USAID

### 2.0 Key highlights:

- i. **Inter-ministerial working group on health financing:** The government of Tanzania is currently developing a Health Financing strategy. There is a high level inter-ministerial working group on this. It comprises of ministers and development partners. No civil society representation. *Immediate activity for CS- ask this group for a briefing on the status of the health financing strategy*
- ii. **Trust Fund:** The Government of Tanzania has not yet made a commitment as to how much it would put into the trust fund. There is expectation from CS and partners that the government, if totally committed to the Trust Fund, should make an announcement in the 2015/2016 Budget. The annual budget is normally presented in June. *Immediate opportunity for CS - ask for allocation into the trust fund for the 2015/2016 annual budget.*
- iii. **Current Status of DF advocacy:** Civil Society current engagement in domestic financing (DF) advocacy is low. Most of the existing work on DF is around Social accountability monitoring and expenditure tracking, mainly done by SIKIKA and TACOSODE. However there is a gap between these monitoring activities and advocacy.
- iv. **Data availability:** CS would need support around data quality and accessibility, which would then be used for messaging. SIKIKA was not in the room. They might already have some of the relevant data.
- v. **Political landscape:** This is an election year in Tanzania. Elections will hold in October. Majority of participants hold the view that the democratic space is not enabling enough, which naturally affects advocacy approach and tactics. There were nuances in the room that political advocacy on DF would need to be cautious and very strategic on approach and messaging as anything 'too aggressive' would jeopardize the CS. Consider working tactfully with parliamentarians and eminent persons.
- vi. **Youth:** What we heard is that young people are generally not interested in development issues and that when they get onto the social platforms they are mainly looking for entertainment. There is an opportunity to package DF messaging in a manner that would appeal to young people.
- vii. **Grassroots/citizen movement:** TACOSODE, with support from USAID is implementing a 3-year's citizen's social accountability program. They would explore the application of this model in DF campaign for community outreach as well as for monitoring purposes.

### **3.0 Broad strategies identified:**

- i. Data generation/accessibility (leading to messaging)
- ii. Public Education (social mobilization including youth)
- iii. Political advocacy (Parliamentarians, eminent persons, e.t.c)

### **4.0 Timelines:**

- i. 2015/2016 Annual budget
- ii. 2016/2017 Annual budget

### **5.0 Way forward and Next Steps:**

- i. Participants formed themselves into a **CS Domestic Financing Forum**. (the name of the forum is work in progress, which might change from Forum to platform or to coalition). TACOSODE will be the secretariat and convener. They then formed 3 thematic working groups as follows:
  - Data quality and accessibility (including messaging)
  - Public Education (and social mobilization including youth)
  - Political advocacy
- ii. TACOSODE will call for a follow-up meeting, particularly on the immediate advocacy opportunities.
- iii. The rapporteur will share notes, which would include a work plan/campaign matrix

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