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"Human trafficking steals more than freedom it steals dignity.

No person is a possession, no life a commodity.

Every human being holds immeasurable worth.

To fight trafficking is to defend the sacred value of humanity.

Dignity is not for sale"

- DMI Mission Tanzania

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MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,



The year 2025 has been another remarkable chapter for DMI Mission, Tanzania. Guided by our vision of “Loving God and Serving the Poor to be Fully Human and Fully Alive,” we have worked tirelessly to serve & empower the most vulnerable women, children under 18, especially adolescent girls and young survivors of human trafficking. Our mission remains clear: to create dignified lives for our target communities, enabling them to access socio- economic opportunities and participate fully in society.

This year, we deepened our focus on critical social challenges, including human trafficking, early pregnancy, extreme poverty, hunger, abuse, unemployment, gender-based violence, and social discrimination.

To address these challenges, DMI Tanzania implemented transformative initiatives. In preventing human trafficking, rescued survivors were supported through rehabilitation programs that restored self-esteem and enabled family reunification. Women empowerment was strengthened through SHGs and federations, supporting marginalized women especially single mothers and women-headed households through goat rearing, sustainable farming, income-generating activities, and capacity-building initiatives.

Child and youth development remained a priority through quality education for children and vocational training for youth in tailoring, catering, computer literacy, and cosmetology. Adolescent health was promoted by addressing early pregnancy, hygiene, and resilience across 15 schools and villages, contributing to improved community health. Sustainability efforts under DMI–Spring of Hope included farming and animal husbandry programs on 180 acres in Visiga, Kibaha District, generating long-term income for survivors and the community.

These achievements were made possible through the dedication of our staff, the generous support of donors and partners, and strong leadership, including collaboration with the national government. We are deeply inspired by the vision of our Father Founder, Superior General, and Provincials.

As we look toward 2026 and beyond, we remain committed to integrity, compassion, energy, and faith transforming lives and building a future rooted in dignity, opportunity, and justice for all.

May God bless you all and our mission.

**Rev. Sr. Vijili Dali, DMI,
Mission Director.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Well-wishers,

The year 2025 marks a significant milestone for the DMI Mission in Tanzania, with notable progress across Dar es Salaam, Pwani, and Ruvuma Regions. Through our core programs Anti-Trafficking and Child Protection, Early Pregnancy Reduction and Prevention, Women's Empowerment, and Agricultural Development we have reached more than 110,000 women, children, and youth.

Our Anti-Trafficking and Child Protection initiatives enabled the rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of survivors, supported by psychosocial care, shelter services, and skills development. Adolescent-focused programs equipped young people with life skills and SRHR education, contributing to the reduction of early pregnancies. Women's empowerment initiatives strengthened economic independence through vocational training, entrepreneurship, and income-generating activities, while agricultural programs promoted climate-resilient farming practices that improved food security and household incomes.

Despite challenges such as limited resources, reintegration barriers, and socio-cultural resistance, strong partnerships with the Government of Tanzania, community leaders, and international donors allowed us to address these challenges through collaboration and innovation.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on strengthening institutional capacity, expanding rehabilitation and livelihood programs, and scaling evidence-based interventions aligned with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, valued donors and partners, the Government of Tanzania, community leaders, and DMI leadership for their continued support and shared commitment to lasting change.

Together, we continue to build a Tanzania where every woman, child, and youth can live with dignity, hope, and opportunity.

May God Bless You!

**Rev. Sr. Fatima Jacintha Rani, DMI,
Country Director, DMI Mission Tanzania.**

INTRODUCTION

In 2025, DMI Mission Tanzania reaffirmed its commitment to transforming the lives of the most vulnerable women, children, survivors of trafficking, and youth through programs promoting dignity, equality, and sustainable livelihoods. Guided by our mission “Loving God in serving the poor to be fully human and fully alive,” we continued to address critical issues such as human trafficking, poverty, gender inequality, and early pregnancy through integrated community-based interventions.

Under the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Rehabilitation Program, a total of 95 girls were rescued from trafficking and exploitation networks. Survivors received legal and medical assistance, psychosocial counselling, and vocational training in tailoring, catering, computer literacy, beautician services, and sustainable agriculture enabling them to rebuild their lives with confidence and self-reliance.

Through our Women’s Empowerment and Livelihoods Program, more than 200 women, including single mothers and female heads of households participated in goat rearing, poultry, and sustainable farming initiatives that enhanced food security and generated stable income. 62 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were strengthened, improving women’s leadership, collective savings, and access to microfinance.

Our Child Development and Education Program continued to support marginalized children through St. Joseph’s Global School, providing quality education and essential learning materials to over 200 children under 14. To address the challenges of adolescent health and early pregnancy, a comprehensive life-skills and SRHR education initiative was implemented across 15 schools and 15 villages with knowledge on reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, and gender equality.

To ensure sustainability, agricultural enterprises in Visiga expanded, involving survivors and women in vegetable cultivation, goat rearing, piggery, and poultry farming. The income generated from these activities now contributes directly to funding rehabilitation and empowerment programs making the initiative increasingly self-sustaining.

As we reflect on 2025, DMI Mission Tanzania celebrates the resilience and progress of those we serve. With the continued partnership of our donors, government institutions, and local communities, we remain steadfast in building a future where every woman and child can live in safety, dignity, and freedom.





Our Vision

Loving God and Serving the Poor to Be Fully Human and Fully Alive.

Our Mission

To enable underprivileged communities especially women, children, and youth, to become champions of change by providing them with the best opportunities for their education and development.

Core Values

**Accountability
Justice
Integrity
Dignity
Collaboration**

COUNTRY GOVERNANCE

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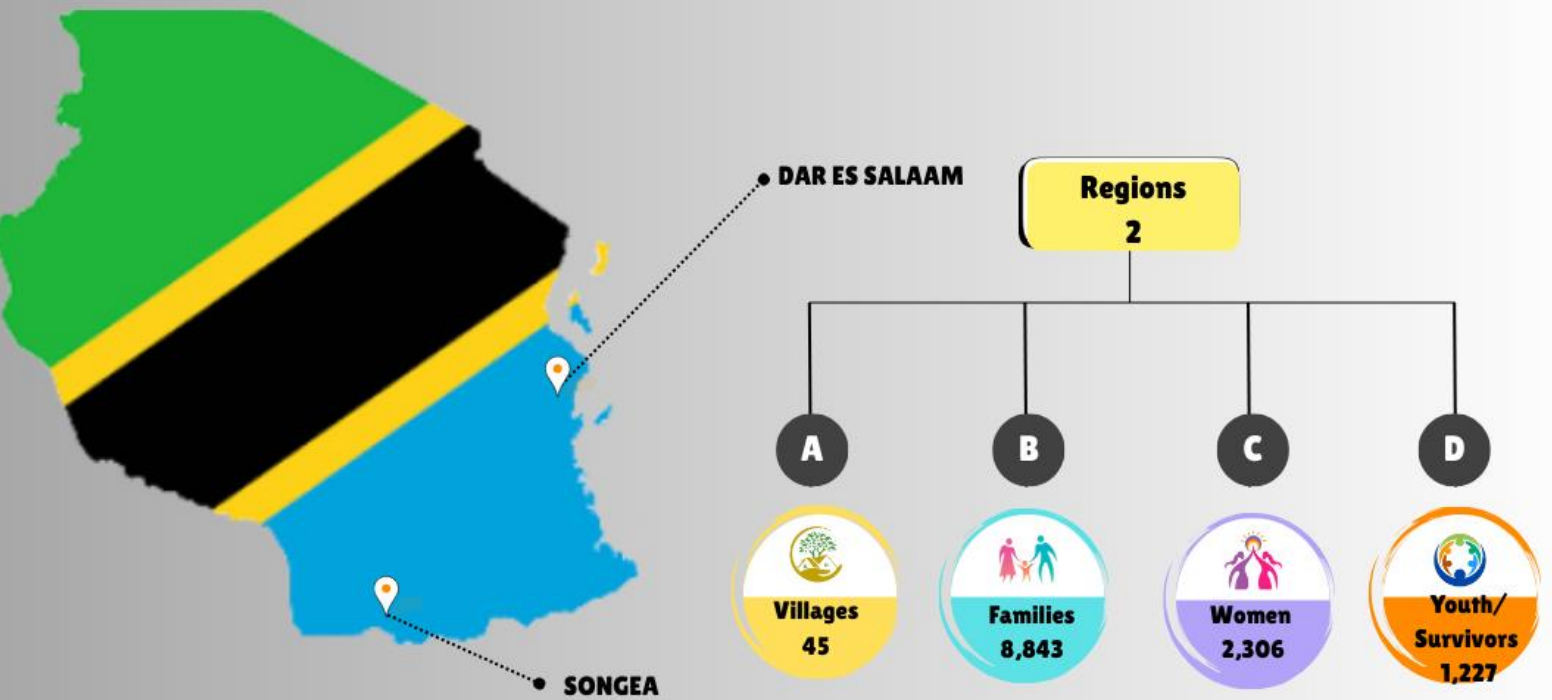
Member



Fr. Benedict Nyoni

Member

PROGRAM COVERAGE



Major Programs

Women Empowerment

- **563** members were trained in leadership and VSLA management.
- New micro-business ventures were initiated by **296** members.
- **17** federations are functional, having conducted six or more meetings during the year.



Prevention of Human Trafficking

- **57** survivors obtained vocational skill training and were integrated with their families from the rehabilitation centre.
- **413** survivors from the previous year have regular employment.
- **10,364** community members were sensitized on human trafficking issues through cultural campaigns in schools and villages, joint action programs, radio shows, and SMS outreach.



Youth Development

- **76** youths were trained in the centre-based vocational school.

Prevention of Early Pregnancy

- Sensitized **29,050** Community Members on preventing early marriage/early pregnancy
- Trained **30** Mentor Teachers and Core Members in club management, leadership, and organizing events that promote girls' self-worth
- Promoted **30** Young Women's Clubs in Villages and schools

COUNTRY FACT SHEET 2025

A	Program Coverage	2024	2025
01.	Number of Program Districts	10	02
02.	Number of Rural Wards & Villages	Wards -00 Villages - 00	Wards - 10 Villages - 45
03.	Number of Urban Wards & Streets	Wards -12 Streets - 73	Wards - 12 Streets - 73
B	Women & Youth Economic Empowerment Program		
01.	Number of women's VSLA and its members		62 (Old Group – 54 + New Group – 08) Total Members – 2,361 (Old Group Members – 2,110 + New Members – 251)
02.	Number of Women-Headed Family groups and its members		13 (Old groups 10 + New Group 03) Total Members – 195 (Old Members 150 + New members 45)
03.	Number of functional Federations (6 or more meetings in a year)	07	10
04.	Number of members trained in Leadership & SHG management	1,743	563
05.	Number of members trained in Income generation skills & micro-business management.	600	296
06.	Number of members who have newly started a micro-business	619	134
07.	Number of Youths trained in Centred–based Vocational School	564	76
C	Anti-human trafficking & Survivor rehabilitation Program		
01.	Number of survivors admitted in the drop-in Centre	728	95
02.	Number of survivors integrated with their families from the drop-in Centre	236	45
03.	Number of survivors enrolled at the rehabilitation center for long-term service this year, and the number of girls at the beginning of Jan 2025	492	89 (This year enrolled girls 50 + from last year, remained girls was 39)
04.	Number of survivors graduated to the rehabilitation Centre	996	57
05.	Number of survivors obtained vocational skill training and integrated with their families from the rehabilitation Centre	996	57
06.	Number of survivors discontinued from the rehabilitation centre		05

07.	Number of survivors obtaining vocational skill training in the rehabilitation Centre	00	27
08.	Number of functional Child Protection committees (6 or more meetings in a year)	13	03
09.	Number of functional Alumni associations (two or more meetings in a year)	06	04
10.	Number of survivors from the previous year started a micro-business	136	16
11.	Number of survivors from the previous year who have regular employment. (6 or more months in the same job/company/organization)	337	76
12.	Number of community members sensitized on Human Trafficking issues by the cultural campaigns in the schools, Villages, Joint Action Programs, radio shows, SMS	20,396	10,364
13.	Advocacy efforts – position paper prepared by DMI promoted NGO network on “One Voice, Zero Trafficking” and presented to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Department of Anti-Trafficking Secretariat (ATS)	-	One paper
D	Early pregnancy reduction & SRHR program		
01.	Number of Government schools participating in the Early Pregnancy Reduction & SRHR program	00	15
02.	Number of Adolescent girls’ clubs promoted in these schools	00	30
03.	Number of Villages participating in the Early Pregnancy Reduction & SRHR program	00	15
04.	Number of Young women's clubs formed in villages	00	13
05.	Number of campaigns conducted by the school clubs	00	36
06.	Number of YWC members trained on the Living My Life curriculum	00	350
07.	Number of YWC members trained in income generation skills and provided start-up kits	00	270
08.	Number of schools and the number of toilets were constructed for children	00	05 Blocks with 45 toiles
09.	Number of students, community people sensitized on SRHR by the cultural	-	29,050

	campaigns in the schools, Villages - Joint Action Programs, radio shows, SMS Public Manifestations		
10.	Advocacy efforts – position paper prepared by DMI on “Safeguarding adolescent girls against violation of their Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)” and presented to the Member of Parliament (MP) Kibaha constituency, and the Regional District Commissioner at Kibaha	00	One
E Revenue Generation Program			
01.	Strengthening Visiga Farm – agriculture and animal husbandry		
02.	Management of schools (Kibamba & Songea)		
03.	Training community youth in Vocational skills		
04.	School uniforms made with trained survivors		



“Women, they have minds, and they have souls, as well as just hearts. And they’ve got ambition, and they’ve got talent, as well as just beauty. I’m so sick of people saying that love is all a woman is fit for.”

- Louisa May Alcott

PROGRAM IMPACTS

1. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- Strengthened 64 existing SHG/VSLA leaders and members through regular meetings and seminars.
- 296 members were trained in leadership and SHG management.
- 296 members were trained in income generation skills and micro-business management.
- New micro-business ventures were initiated by 134 members.
- A total of 10 federations are functional, having conducted six or more meetings in 2025.
- Supported 200 selected women-headed families with goat rearing, sustainable farming, entrepreneurship training.

“Empowering women through financial inclusion, skills development, and collective action contributes significantly to social and economic transformation”

PROGRAM STRATEGIES

In 2025, DMI Mission Tanzania adopted a holistic and community-centered approach to social transformation, focusing on underprivileged women, children, and adolescent girls. The country strategy emphasized four priority areas: women’s empowerment, prevention of human trafficking, reduction of early pregnancy, and promotion of sustainable farming and community infrastructure. Through integrated interventions that strengthen protection systems, expand life skills and livelihood opportunities, and build economic and social resilience, DMI worked to empower vulnerable groups socially, economically, and psychologically, while fostering safer and more sustainable communities across Tanzania.

1. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT (WE)

Women in Tanzania, especially in rural communities, face economic exclusion due to limited access to financial services, low entrepreneurship skills, and restricted participation in community-level decision-making. Many rely on unstable livelihood sources, increasing household vulnerability. Organizing women into strong economic and social groups is a proven strategy for enhancing financial independence and leadership influence.

Objectives

- To strengthen women’s financial inclusion and economic independence through SHGs/VSLAs and sustainable livelihoods.
- To promote women’s leadership and active participation in community development processes.

Strategies Adopted

- Formation and strengthening of SHGs and VSLAs- we have organized 296 women into 11 Self-Help Groups /Village Savings and Loan Associations to build saving habits, access small loans, and strengthen collective financial stability. We have also strengthened 64 existing SHG/VSLA leaders and members through regular meetings and seminars.
- Financial literacy and leadership Training- we provided women with training in savings, credit management, business planning, micro business, and leadership skills to enhance confidence and decision-making power.

"By strengthening women's federations, supporting women-headed households, and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities, women gained confidence, income stability, and greater voice in community development processes, fostering lasting economic and social transformation."

- Strengthen women's federations- We conducted various meetings and capacity building for federation leaders for collective advocacy and access to services. We have also celebrated women.
- Supporting women-headed families- we supported 200 selected women-headed families with goat rearing, sustainable farming, entrepreneurship training, and an awareness program on GBV prevention to generate sustainable income and increase protection mechanisms.
- Facilitate vocational training, start-up kits distribution, and market linkage support for income Generation Activities.

Through the above strategies, our women beneficiaries increased their income, enhanced household welfare, and actively participated in community decision-making, leading to long-term economic empowerment and improved social status.



2. PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Rescued and admitted 95 young survivors of human trafficking to the drop-in centre.
- 89 survivors were enrolled at the rehabilitation center for long-term services.
- 57 survivors obtained vocational skill training and were integrated with their families from the rehabilitation centre.
- 76 survivors from the previous year started a micro-business.
- A total of 10,364 community members were sensitized on human trafficking issues.



2. PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING & REHABILITATION OF GIRL SURVIVORS (HTR)

Human trafficking of adolescent and young girls remains a grave concern in Tanzania, driven by poverty, unsafe migration, domestic servitude, early marriage, and gender-based violence. Survivors often return with severe trauma, stigma, disrupted education, and limited livelihood options, placing them at high risk of re-trafficking. In response, DMI’s Human Trafficking Response (HTR) Initiative adopts a comprehensive approach that integrates rescue, rehabilitation, and community-based prevention. Through survivor-centered care, psychosocial support, education and economic empowerment, and strong collaboration with families, communities, and government systems, DMI works to restore dignity, rebuild lives, and break the cycle of exploitation for vulnerable girls.

Objectives

- To rescue, rehabilitate, and reintegrate trafficked girls by providing comprehensive protection, psychosocial support, skills training, and long-term follow-up.
- To strengthen community, school, and government systems to prevent trafficking and create safer environments for girls.

Strategies Adopted

Rescue and Drop-in-center Services- We rescued 96 young survivors of human trafficking through various stakeholders (SHG members, volunteers, child protection committees, alumni associations, and government departments) and admitted them to the drop-in center where they received legal aid, counselling, safe housing, medical care, counselling, life-skills support, and protection immediately after rescue.

AT THE REHABILITATION CENTER

Provide Vocational Training, Skill Certification, and Job Placement- We admitted 89 survivors in DMI-SOH Vocational/Rehabilitation Centre to learn certified trades (Beautician, Catering, Computer, and Tailoring) for dignified employment. The survivors who have successfully completed their course and awarded with certification.

Continued Medical, Counselling & Legal Support- We offered ongoing health care, trauma counselling, therapies, recreation, and legal services in safe houses for 89 survivors.

Life-Skills Education & Personal Development- We conducted 16 life skills sessions to build survivors confidence, self-worth, and the ability to protect themselves from future exploitation.



Entrepreneurship Training, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Business Support – We trained 57 survivors in entrepreneurship, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and provided start-up kits to start and sustain small businesses.

Family Reunification & Follow-Up- We reunited survivors with their families or guardians after conducting parental counselling, risk assessments, and reintegration planning. We guided families on child protection, emotional support, and economic stability.

Strengthening Alumni Associations- We strengthened survivor alumni associations to promote peer support, leadership, and collective empowerment. We trained 30 alumni leaders on leadership, governance, advocacy, and organizational management.

Alumni Group Enterprises & VSLA Integration- We supported six survivor alumni groups to initiate group enterprises by facilitating access to micro-credit and seed capital. We introduced and strengthened Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) models to promote savings, internal lending, and financial discipline.

Sustaining the Garment-Making Unit- We maintained one garment production unit to ensure a stable income for 10 survivor alumni.

Strengthening Child Protection Committees (CPCs)- We assessed the capacity gaps of 19 Child Protection Committees and provided targeted training on trafficking prevention, early identification of risks, case referral systems, and community monitoring. Further, we enabled CPC members to adopt VSLA models to address economic vulnerability, a major trafficking risk.

Awareness & Training for Leaders and Teachers- We trained 133 local leaders and 126 teachers on trafficking prevention, child safeguarding, and referral mechanisms.

Community Outreach Awareness- More than 10,000 community members sensitized on Human Trafficking issues by the cultural campaigns.

Strengthening Government Collaboration and Coordination- We conducted two workshops and two inter-departmental meetings (Social Welfare, Police Gender Desk, Community Development, Local Authority, and Immigration) to strengthen district-level anti-trafficking coordination.

“Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime.”

POPE FRANCIS



3. PREVENTION OF EARLY PREGNANCY

- Promoted and strengthened 30 school girls’ clubs in 15 government schools and 15 communities, reaching 1,200 adolescent girls.
- Trained 30 mentor teachers and 45 core girl leaders per school to effectively manage clubs, mentor peers, and organize awareness activities.
- Facilitated the trained core members to act as peer educators, enabling them to reach 7,500 girls with information on menstrual hygiene, personal health, and sanitation practices.
- Provided a short-term income generation skill training to 450 girls, equipping them with practical skills to start small businesses.
- Sensitized 3,500 community members on the harmful impacts of early marriage and early pregnancy, promoted girls’ education.

“Empowering adolescent girls with knowledge, skills, and leadership opportunities enables informed choices, continued education, and a safer future.”

3. PREVENTION OF EARLY PREGNANCY (PEP)

In Tanzania, adolescent girls face persistent risks of early marriage, early pregnancy, and school dropout due to limited access to accurate Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information, weak family and community support systems, and inadequate school sanitation facilities. Hence, we designed and implemented the Prevention of Early Pregnancy (PEP) program to address these interconnected risks by working simultaneously at the school, community, and institutional levels. We created a supportive and protective environment that enables adolescent girls to remain in school, make informed life choices, and transition safely into adulthood.

Objectives:

- Improve knowledge, skills, health, and leadership of adolescent girls in schools and communities.
- Strengthen community and institutional support systems to prevent early marriage and early pregnancy.

Strategies Adopted

Promote School Clubs in Government Schools- We Supported 1,200 girls through life-skills, leadership, and personal development activities.

Train Mentor Teachers and Core Members per School- We builded capacity in club management, leadership, and organizing events that promote girls’ self-worth.

Promote Young Women’s Clubs in Villages- Engage out-of-school girls on SRHR, empowering them to avoid early marriage and early pregnancy.

Enable girls to start and sustain micro-businesses for economic independence- We Provided Short-Term Income Generation Skill Training for young Girls in the community.

Introduce VSLA Methodology in Young Women’s Clubs (YWC) – We strengthened financial literacy, savings culture, and school/community-based entrepreneurship.

Sensitize Community Members- We sensitized community members, using radio shows, jingles, social media, and street plays to spread awareness on preventing early marriage/early pregnancy.

Organize NGO Network Meetings for Lobbying & Advocacy- We engaged 15 NGOs to influence policymakers toward stronger SRHR policies and support services.

Two position papers submitted – Human Trafficking & Prevention of Early Pregnancy.

4. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- 180 acres of the land was prepared for agriculture, livestock, and institutional facilities
- 50 acres cultivated fruits, vegetables, and staple crops
- The piggery with 200 pigs produced consistent revenue for DMI-SOH.
- Constructed agri-school for survivors and local community to learn sustainable farming.



4. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Tanzania’s agriculture sector faces low productivity and climate challenges. In response, the DMI Congregation acquired 180 acres in Visiga, Kibaha District, to support the DMI–Spring of Hope Rehabilitation Program. The land provides a space for healing, skills training, and sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock.

Objectives

- Expand farming and livestock activities to generate regular income for sustaining the rehabilitation center.
- Equip survivors with tailoring skills for income generation through dressmaking.

Strategies Adopted

Sustainable Agriculture

Land Preparation & Fencing- We cleared, leveled, and fully fenced the entire 180 acres to support agriculture, livestock, and institutional facilities. This created a secure and organized environment for farm planning, livestock management, and training activities benefiting survivors and surrounding communities.

Crop Cultivation- Crop cultivation was expanded to enhance food security and income generation. Sisal farming provides long-term income, while fruits, vegetables, and staple crops supply nutrition and market sales. Drip irrigation has improved yields and resilience to dry seasons.

Animal Husbandry- Livestock farming supported food security, skills development, and income diversification. The piggery generates steady revenue, while goats and poultry improve nutrition and provide hands-on training. This integrated system strengthens sustainability and livelihoods.

Infrastructure Development

Water, Greenhouse & Compost: Expanded ponds ensure reliable water for irrigation and livestock throughout the year. A greenhouse supports continuous seedling production, while compost pits produce organic manure. These facilities improve climate resilience and reduce farming costs.

Agriculture Training School: The Agriculture Training School provided practical training in sustainable and climate-resilient farming. It serves survivors, rural women, and youth through hands-on learning and demonstrations. The school promotes productivity, entrepreneurship, and sustainable livelihoods.

Tailoring Production Unit: The tailoring unit created employment and income opportunities for trafficking survivors. It produces uniforms and garments for local schools and communities. Participants earn daily income while building skills and economic independence.

5. COMMUNITY YOUTH SKILL TRAINING

- 75 youth equipped with four vocational trades
- 53 youth secured employment or started small businesses

“Through vocational skills training, psychosocial support, and career guidance, marginalized rural youth were empowered to enhance employability, build self-confidence, and access sustainable livelihood opportunities.”

5. COMMUNITY YOUTH SKILL TRAINING

We continue to identify and provide skill development training to marginalized youth, focusing on vocational skills to enhance employability and self-reliance. This initiative aims to address unemployment, low income, and vulnerability among young people, particularly youth from rural communities.

We conducted training sessions in tailoring, catering, computer skills, and beauty care for 76 youth to equip them skillfully through qualified and experienced skill trainers. We provided psychosocial support and career guidance through the counsellors for improving their self-confidence, self-esteem, and access to better opportunities with a decent income. We facilitated job placements and business setup support for trained youth.

The training program is making a significant impact by equipping youth with skills for sustainable livelihoods. Continued support and collaboration are essential to expand opportunities for more vulnerable rural youth.

Objectives

- Improve the employability of marginalized rural youth through vocational skills training and career guidance.
- Support sustainable livelihoods by enabling job placements and small business start-ups for trained youth.

Strategies Adopted

- 76 youth trained in tailoring, catering, computer, and beautician skills
- 53 youth secured employment or started small businesses.



PROGRAM ALBUM

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



**VSLA & Women
Federation Meeting**



**Capacity Building
Training**



Skill Training



**Women Federation Support to
Women Prisoners**





Group Meeting (Women Headed Family)



Training & Seminar for Women Headed Family



Distribution of Goat for Livelihood Support



PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Drop-in Center



Identification & Rescue



Counselling Sessions
(Group & Individual)



Life skills Training



Family Reunification

Rehabilitation Center



**Counselling Sessions
(Group & Individual)**



Sewing



Beautician

Vocational Training



Catering



Computer



Job Placement



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & COLLABORATION



Public Awareness Program



Collaboration with Government leaders & School Teachers



Training for Child Protection Committee



Meeting with NGOs

PREVENTION OF EARLY PREGNANCY



**School Club
Meeting**



**Cultural
Performance**



Life Skill Training



**Counselling Sessions
(Group & Individual)**



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



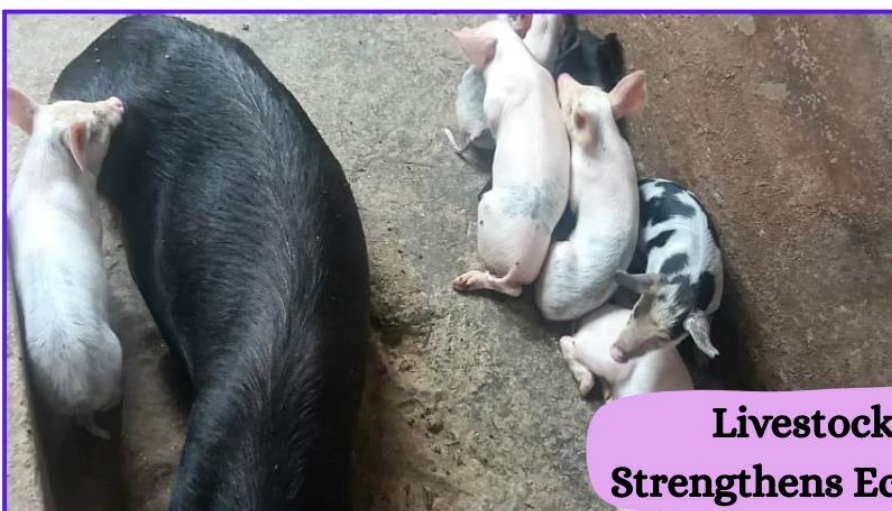
**Sisal Farming for Sustainable
Livelihoods & Long-term
Income Security**



**Growing Vegetables & Fruits to
Improve Nutrition, Income, & Food
Security**



**Empowering Farming Families
Through Diversified Farming**



**Livestock Promotion
Strengthens Economic Stability**

CELEBRATION & AWARENESS PROGRAMS



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Project Team
Training**



**Position Paper
Meeting**



**Counselors & Social
workers Training**



**District Women & Children
Protection Committee Meeting**



Monitoring Visit

Story – 01: “Rising from Deception” – The Journey of Grace Alfred



Grace Alfred is a 19-year-old young woman from Misungwi District in Mwanza Region and the eldest child in her family. Due to economic hardship and limited livelihood opportunities, she hoped to secure employment abroad to support herself and her family.

In 2023, Grace was deceived with false promises of a job in Dubai and was asked to pay TZS 500,000 for document processing. She travelled to Dar es Salaam in September 2023, where she was confined in an overcrowded room with ten other girls and women. They faced food shortages, lack of privacy, and illegal document processing. Grace was sexually abused by employment agents but remained silent out of fear. Her hopes for a better future turned into a traumatic experience of exploitation and confinement.

Grace’s situation was brought to the attention of the police by a concerned woman, leading to the rescue of all twelve victims. Grace was referred to the Spring of Hope Drop-in Centre, Kimara, and later transferred to the Rehabilitation Centre for long-term care. On 22 December 2023, she enrolled in a catering skills training program supported by DMI – Spring of Hope. Due to her commitment and discipline, she secured an internship at Camila Café, Mbezi, which later resulted in paid employment. DMI also provided psychosocial support, legal assistance, and accompaniment throughout the court proceedings against the trafficker.

Grace is now employed and earns TZS 10,000 per day, enabling her to live independently. In April 2025, the court ruled in favor of the survivors, awarding her TZS 2,000,000 in compensation. She repaid her earlier loan and saved the remaining funds, accumulating TZS 2,100,000 for future business investment. Grace is currently strengthening her culinary, entrepreneurial, and life skills with plans to open her own food business in Dar es Salaam.

Grace expresses her heartfelt gratitude to DMI – Spring of Hope for their timely intervention, continuous care, and support throughout her recovery and legal journey. She is thankful for the skills training, emotional support, and empowerment that restored her confidence and enabled her to rebuild her life with dignity and hope.

Human trafficking is not only an injustice to the victim, but it is an injustice unto the families and friends of that victim.

Story – 02: “A Girl with Determination” – The Journey of Kokusma Bwemo



Kokusma Bwemo Mutoka is an adolescent girl from the interior village of Viziwaziwa in Pwani Region. After completing Form Four, she was unable to continue her higher education due to poverty. She lived with her parents and helped them with agricultural work, but remained deeply concerned about her future and longed for independence through skill development and income generation.

Kokusma's life has been marked by many hardships. Financial constraints forced her to abandon her educational aspirations, leaving her uncertain and discouraged. During this vulnerable period, she entered into a relationship with a *bodaboda* driver who deceived and sexually exploited her with false promises. This resulted in an unplanned pregnancy. She later discovered that the man was involved with several other girls and chose to leave him. Now, in her eighth month of pregnancy, Kokusma lives alone, carrying emotional distress along with the responsibility of preparing for motherhood.

In May 2025, DMI began implementing project activities in her village. When Kokusma learned about the formation of a Young Women Club (YWC), she actively participated and was selected as the Secretary of the club. Through DMI and DESWOS, she received encouragement, guidance, and opportunities for empowerment.

In July 2025, she enrolled in batik vocational skill training. After completing the training, she received start-up kits from DMI, which enabled her to practice batik making from home and gradually master the skill.

Kokusma now produces batik clothes and sells them regularly in the local market, earning approximately TZS 80,000–100,000 per month. With this income, she supports her parents and saves money consistently by investing in VSLA shares. She has become economically active, confident, and self-reliant despite her personal challenges. She remains an active and committed member of the Young Women Club.

Kokusma expresses heartfelt gratitude to DMI and DESWOS for bringing hope into her life through the formation of the Young Women Club and providing batik skill training. She shares:

“Everything looks like a dream. So many things happened within six months of my life. I remain positive. Thanks to DMI and DESWOS for giving me skills that helped me earn a sustainable income and regain hope for my future.”

MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

SHIRIKA LA DMI MISSION TANZANIA LAJA NA MIKAKATI YA KUTOMEZA NDOA ZA UTOTONI

Teophil Mbunda June 26, 2025

NA VICTOR MASANGU, KIBAHA

Jamii wakimemo walezi na wazazi wametakiwa kuhakikisha wanaweka misingi imara na kuwa mstari wa mbele katika kuwalinda watoto wa kike katika suala zima la ukatili wa kijinsia ikiwa pamoja na kutokomeza ndoa za utotoni. Kauli hiyo imetolewa na Madina Mussa ambaye alimwakilisha Mkurugenzi wa Halmashauri ya Mji Kibaha wakati wa sherehe maadhimisho ya Siku ya Mtoto wa Afrika ambayo yameandaliwa na Shirika lisilokuwa la kiserikala la DMI Mission Tanzania.



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We truly value their commitment and teamwork.***



ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2026

A. Women Empowerment Program (WEP)

1. Train 2,556 members to regularly save, take loans, start micro-businesses, and improve their income.
2. Train 450 members on income-generation skills and motivate them to start and sustain micro-businesses.
3. Train 10 leaders from each of the 09 federations to effectively collect membership contributions, raise new funds, and provide services to their members.
4. Train 10 members from each of the 75 SHGs to protect against violence (VAW) and prevent of trafficking of girls.

B. Prevention of human trafficking & rehabilitation of girl survivor program

1. Organize and deliver quality immediate relief services such as short-stay homes, medical, counselling, life-skills, and others to 125 trafficked survivors.
2. Enroll 100 survivors in the DMI Vocational Centre/Rehabilitation Centre to learn and acquire government-certified trades for gainful employment.
3. Organize regular medical, counselling, recreational services, and legal services for the 125 survivors in the Safe houses (Short-stay home and Rehabilitation center).
4. Organize a life-skills course that equips the 125 survivors to recognize their self-worth and be prepared to protect themselves against abuse of their rights.
5. Train 100 survivors on 'Entrepreneurship development' and support 20 to 25 of them to start and sustain their small businesses.
6. Reunify 125 survivors with their families and provide follow-up support for one year.
7. Train 10 leaders from 2 Alumni associations about framing rules, membership promotion, and organize four meetings for its members.
8. Train and support 2 alumni associations to start and sustain group enterprises for their members.
9. Train and support 2 associations to integrate the VSLA methodology (savings and loan) for its members.
10. Continue to sustain the Garment-making unit and ensure regular income for 10 alumni survivors.
11. Assess the capacity gaps of the 19 CPCs and develop a plan to strengthen their skills in leading the prevention of the trafficking of girls in their villages.
12. Train 19 CPCs to integrate the VSLA methodology (savings and loan) for its members.
13. Train 150 local-level leaders and 160 teachers to prevent and protect girls against trafficking.
14. Organize 3 meetings with the 17 network NGOs to engage in sharing capacities and information, and a joint action plan to plan and organize a joint event on World Day against trafficking in persons (July 30, 2026)

C. Adolescent Girls' Empowerment Program (AGEP)

1. Support core members to train 7,500 girls in their respective schools on health and hygiene practices and maintain the newly constructed/renovated toilets in 15 schools.

2. Enhance the knowledge on SRHR by Living My Life Curricula (Life skill training) for school students and Young Women Clubs members.
3. Organize short-term income generation skills for 450 Young Women club members to start and sustain micro-businesses.
4. Train 15 clubs to integrate VSLA methodology (savings and loan) and invest funds in micro-businesses.
5. Sensitize 6,500 community members about the prevalence of early marriage/early pregnancy among girls and young women in Tanzania and steps to be taken for its prevention by doing radio shows, jingles, social media, and street plays.
6. Organize 4 network meetings with 15 NGOs for Lobbying and advocacy to influence policymakers on SHRH.

D. Farmer Field Center (FFC)

1. Train 100 youths from villages and 50 trafficked survivors to learn about organic farming, tree plantation, water and soil conservation, and rearing small animals (goats and pigs).
2. Expand and improve the demonstration farms – sisal farms, pig farms, fruit plantations, fish farms, and vegetable farms.

E. Organization development (OD)

1. Utilize the simplified M&E system for all programs and conduct quarterly review meetings to identify gaps and develop plans for overcoming those gaps.
2. Conduct 4 trainings for staff to improve the following skills - developing and following annual plans, VSLA methodology, M&E system for SHGs, PHT, RSP, VSTC, young mothers' clubs, and Strengthening CPCs.



CONCLUSION

This year marked an important step forward for DMI Mission in Tanzania as we deepened our response to the evolving needs of women, children, and survivors of human trafficking. Through focused interventions in protection, education, and economic empowerment, we witnessed growing confidence, resilience, and self-reliance among the individuals and communities we serve. These outcomes affirm the value of sustained, community-centered action grounded in dignity and respect.

At the same time, ongoing social and economic pressures continue to place vulnerable populations at risk. These realities challenge us to adapt, innovate, and strengthen our programs to ensure they remain relevant and impactful. In the coming year, DMI will prioritize program quality, accountability, and scale expanding skills development, enhancing child and adolescent support systems, and reinforcing protection mechanisms for those most at risk of exploitation and abuse.

Our work is made possible through strong partnerships and shared commitment. Collaboration with local leaders, government institutions, and civil society organizations will remain essential as we seek long-term, sustainable solutions. By investing in education, livelihood opportunities, and community ownership, we aim to create pathways that enable women and young people to build secure and independent futures.

As we conclude this year's report, we do so with gratitude and determination. The progress achieved reflects the collective efforts of our staff, partners, donors, and communities. Together, we remain committed to advancing justice, restoring hope, and creating lasting change for present and future generations in Tanzania.





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