



Mboni ya Vijana Group
Zeze Village, P.O.Box 97, Kasulu Tanzania



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DREAM TEAM TANZANIA

The Overview

Mboni ya Vijana Group (MVG) partnered with PlantVillage Global to working together for the agricultural innovation and development in Tanzania. The responsibilities of the partners (MVG & PV) are to identify, coordinate and monitoring the resources requirement for small and medium scale farmers help. Mboni ya Vijana Group (MVG) is the field based host partner organizes, recruiting and directing working team to the destination in Tanzania while PlantVillage is non-profit donor organization based in the United States of America. The partnership aims/stands on the provision of technology and knowledge to smallholder farmers improve yields. Visit: www.plantvillage.psu.edu and www.mboniyavijana.org for further into.

Dream Team

Dream Team (DT) Tanzania is the operational agricultural experts unit who works directly in the smallholder farmers' fields. Their roles are to detect, advice, information dissemination and solution delivers to the farmers on the pests and diseases the crops are having. Primarily detection of the crops infections are run by the dream team using technology that enables the expert to know what an issue and provide immediate answers to the farmers.

How Dream Team Works

During the formation of the Dream Team (DT), the selected candidate must be the youth agriculture related degree holders meeting the criteria and being selected on equal gender balance. They have to be self driven and motivated to work with small farmers in remotely places. They do not ask any kind of favour from the small farmers who is to get the DT member service otherwise the farmer decide from his/her inner willingness to offer it to DT member.

The DT members use intelligent technology applications those are installed on smart phones or android devices. These applications are designed and trained to detect infections on crops through the cameras of the device used and give results on spot. These common used apps are Plantvillage NURU, FAO FAMEWS and BASECAMPS. The DT have the responsibility to train farmers groups on various best and practical farming practices in collaboration with local government authorities based on the farming requirements. Field crops monitoring go with reporting/sharing the findings to the employer through authorized electronic technologies.

When & Where the DT is in Action

DT Tanzania founded on 14th March 2022 at Zeze Village in Kasulu Kigoma Tanzania and effective activated on 28th March 2022 in five wards of Kasulu District Council. At this stage, DT deals with major two crops which are cassava and Maize however not restricted to help farmers with other crops. The dream team members can be reached or consulted as detailed below;



Ashura Swai (22yrs) from Tabora, is the holder of Diploma in General Agriculture the class of 2020 at Tumbi College of Agriculture in Tabora Tanzania. She is the Dream Team Tanzania founder member stationed at Rusesa ward. She is trained well and will address all needs the DT have to be and she will be helping small farmers improve their crop yields. Agriculture Extension Officers and small farmers can reach her for further inquiries through; Mob. call & WhatsApp +255622328517 email: ashuraswai8@gmail.com



January Tilubuza is a young man born and grew in Mwanza. He is the graduate with BSc in General agriculture at Sokoine University of Agriculture the class of 2021. He is the 25 yrs old with commitment to working with small farmers in Tanzania. As one of the founder members Dream Team Tanzania will be working closely with the small farmers and his station is Rusesa ward. Consultations and any communication with him regarding crops and farming issues, do not hesitate to reaching him through: Mobile call and WhatsApp at +255758276888 and email: jauarytilus@gmail.com



Pendo Donard (23yrs) from Bariadi Tanzania is the Dream Team member designated at Nyamidando Ward Station. In 2021, she graduated her BSc degree in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Sokoine university of Agriculture. Her passion is to see farmers meeting their agricultural objectives including feeding the entire community with sufficient food. She is pleased to be one of the DT founder members and will work closely to the farmers and the authorities from her station. Contact her via Phone calls, WhatsApp and Email +255743285976, raphaelpendo17@gmail.com



Thadei R. Myungile (23yrs) left Iringa to Kigoma for seeking to working with farmers through DT. He is therefore the DT member located at Rungwe Mpya ward in Kasulu District Council. He is an environmentalist with agricultural knowledge and skills from his BSc degree in Environmental Science and Management at Sokoine University of Agriculture the class of 2020. He appreciates that the survival of rural residents are in the power of agricultural yields and he is conversant to work and help small farmers to bolster their yields to feed the nation. He is always available to help remotely and the contacts are +255746495530 or thadeymyungile29@gmail.com



Naomi Kihamba is a 23 years old graduated with the Bsc degree in horticulture from Sokoine University of Agriculture Morogoro. Always happy to share and discuss agriculture challenges and find out the solution toward plausible harvest results. As part of the Dream Team Tanzania will be working with the smallholders farmers from her Makere Ward station. Agricultural challenges, best practices and other productive assistance and solutions, please share with her through +255621562751 Or email to naomikihamba97@gmail.com



Joachim J. Gobanya born and grown in Kasulu Tanzania before joining the university of Sokoine where he graduated with BSc degree in Horticulture the class of 2019. He is now 27 years old and founder member of DT Tanzania stationed at Kitagata Ward where he is enthusiastically supporting the small farmers to change traditional and locally behavior of agriculture. His choice is agriculture, with this opportunity he is enormous collaborate with experts and non-experts engaging in farming to transform yields per area. Contact Joachim on +255 0757224223 or jgobanya95@gmail.com



Isack W. Muhanuka is 26 years old born and grown in Kigoma region Tanzania. He graduated in 2021 with a BSc degree of Agriculture Engineering from Sokoine University of Agriculture Morogoro Tanzania. He qualified to be one of the other members forming DT Tanzania and h allocated at Nyamihado Ward station. His passion to work with small farmers is a worthwhile benefit to the farmers and the community of surrounding villages. He is reachable through +255758672896 and isackmuhanuka10@gmail.com for farming assistance.



The class of 2021 made Juliana Wikama (24) an agriculture expert after graduating with the BSc degree in Agriculture, Natural Resource Economics and Agribusiness from the University of Dar es salaam. She is the Dream Team founder member for Tanzania and has committed to make it impacting the farmers positively. She implements her DT roles in Kasulu District Council mainly stationed in Rungwe Mpya Ward to the farming outreach works for surrounding small farmers. Her contacts are +255620293393 and julianawikama582@gmail.com



Vicent Mkanezi is 31 years old from Kahama Tanzania who holds BSc Degree of Environmental Science and Management; the graduation of 2016 from Sokoine University of Agriculture. He is a committed man to make changes in agriculture with the small farmers through DT opportunity. He is Dream Team member located to take on his responsibilities from Makere Ward around the surrounding farmers. Calling or mailing him for agricultural help is acceptable through his phone and email +255759071297 and vicentmrama@gmail.com



Happiness A, Nkini is 24 years old and Dream Team Tanzania founder member. She was born and grew in Morogoro region the then graduate in 2021 with BSc Degree in Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness from Sokoine University of Agriculture Morogoro Tanzania. She is equipped on the use of technology to assess and identify Cassava and Maize infections those to address among others. Happiness has designated to carry on her roles and the Dream Team member in Kitagata Ward in Kasulu District Council. She knows her roles to farmers and she is there to help. Communicate her on nkinihapy@gmail.com or +255682388582.



Robert Mathew graduated from Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro with BSc in Agriculture Engineering the class of 2021. He is 26 years old from Shinyanga region full committed to working with small farmers in Kasulu Rural. He is the Dream Team Tanzania founder member however he is a backup current stationed in Rusesa Ward. Robert believes that his agricultural degree is nothing if it is not used to pave the way for the farmers to sustain their means of production, the greedy he is. Contacts: +255684427238, robertmathew32@gmail.com



Procedures Dream Team Passed Through

The processes of forming the dream team Tanzania have been common like most other organizations go through to recruit new staffs. Below is the report about the recruiting procedures the team members passed through;

- I. Call for opportunity application held on basecamp platform and MVG, TDT and other social media.
- II. Interview – Held at Mboni ya Vijana compound on 14th March 2022 run by MVG in collaboration with PlantVillage teams. This was to select 10 youth to form Dream Team and 10 were selected however 1 extra decided to stay for the training after the interview.
- III. Training and capacity building to selected Dream Team members. The four (4) days (from 15th – 18th March 2022) used to train the DT on the;
 - An overview of the PlantVillage, Dream Team and technologies,
 - Roles of the dream team members, PlantVillage and Mboni ya Vijana,
 - Roles of the farmers
 - Pests and diseases affecting cassava and maize
 - The application of technologies (PlantVillage Nuru, FAO FAMEWS, BASECAMP, Google Sheets, Google Documents and OpenDataKit – ODK Collect).
 - Field work/practical.
- IV. *Allocation of working stations* – where five wards have selected and allocated with the DT members to starting working there. The wards which selected are Rusesa, Rungwe Mpya, Kitagata, Makere and Nyamidaho each receiving two experts who are distributed in gender balance.
- V. *Closure of the sessions*. These activities were the shared experiences between private sector and the government.

Kasulu District Council is heavily dependent on agriculture run by small farmers throughout the district boundaries. It is the time Cassava and Maize production and processing are highly promoted and economized by Kasulu District Council while it is the big producer of those crops. Having the opportunity to accommodate 10 full farming helpers is the big input and boost to the farmers and agriculture in general that we highly need. Mboni ya Vijana Group encourages Kasulu District Council to use these human resources effectively in improving agriculture sector in the district especially in the Maize and Cassava production.



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