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Message from the Founder and Executive Director



Dear Partners, Supporters, Friends, and Community Members,

It is with deep gratitude, humility, and renewed hope that I present Mboni ya Vijana's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

As I reflect on our journey, I am reminded that rural Tanzania often represents another side of the same nation—a side rich in natural resources, culture, resilience, and human potential, yet still burdened by extreme poverty, limited opportunities, and the growing impacts of climate change. These are the communities where most of our nation's food is produced, yet they frequently remain unseen, underserved, and disconnected from the resources and investments needed to unlock their full potential.

Having been born and raised in a rural community, I have witnessed both the challenges and the extraordinary strength of rural families. I understand what it means to depend entirely on seasonal rains, to walk long distances for water, to struggle with limited access to education and healthcare, and to see hard-earned harvests lost due to inadequate storage and market systems. These realities inspired the founding of Mboni ya Vijana in 2014 and continue to shape our vision today.

Our mission has always been clear: to build an integrated and sustainable rural development model that improves livelihoods, protects the environment, and creates lasting opportunities for future generations. We believe that poverty, food insecurity, environmental degradation, unemployment, and climate change are interconnected challenges that require integrated and community-driven solutions.

The achievements presented in this report demonstrate what is possible when communities, partners, and supporters work together toward a common purpose. During the 2025/2026 fiscal year, more than 5,000 smallholder farmers were supported through climate-smart agriculture initiatives; over 27,000 people gained access to clean and safe water; 443,000 trees were planted to restore ecosystems and strengthen climate resilience; youth and women expanded businesses and employment opportunities; and significant progress was made in strengthening the organization's capacity to serve more communities across Tanzania.

These accomplishments are not simply numbers. They represent children attending school with access to clean water, families harvesting more food from healthier soils, women earning income and supporting their households, young people discovering new opportunities and purpose, and communities becoming more resilient in the face of environmental and economic challenges.

At the same time, we remain aware that the work ahead is substantial. Rural poverty, climate change, post-harvest losses, limited market access, and inadequate infrastructure continue to affect millions of people. Addressing these challenges requires long-term commitment, innovation, partnership, and investment.



As Mboni ya Vijana enters a new phase of growth following its transition to a nationally registered NGO, we remain committed to expanding our impact while maintaining the values that have guided us from the beginning: community ownership, integrity, accountability, innovation, inclusion, and environmental responsibility.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the communities we serve, I extend my sincere appreciation to our donors, partners, government institutions, supporters, and friends whose trust and collaboration continue to make this work possible. Your investment is helping create healthier communities, stronger livelihoods, and a more sustainable future.

Together, we are proving that rural communities are not places of limitation, but places of opportunity, innovation, and transformation. With continued partnership and shared commitment, I am confident that we can build a future where every rural family has the opportunity to live with dignity, prosperity, and hope.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

With gratitude and determination,

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Benedicto Hosea

Founder and Executive Director

Mboni ya Vijana (MVO)

Tanzania



Executive Summary

This Annual Report presents the achievements and impact of Mboni ya Vijana (MVO) during the 2025/2026 fiscal year, covering the period from July 2025 to June 2026. Throughout the year, the organization continued to expand its locally led development initiatives, supported by committed partners, donors, volunteers, and communities working together to improve livelihoods and protect the environment in rural Tanzania.

Our interventions focused on six strategic priorities: sustainable and climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest loss reduction, access to clean and safe water, environmental conservation and climate action, youth and women entrepreneurship empowerment, and organizational capacity strengthening. These programs were designed to address the interconnected challenges of poverty, food insecurity, unemployment, environmental degradation, and limited access to essential services.

Despite funding constraints that delayed some planned infrastructure and machinery investments, Mboni ya Vijana achieved significant progress across its program areas. Performance exceeded several annual targets, demonstrating strong community participation, effective partnerships, and the growing impact of our integrated rural development model.

The achievements recorded during the year reflect the resilience of the communities we serve and the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters. As we look ahead, Mboni ya Vijana remains committed to scaling sustainable solutions, strengthening organizational capacity, and expanding opportunities for rural communities to thrive while safeguarding the environment for future generations.



About Mboni ya Vijana



Mboni ya Vijana (MVO) is a Tanzanian indigenous, locally led non-profit organization officially registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, with Registration Number 00NGO/R/8152. Established in 2014 and transitioning from a Community-Based Organization (CBO) to a fully registered NGO in 2025, Mboni ya Vijana is committed to improving livelihoods and building resilient rural communities through integrated and sustainable development. The organization works to address poverty, food insecurity, environmental degradation, limited access to clean water, and economic exclusion among youth and women across rural Tanzania.

The 2025/2026 fiscal year marked a significant period of organizational growth and impact. During the reporting period, Mboni ya Vijana implemented integrated rural development programs in Kigoma and Katavi Regions while laying the foundation for future expansion into Tabora and Rukwa Regions. Our interventions focused on sustainable and climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest loss reduction, environmental conservation, access to clean and safe water, youth and women entrepreneurship empowerment, and organizational capacity strengthening.

Working closely with local communities, government authorities, research institutions, schools, development partners, and international supporters, Mboni ya Vijana promotes practical, locally driven solutions that improve food and income security, create economic opportunities, protect natural resources, and strengthen community wellbeing. Through this integrated approach, the organization continues to contribute to sustainable rural development and climate resilience while creating lasting impact for rural communities across Tanzania.



Our Vision, Mission, Values and Approach



Vision

To see rural communities transformed through inclusive socio-economic development and sustainable environmental stewardship.

Mission

To mobilize, empower, and coordinate youth and women in the sustainable utilization of locally available resources and opportunities to improve livelihoods while promoting environmental conservation and climate resilience.

Core Values

Community Ownership and Participation

Innovation and Sustainability

Accountability and Transparency

Integrity and Professionalism

Inclusion and Equality

Environmental Responsibility

Our Approach

Mboni ya Vijana employs an integrated rural development approach that recognizes the interconnected nature of poverty, food insecurity, environmental degradation, unemployment, and limited access to essential services. Through climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest loss reduction, clean water access, environmental conservation, youth and women empowerment, and organizational strengthening, the organization works with communities to build resilient livelihoods and sustainable development outcomes.



Program 1: Food Systems



Food systems remain at the core of Mboni ya Vijana's integrated rural development model. Through sustainable and climate-smart agriculture, improved seed systems, bio-fertilizer production, and post-harvest value addition, the organization works to strengthen food security, increase household incomes, and promote environmental sustainability.

During the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana implemented food systems interventions in Kigoma and Katavi Regions, while engaging stakeholders in Tabora and Rukwa Regions as part of future expansion efforts. The program aimed to improve agricultural productivity, reduce post-harvest losses, and enhance market opportunities for smallholder farmers through sustainable production and value-chain development.

Sustainable Farming and Climate-Smart Agriculture



Mboni ya Vijana continued to support smallholder farmers through training, access to quality planting materials, bio-fertilizer production, and ongoing technical assistance. The program exceeded several annual targets due to strong community demand, increased field outreach, and growing acceptance of climate-smart agricultural practices.

**Key Achievements**

Indicator	Target	Achieved	Variance
Smallholder farmers trained and supported	2,200	5,113	+2,913
High-quality seed farms established (acres)	50	68	+18
Bio-fertilizers and biochar produced (tons)	540	15,900	+15,360

The success of these interventions was driven by increased community participation, access to quality cassava planting materials, strengthened field support, availability of suitable agricultural land, technical guidance from partners including TARI, IITA, and TOSCI, and growing farmer demand for sustainable alternatives to chemical fertilizers.

Outcomes

The adoption of climate-smart farming practices contributed to significant improvements in agricultural productivity and soil health:

- 4,761.5 acres benefited from the application of bio-organic fertilizers and soil improvement practices.
- Average cassava and maize yields increased from 3 bags per acre to 30 bags per acre, representing a 900% increase in productivity.
- Sustainable farming outreach exceeded the annual target by 132%, reaching 5,113 farmers against a target of 2,200.
- Access to locally available, high-quality cassava and banana planting materials improved significantly within target communities.

Post-Harvest Loss Reduction and Value Addition

As agricultural productivity increased, post-harvest losses emerged as a growing challenge due to limited local processing, storage, and market access. To address this gap, Mboni ya Vijana continued investing in processing infrastructure and value-addition facilities at its headquarters in Zeze Village.

Infrastructure and Equipment Progress

During the reporting period, the organization continued developing and managing facilities designed to reduce food losses and strengthen local agricultural value chains.

Key achievements included:

- Storage facility construction reached approximately 75% completion, with a projected capacity of more than 400 tons of produce.
- A cassava chipper was acquired and installed to improve cassava processing and drying efficiency.
- Existing milling facilities, maize peeling equipment, feed-mixing machinery, and weighing systems continued to operate and support local farmers.
- Planned investments in a sunflower oil processing machine, solar dryer, and pellet-making machine were postponed due to funding constraints.



Outcomes

Investments in processing and storage infrastructure generated both community and organizational benefits:

- Rural households gained access to affordable and reliable milling services, reducing processing costs and saving time.
- The maize and cassava milling facility generated 32% of Mboni ya Vijana's internally generated income during the fiscal year.
- More than 11,463 tons of cassava and maize were processed, reducing post-harvest losses and improving market access for farmers.
- The cassava chipper increased processing efficiency to approximately 8 tons per day, improving product quality and creating local employment opportunities.
- The emerging storage facility is expected to transform local marketing systems by enabling farmers to aggregate, store, and sell produce more strategically.



Lessons Learned

The reporting period demonstrated that practical, farmer-centered learning approaches are highly effective in promoting the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices. Participatory field demonstrations, evidence sharing, and regular farmer engagement strengthened community trust and accelerated uptake of improved farming methods.

At the same time, increased agricultural productivity highlighted the urgent need for stronger post-harvest systems. While production levels have improved significantly, market access and value-addition opportunities remain insufficient to absorb growing outputs, particularly for cassava. Without expanded processing capacity and market development, farmers risk reduced profitability and declining motivation to maintain improved production practices.

The program also reaffirmed the need for agricultural mechanization and climate-resilient technologies. Dependence on hand tools and rain-fed farming continues to limit productivity and the ability of farmers to meet growing market demand.

Impact

The Food Systems Program contributed to measurable improvements in livelihoods and resilience among participating communities:

- Increased agricultural productivity and household food security.
- Improved household incomes and purchasing power.
- Greater capacity among families to meet education, health, and other essential expenses.



- Increased adoption of sustainable and climate-smart farming practices.
- Enhanced community awareness of environmental stewardship and sustainable resource management.
- Stronger foundations for local agricultural value chains and rural economic development.





Program 3: Youth and Women Entrepreneurship Empowerment



Program Context

Limited employment opportunities, low incomes, and restricted access to financial resources continue to affect many rural youth and women in Tanzania. In Kigoma Region, many young people lose hope of securing formal employment after completing primary or secondary education, particularly when academic performance limits access to further education. While agriculture remains the primary source of livelihood for most rural youth, it is often seasonal and constrained by limited access to land and productive resources.

To address these challenges, Mboni ya Vijana promotes entrepreneurship, innovation, vocational skills development, and access to start-up capital as pathways to self-reliance, employment creation, and sustainable livelihoods.

Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation



During the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana continued identifying, training, financing, and mentoring youth with innovative ideas, creative talents, and business ambitions. The program aimed to equip young people with practical skills and opportunities to participate in local economic development.



Key Achievements

- 82 youth were mobilized and trained in entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation, and talent development.
- 30 youth organized and engaged in performing arts, including acting, music, and dance, creating new avenues for income generation and self-expression.
- 24 youth received seed capital of TZS 200,000 each to establish or expand their business ventures.
- 28 youth successfully established businesses or secured employment opportunities through program support.

Technical Skills Development Workshop



Mboni ya Vijana continued operating its vocational workshop as a practical learning and production facility for youth interested in welding, carpentry, masonry, water drilling, and related technical trades.

During the reporting period:

- 22 youth received hands-on training and work experience in technical and construction-related skills.
- Participating youth manufactured 38 rope hand pumps for community water access initiatives.
- A total of 182 windows, doors, and gates were produced through the workshop.
- More than eight community and organizational structures were constructed with the involvement of trained youth.





The workshop continues to serve as both a skills development platform and a pathway to employment and income generation for rural youth.

Women's Economic Empowerment

Mboni ya Vijana continued to strengthen women's economic participation by supporting small business development, facilitating access to local employment opportunities, and promoting engagement in agricultural value chains.

Key Achievements

- A cassava chipping machine valued at TZS 4.7 million was procured to support women's participation in cassava processing and value addition.
- More than 60 employment opportunities were created for women through agricultural processing activities.
- 59 women-owned businesses received support, monitoring, and mentorship services.
- More than TZS 9 million was circulating within supported women-led enterprises during the reporting period.



Many participating women reported improvements in household income, financial independence, and their ability to contribute to family wellbeing through profits generated from their businesses.

Program Outcomes

The Youth and Women Entrepreneurship Program contributed to several positive social and economic outcomes:

- Increased interest among youth and women in entrepreneurship, innovation, and self-employment.
- Improved access to income-generating opportunities, skills development, and start-up capital.
- Enhanced confidence, motivation, and hope among young people pursuing sustainable livelihoods.
- Increased household incomes and purchasing power among participating families.



- Improved access to education, health, water, transport, and other essential services through increased earning capacity.
- Improved housing conditions and local infrastructure through increased access to construction skills and locally produced building materials.

Impact

Through entrepreneurship support, vocational skills development, and economic empowerment initiatives, Mboni ya Vijana is helping rural youth and women transition from dependency to self-reliance. The program is creating pathways to employment, strengthening local economies, and empowering communities to build sustainable livelihoods while contributing to inclusive rural development.



Program 4: Clean Water Access and WASH



Transforming Lives Through Sustainable Water Access

Access to clean and safe water remains one of the most critical challenges facing rural communities in Tanzania. Prolonged droughts, unreliable water sources, and inadequate water infrastructure continue to affect education, health, sanitation, environmental conservation, and overall community wellbeing. For many rural schools, the absence of safe water forces students to spend valuable learning time searching for water, while exposing them to poor hygiene conditions and water-related diseases.

For more than a decade, Mboni ya Vijana has implemented a community-centered borehole drilling and rope-pump construction model to address water scarcity and strengthen community resilience to drought. The initiative provides sustainable access to clean water while supporting education, health, environmental restoration, and socio-economic development.

2025/2026 Key Achievements

During the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana identified, constructed, and commissioned 29 water wells across 29 rural schools, providing reliable access to clean and safe water for more than 27,000 people. Approximately 94% of the beneficiaries were school children, making the initiative a significant investment in the wellbeing and future of rural learners.

Program Results

- **29 water wells constructed and operational** in rural schools.
- **More than 27,000 people reached** with access to clean and safe water.
- **94% of beneficiaries are school children**, directly improving their learning environment and wellbeing.
- Significant reduction in time spent collecting water, allowing students and teachers to focus on education and productive activities.

Creating Impact Beyond Water Access

The provision of clean and safe water generated multiple social, educational, health, and environmental benefits across participating communities.



Improved Health, Hygiene, and Sanitation

Reliable access to clean water has significantly improved hygiene and sanitation conditions in schools that previously struggled with severe water shortages. Students now have access to water for handwashing, cleaning, and personal hygiene, contributing to healthier learning environments and reducing the risk of water-related illnesses.

Increased School Attendance and Learning Outcomes

Prior to the intervention, many students spent considerable time walking long distances to collect water. The project reduced this burden by an estimated 98%, allowing students to dedicate more time to learning and other productive activities.

Improved water access has also contributed to increased school attendance, particularly among girls. Access to water and improved sanitation facilities has created a more inclusive learning environment, enabling girls to attend school more consistently and participate fully in their education.

Strengthened School Feeding and Nutrition Programs

Reliable water access has enhanced the implementation of school feeding programs, ensuring safer food preparation and improved nutrition for students. This has contributed to better health outcomes and a more conducive environment for learning and development.

Environmental Resilience and Greening Initiatives

Beyond its social benefits, the water program has strengthened environmental sustainability within schools and surrounding communities. Access to water has enabled schools to establish and maintain orchards, tree nurseries, and environmental conservation initiatives, contributing to drought resilience, biodiversity restoration, and improved local ecosystems.

Long-Term Impact

The Rural Communities' Access to Clean and Safe Water Program continues to demonstrate that water is more than a basic necessity—it is a catalyst for sustainable development. By improving health, education, gender equality, environmental conservation, and community resilience, the initiative is helping rural communities build a stronger and more sustainable future.

Through continued investment in water infrastructure and community partnerships, Mboni ya Vijana remains committed to ensuring that every child and every community has access to the clean and safe water needed to thrive.



Program 5: Environmental Conservation and Climate Action



Environmental sustainability and climate resilience remain central to Mboni ya Vijana's mission. Rural communities across Tanzania continue to face increasing environmental challenges, including prolonged droughts, land degradation, deforestation, declining biodiversity, and limited access to clean water. These challenges threaten livelihoods, food security, public health, and ecosystem stability.

During the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana worked closely with communities, schools, local authorities, and development partners to implement integrated environmental and climate action initiatives focused on water access, reforestation, forest protection, soil restoration, and climate-smart land management.

Reforestation and Forest Conservation

Rapid population growth, unsustainable land use practices, and climate change continue to place significant pressure on Tanzania's natural ecosystems. The decline of indigenous tree species contributes to biodiversity loss, soil erosion, rising temperatures, reduced carbon sequestration, and degradation of wildlife habitats.

To address these challenges, Mboni ya Vijana continued implementing large-scale tree planting and forest conservation initiatives designed to restore ecosystems while strengthening community ownership of environmental stewardship.

Tree Planting

Through our tree nursery program, Mboni ya Vijana propagated and distributed indigenous and climate-resilient tree species, including *Syzygium guineense*, *Entandrophragma excelsum*, and *Markhamia lutea*, which are increasingly threatened across western Tanzania.



Key Achievements

- Annual target: 150,000 trees planted.
- Trees planted: 443,000 trees.
- 85% indigenous tree species.
- 15% fruit trees (*Persea americana*).
- 70% planted within public institutions, including schools and health facilities.
- 30% planted on smallholder farms and household land.

The program exceeded its annual planting target by nearly three times, demonstrating strong community engagement and growing environmental awareness.

Forest Protection and Community Engagement

Recognizing that tree planting alone is insufficient without long-term protection, Mboni ya Vijana invested in community education and innovative conservation approaches.

Key Achievements

- More than 4,000 people received training on forestry management, ecosystem conservation, and environmental stewardship.
- Approximately 70% of participants were students, strengthening environmental awareness among future generations.
- 65 beehives were established and managed within forest areas as part of a conservation strategy that discourages illegal tree cutting while creating livelihood opportunities.
- An additional 60 beehives were being funded by Climate Stewards and on construction and installation processes.

Environmental Outcomes

The reforestation and conservation program contributed to:

- Improved soil stability and reduced erosion.
- Increased carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation.
- Enhanced biodiversity and restoration of natural habitats.
- Improved local microclimates through increased vegetation cover.



- Strengthened community ownership of environmental protection.
- Increased availability of future sources of timber, fruits, and other forest products.



Biochar and Bio-Organic Fertilizers

Healthy soils are fundamental to sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and environmental restoration. During the reporting period, Mboni ya Vijana continued promoting the production and use of biochar and bio-organic fertilizers as environmentally friendly alternatives that improve soil health while contributing to carbon storage.

Key Achievements

- More than 15,000 tons of biochar and bio-organic fertilizers were produced and applied across target communities.
- Farmers adopted locally produced soil amendments as alternatives to expensive chemical fertilizers.
- Community demand for biochar and bio-organic fertilizers continued to increase throughout the year.



Observed Results

Although specialized equipment for measuring soil carbon sequestration and nutrient levels is not yet available, field observations and farmer feedback indicated significant benefits:

- Improved soil moisture retention during dry periods.
- Increased crop productivity, with some farmers reporting yield improvements of more than 50%.
- Enhanced soil biological activity, including increased presence of beneficial microorganisms.
- Greater resilience of crops during drought conditions.



Lessons Learned

Community acceptance of biochar and bio-organic fertilizers has been exceptionally strong due to their affordability, accessibility, and visible impact on crop performance. However, farmers expressed the need for improved technical support and scientific verification systems to measure soil nutrients, moisture retention, and carbon sequestration outcomes more accurately.

Investment in monitoring equipment and technical partnerships will strengthen evidence generation and help quantify the environmental benefits of these climate-smart practices in future years.

Impact

The Environmental Conservation and Climate Action Program contributed to improved environmental stewardship, increased climate resilience, and enhanced community wellbeing across target regions. Through expanded large-scale reforestation, forest conservation, and soil restoration initiatives, Mboni ya Vijana continues to empower communities to protect natural resources while building sustainable livelihoods for present and future generations.



Program 6: Organizational Development



The 2025/2026 fiscal year was a period of significant organizational growth and institutional strengthening for Mboni ya Vijana. Recognizing that sustainable community impact requires a strong and resilient organization, we continued investing in infrastructure, human resources, governance systems, partnerships, and resource mobilization to enhance our capacity to deliver and scale development programs across rural Tanzania.

Infrastructure Development and Asset Growth



To strengthen operational efficiency, organizational sustainability, and long-term program delivery, Mboni ya Vijana continued investing in strategic infrastructure and productive assets.

Land Acquisition and Management

During the reporting period, the organization expanded and secured land resources to support administrative functions, agricultural production, training activities, and future institutional growth.

Key achievements included:

- Acquisition of **two registered plots** in Kibaoni, Uvinza District, designated for future administrative infrastructure development.
- Securing **three hectares of land in Kazuramimba** for crop seed multiplication, youth development, and community learning activities, with the registration process underway.



- Continued management and development of **eight hectares at the Zeze Headquarters**, supporting agricultural production, forestry initiatives, infrastructure development, and demonstration activities.

Buildings and Facilities Development

The organization continued investing in facilities that support program implementation, staff wellbeing, and community engagement.

During the fiscal year:

- Construction of new sanitation facilities, including staff and visitor toilets and bathrooms, was initiated to improve hygiene and accessibility.
- Existing organizational facilities were maintained and upgraded.
- Construction and development activities continued across multiple operational facilities, including administration offices, storage infrastructure, training and meeting facilities, workshop spaces, machinery shelters, and livestock-related structures.

Human Resources and Organizational Capacity

A skilled and committed workforce remains one of Mboni ya Vijana's most valuable assets. During the reporting period, the organization strengthened its technical and operational capacity through recruitment, volunteer engagement, and professional development.

Staffing Growth

- Six new professionals were recruited, increasing the number of paid staff from 11 to 17 employees.
- An additional 11 casual workers, volunteers, and contractual personnel supported program implementation throughout the year.
- The organization maintained a workforce of 28 personnel across its various programs and operations.
- More than 150 temporary laborers were engaged on a needs basis to support agricultural production, infrastructure development, and other project activities.





International Volunteer Engagement

Mboni ya Vijana benefited from the expertise and commitment of international volunteers who provided technical support in fundraising, financial systems strengthening, communications, and organizational development.

Key contributors included:

- Janet Chapman
- Sheila Farrell
- Joey Garman
- Bella Hailemariam
- Cathie O'Farrell

Their contributions strengthened organizational systems while expanding the organization's international networks and visibility.

Organizational Assets and Operational Resources

To support future infrastructure development and improve operational capacity, the organization continued investing in strategic resources and equipment.

Key Achievements

- Production of approximately **110,000 construction bricks**, including **30,000 fired bricks**, representing an estimated asset value of **TZS 35 million**.
- Procurement of digital equipment, including:
 - Six computers;
 - One printer;
 - Three external hard drives; and
 - Additional information management tools.

While transportation assets such as vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles remained a priority need, funding limitations prevented procurement during the reporting period. Consequently, transportation services continued to be outsourced to support field implementation activities.

Organizational Visibility

During the fiscal year, **611 visitors** visited Mboni ya Vijana's headquarters and program sites for learning, networking, and partnership exploration purposes, reflecting growing recognition of the organization's work and impact.



Leadership, Governance, and Capacity Building Fundraising, Partnerships, and Strategic Relationships



Strengthening partnerships and mobilizing resources remained a key organizational priority throughout the year. Through grant applications, networking events, international conferences, strategic meetings, and income-generating activities, Mboni ya Vijana expanded its visibility and cultivated relationships with a growing network of partners and supporters.

New Partnerships and Networks

During the reporting period, the organization established new relationships and engagements with several international platforms and institutions, including:

- Opportunity Collaboration (to attend Gathering 2026 in Portugal)
- Perennial Gathering (Participated its gathering 2026 in Japan)
- Catalyst Now
- MyCo Venture Limited

These engagements have expanded opportunities for learning, collaboration, and future resource mobilization.

Emerging Partnership Opportunities

Mboni ya Vijana also initiated discussions, assessments, and partnership exploration processes with a number of organizations, including:

- Blood:Water
- Asian Rural Institute (ARI)
- Peace Tracks
- Her Future Foundation
- Usanii Village Africa
- MicroLoan Foundation
- SCODEV
- Japanese KASUNONE Program
- Catalyst Now and Europe Chapter



Strengthening Existing Partnerships



The organization continued to maintain and strengthen relationships with longstanding partners whose support remains critical to program implementation and institutional growth.

These included:

- Tanzania Development Trust (TDT)
- Segal Family Foundation (SFF)
- Climate Stewards (CS)
- GlobalGiving (GG)
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)

In addition, strong collaboration continued with local government authorities, schools, research institutions, and civil society networks across Kigoma, Katavi, Tabora, and Rukwa Regions.

Strong leadership and effective governance remain essential to achieving organizational goals and ensuring accountability to communities, partners, and donors.

Throughout the reporting period:

- Scheduled Board, committee, and membership meetings were conducted.
- Internal reviews, coaching sessions, and organizational assessments were undertaken.
- Leadership and staff participated in professional development opportunities through partner-supported initiatives and global learning platforms.



Capacity-building opportunities included engagement with programs and networks supported by:

- Segal Family Foundation
- Nonprofit Builders
- Catalyst Now
- Opportunity Collaboration
- Other international leadership and organizational development platforms

These investments have strengthened organizational governance, strategic thinking, compliance, fundraising capacity, and program management systems.

Looking Ahead

The progress achieved during 2025/2026 reflects Mboni ya Vijana's commitment to building a strong, resilient, and sustainable institution capable of delivering lasting impact. As the organization continues to grow, future priorities include strengthening infrastructure, expanding transportation capacity, enhancing monitoring and evaluation systems, diversifying funding sources, and deepening strategic partnerships to increase impact across rural Tanzania.



Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Accountability

Throughout the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana continued to strengthen its commitment to evidence-based programming, accountability, and continuous learning. Monitoring and evaluation activities were conducted across all program areas through field visits, beneficiary tracking, project reviews, stakeholder consultations, and community feedback mechanisms. Data collected between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026 enabled the organization to assess progress, measure outcomes, and inform future planning.

Monitoring results demonstrated significant progress across key program areas. The organization exceeded its target for smallholder farmer outreach, reaching 5,113 farmers through climate-smart agriculture initiatives. Access to clean and safe water was improved for more than 27,000 beneficiaries through the construction of 29 school water wells. Environmental conservation efforts surpassed annual targets with the planting of 443,000 trees and the production of over 15,000 tons of biochar and bio-organic fertilizers. Youth and women empowerment initiatives contributed to increased entrepreneurship, vocational skills development, employment opportunities, and business growth across target communities.

Several important lessons emerged during implementation. First, practical and participatory learning approaches significantly increased community adoption of new technologies and practices. Second, increased agricultural productivity must be accompanied by investments in storage, processing, and market systems to reduce post-harvest losses and improve farmer incomes. Third, access to clean water generates multiple development benefits by improving education, health, sanitation, nutrition, gender equality, and environmental resilience. Fourth, youth empowerment programs achieve greater success when training is combined with access to finance, mentorship, equipment, and practical work opportunities. Finally, community ownership remains a critical factor in ensuring the sustainability and long-term success of development interventions.

The organization-maintained accountability through regular leadership and governance meetings, financial oversight, field monitoring, partner engagement, and beneficiary feedback processes. Looking ahead, Mboni ya Vijana will continue strengthening its monitoring, evaluation, learning, and accountability systems through improved data management, outcome measurement, impact documentation, and community feedback mechanisms to enhance program effectiveness and demonstrate sustainable results for communities, partners, and donors.



Program 7: Financial Performance, Impact, and Challenges

Income Overview

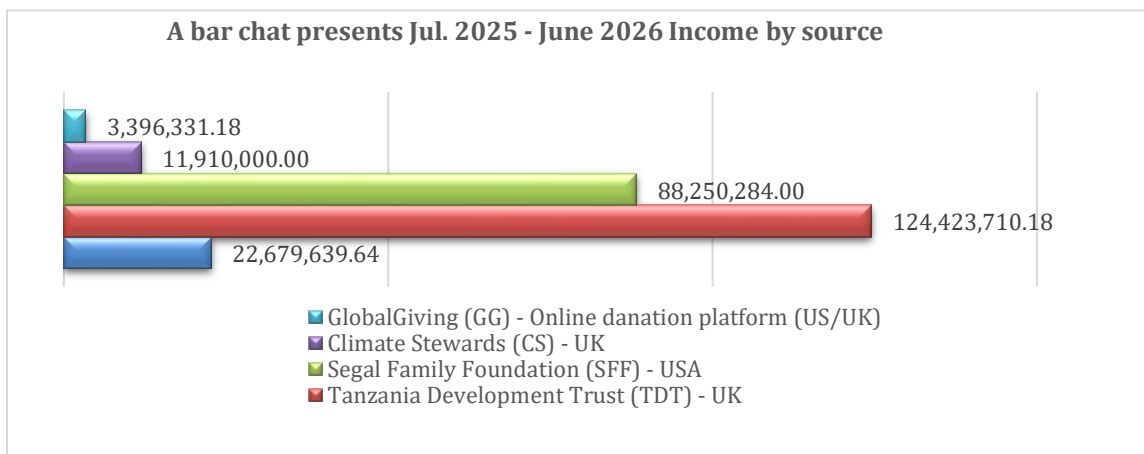
During the fiscal year ending 30 June 2026, Mboni ya Vijana projected a total income of **TZS 1.03 billion (USD 390,000)** to support program implementation, organizational growth, and infrastructure development. This represented an ambitious increase from the previous year's projection of **TZS 709.5 million (USD 270,000)**.

Despite significant fundraising efforts and partnership engagement, the organization secured and utilized **TZS 250.7 million (USD 95,250)** during the reporting period, compared to **TZS 304.8 million (USD 115,835)** in the previous fiscal year.

Income Performance Comparison and Sources

Financial Year	Projected Income (TZS)	Projected Income (USD)	Actual Income (TZS)	Actual Income (USD)
2024/2025	709,539,245	270,000	304,829,565	115,835
2025/2026	1,025,233,852	390,000	250,659,965	95,250

While actual income fell below projections, the organization maintained essential operations and continued delivering high-impact programs across its core intervention areas.



Expenditure Priorities

Mboni ya Vijana remained committed to directing available resources toward activities that generated measurable community impact while simultaneously strengthening institutional sustainability.

Key expenditure priorities during the reporting period included:

- Approximately **50% of total expenditure** was invested in rural clean water initiatives, reflecting the organization's commitment to improving health, education, and climate resilience.
- Approximately **26% of total expenditure** was allocated to organizational development and infrastructure strengthening to support long-term sustainability and operational effectiveness.



- Remaining resources were invested across food systems, environmental conservation, youth and women empowerment, and community development initiatives.

Despite funding limitations, the organization maintained financial discipline and prioritized investments that produced both immediate community benefits and long-term institutional value.

Factors Affecting Financial Performance

Several factors contributed to the gap between projected and actual income:

1. **Organizational Transition**

During the reporting period, Mboni ya Vijana completed its transition from a Community-Based Organization (CBO) to a fully registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). This transition required adjustments to organizational systems, compliance requirements, fundraising strategies, and partnership engagement processes.

2. **Global Funding Environment**

Shifts in international development funding, economic pressures, and changing geopolitical priorities affected the availability of grant funding from some traditional donor agencies and philanthropic organizations, particularly those operating in Europe and North America.

3. **Competitive Funding Landscape**

Increasing demand for limited development resources created a more competitive fundraising environment, requiring organizations to invest additional time and resources in partnership cultivation and proposal development.

Impact Achieved

Despite financial constraints, Mboni ya Vijana continued to deliver meaningful and measurable impact across rural communities.

Key Impact Areas

Food Security, Income, and Climate Resilience

Climate-smart agriculture and sustainable farming initiatives significantly improved food production, household incomes, and environmental stewardship among participating communities. Increased agricultural productivity contributed to stronger household resilience and improved economic stability.

Health, Education, and Wellbeing

Access to clean and safe water, improved nutrition, agricultural livelihoods, and community education initiatives contributed to better health outcomes, enhanced school attendance, improved sanitation, and increased wellbeing among children and families.

Organizational Growth and Partnerships



The organization's visibility, credibility, and partnership network expanded considerably during the year. New collaborations, international engagements, and strategic relationships positioned Mboni ya Vijana for future growth and increased impact across additional regions of Tanzania.

Governance and Accountability

Investments in leadership development, governance systems, transparency, and organizational capacity strengthened accountability to communities, partners, and stakeholders while enhancing operational effectiveness.

Drivers of Success

The achievements recorded during the year were made possible through:

- Strong and committed leadership;
- Active participation and trust from local communities;
- Dedicated staff and volunteers;
- Strategic partnerships with local and international supporters;
- Collaboration with government institutions and development partners; and
- A shared commitment to sustainable rural development.

Challenges and Future Priorities

While significant progress was achieved, several challenges continue to affect program implementation and organizational growth.

Organizational Eligibility Constraints

Although Mboni ya Vijana has more than a decade of operational experience, its formal NGO registration was completed in 2025. As a result, some funding opportunities require a minimum number of years of NGO registration, limiting eligibility for certain grants and partnership opportunities during the reporting period.

Limited Operational Resources

Funding constraints, limited transportation assets, and inadequate communication infrastructure affected the organization's ability to expand programs, conduct monitoring visits, and increase beneficiary engagement across all target regions.

Post-Harvest Losses and Market Constraints

Increasing agricultural production has highlighted persistent challenges related to post-harvest losses, limited processing capacity, and weak market systems. Strengthening agricultural value chains remains a priority to ensure farmers benefit fully from increased productivity.

Climate Change and Agricultural Technology Gaps



Climate variability, dependence on rain-fed agriculture, and limited access to mechanized farming technologies continue to constrain productivity and resilience among smallholder farmers.

Looking Ahead

In the coming years, Mboni ya Vijana will continue prioritizing:

- Expansion of strategic partnerships and diversified funding sources;
- Investment in agricultural value addition and market development;
- Strengthening transportation and operational capacity;
- Scaling climate-smart agriculture and environmental restoration initiatives;
- Expanding access to clean water and sanitation services; and
- Enhancing monitoring, evaluation, learning, and accountability systems.

The organization remains committed to building resilient rural communities while protecting the natural environment upon which sustainable livelihoods depend.



Program 8: Strategic Priorities for 2026/2027



Building on the achievements and lessons of the 2025/2026 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana remains committed to advancing sustainable rural development through integrated and community-driven solutions. Our future direction is guided by the organization's **2027–2031 Strategic Plan**, which focuses on strengthening food systems, climate resilience, environmental conservation, access to clean water, youth and women empowerment, and institutional sustainability.

During the 2026/2027 fiscal year, Mboni ya Vijana will continue expanding its impact across Kigoma, Katavi, Tabora, and Rukwa Regions through the following strategic priorities:

1. Strengthening Food Systems and Climate-Smart Agriculture

To improve food security, household incomes, and climate resilience, the organization will continue investing in sustainable agriculture and local seed systems. The program will focus on producing and distributing high-quality, climate-adaptive planting materials while strengthening farmer knowledge and productivity.

Planned Targets

- Establish and manage 100 acres of quality seed production farms.
- Train, support, and monitor 4,000 smallholder farmers.
- Strengthen local access to improved and climate-resilient seeds.
- Reach an estimated 4,300 direct beneficiaries and thousands of additional indirect beneficiaries.

Estimated Investment

USD 270,000 (TZS 700 million)

This investment will support farmer mobilization, training, seed multiplication, field monitoring, technical support, and program evaluation.



2. Expanding Access to Clean and Safe Water

Access to reliable water remains one of the most transformative investments for rural communities. Building on the success of previous water initiatives, Mboni ya Vijana plans to expand water infrastructure to underserved schools and communities.

Planned Targets

- Construct 36 water boreholes across four regions of Tanzania.
- Provide clean and safe water access to more than 36,000 people.
- Improve school attendance, health, sanitation, and wellbeing.
- Support school feeding programs, environmental conservation, and community resilience to drought.

Estimated Investment

USD 86,000 (TZS 224 million)

3. Environmental Conservation and Climate Action

Protecting ecosystems and strengthening climate resilience remain critical priorities for sustainable development. The organization will continue restoring degraded landscapes while promoting community-led conservation practices.

Planned Targets

- Plant 600,000 trees, with a focus on indigenous and threatened species.
- Establish and maintain community tree nurseries.
- Install 100 beehives to support forest protection and sustainable livelihoods.
- Engage 30 schools and institutions in environmental restoration initiatives.
- Train and involve 4,000 farmers in climate and forestry conservation activities.

Estimated Investment

USD 38,500 (TZS 100 million)

The initiative will contribute to biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration, soil protection, and long-term environmental sustainability.

4. Youth and Women Entrepreneurship Empowerment

Recognizing the transformative role of entrepreneurship in reducing poverty and creating opportunities, Mboni ya Vijana will significantly expand support for youth and women through training, incubation, mentorship, and access to productive assets.

Planned Targets

- Train and support 240 youth in entrepreneurship, innovation, arts, and vocational skills.
- Train and support 400 women in business development and income-generating activities.
- Strengthen access to finance, equipment, incubation services, and market opportunities.
- Expand practical learning facilities and enterprise development support systems.



Estimated Investment

USD 148,000 (TZS 384 million)

The organization believes this investment will create lasting opportunities for self-reliance, employment, and economic inclusion for generations of young people and women.

5. Organizational Capacity and Sustainable Growth

To deliver high-quality programs at greater scale, Mboni ya Vijana will continue strengthening its institutional capacity, infrastructure, and operational systems.

Planned Priorities

- Recruit an additional 25 qualified professionals and technical experts.
- Strengthen transportation and field implementation capacity.
- Expand office, training, storage, and operational facilities.
- Enhance monitoring, evaluation, learning, and accountability systems.
- Increase fundraising, partnership development, and investor engagement efforts.
- Promote investment opportunities in agricultural processing, including cassava flour, maize flour, starch, and related value-added products.

The organization has already secured land and foundational infrastructure that can support future investments and partnerships aimed at strengthening agricultural value chains and creating sustainable markets for smallholder farmers.

Estimated Investment

USD 506,000

Total Resource Requirement for 2026/2027

To achieve these priorities, Mboni ya Vijana projects a total resource requirement of:

USD 1,048,000

This investment will support integrated rural development programs across four regions of Tanzania while strengthening systems and infrastructure that will continue benefiting communities for many years to come.

Looking Ahead

Mboni ya Vijana envisions rural communities that are food secure, economically empowered, environmentally resilient, and equipped with the opportunities needed to thrive. Through strategic partnerships, community participation, and sustainable investments, we will continue working toward a future where poverty is reduced, natural resources are protected, and every individual has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We extend our invitation to development partners, philanthropists, institutions, and investors to join us in creating lasting change for rural communities across Tanzania.



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To every supporter, partner, volunteer, donor, government institution, community member, and anonymous well-wisher who contributed in one way or another during the year, we offer our sincere appreciation. Your support is helping create stronger communities, healthier environments, and greater opportunities for present and future generations.

Together, we are building a more resilient, prosperous, and sustainable future for rural communities in Tanzania.



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Case Study / Story 1: Testament to Community-Led Transformation by Thierry



While in Kigoma to support entrepreneurship development initiatives with local women entrepreneurs, financed by Enabel and supported by Ovation, I had the privilege of visiting Mboni ya Vijana. I left deeply inspired by what I witnessed.

Walking through the site in Zeze with Benedicto, I was struck by how the team develops practical solutions to local challenges, from creating water access in difficult conditions to transforming agricultural waste into biochar that improves soil

fertility and supports sustainable farming.

What impressed me most was the organization's belief that entrepreneurship starts with restoring hope, dignity, and confidence. Benedicto explained how many rural young people leave school believing their future is limited because they do not follow traditional career paths. Mboni ya Vijana helps them discover that they can create value, develop skills, and build opportunities through entrepreneurship.

What makes Benedicto's leadership truly inspiring is that he leads by example. Having built his own professional experience, he could have continued on a different path, but he chose to give back — sharing his knowledge, energy, and passion to help young people discover their own potential. Through his actions, he demonstrates that entrepreneurship is not only about personal success, but also about creating opportunities for others and strengthening the community around you.

Mboni ya Vijana is a powerful example of how local leadership, innovation, and commitment can transform communities. I left Zeze inspired by the vision, humility, and dedication behind this initiative — and by the positive impact the team continues to create for young people and families across Kigoma.

Thierry Hendrickx



Case Study & Impact Story 2: Nkundutsi Secondary School in Kigoma



From Water Scarcity to Educational Transformation

For many years, students and teachers at Nkundutsi Secondary School in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region, faced daily challenges caused by a lack of access to clean and safe water. Located approximately 23 kilometers southwest of Kasulu Town, the school had no reliable water source, forcing students to carry water from home or walk long distances—sometimes up to three kilometers—to collect water from unsafe streams.

The situation affected nearly every aspect of school life. Valuable teaching and learning time was lost, hygiene and sanitation standards were poor, school feeding activities were difficult to manage, and many students lacked the motivation to remain at school.

In 2023, Mboni ya Vijana, with funding support from **Wilmslow (United Kingdom)** through **Tanzania Development Trust (TDT)**, drilled a borehole and established a water supply system at the school. What began as a water project has since become a catalyst for educational, health, and environmental transformation.

According to Headteacher **Yona Amoni Mdogo**, the impact has been remarkable.

“Before the project, teachers and students spent an average of three hours each day searching for water. Since the completion of the water system, school attendance, academic performance, sanitation, and the overall learning environment have improved significantly. Water has transformed our school from one facing serious challenges into one that is progressing toward becoming a high school. This project is well protected and maintained so that future generations can continue to benefit.”

The school has recorded measurable improvements, including a reduction in student dropout rates, stronger national examination performance, improved operation of science



laboratories, a more effective school feeding program, and a cleaner, greener school environment supported by school gardens, trees, and flowers.

For students, the impact is equally meaningful.



Kaziganya, a Form Four student who dreams of becoming a scientist, remembers the challenges before the project.

“When I joined the school in 2023, I never imagined that a local organization could bring such a solution. Today, we drink clean water, our laboratory functions properly, and I can focus on my studies. The project has inspired me to work hard and become a scientist who helps solve community challenges.”

For many girls, access to water has improved dignity, confidence, and educational participation.

Rehema, a 17-year-old student, explains:

“We no longer carry water containers to school, and we have enough water for hygiene and sanitation. Girls can attend classes comfortably and safely throughout the school year. Water has made our school a better place to learn and grow.”

Today, the borehole serves more than a water source—it represents opportunity, health, dignity, and hope. Students are spending more time learning, teachers are able to focus on education, and the school community enjoys a healthier and more productive environment.

The transformation of Nkundutsi Secondary School demonstrates how a single investment in clean water can create lasting change across education, health, gender equality, and community wellbeing.

Beneficiaries: More than 1,000 students and staff annually

Project: School Borehole and Water Supply System

Implemented by: Mboni ya Vijana

Funded by: Wilmslow (UK) through Tanzania Development Trust (TDT)

Location: Nkundutsi Secondary School, Kasulu District, Kigoma Region, Tanzania



Impact Story 3: From Hopelessness to Self-Reliance – Goodluck's Journey

Meet Goodluck



At 26 years old, Goodluck is a determined young man from Zeze Village whose life story reflects the transformative power of opportunity, mentorship, and resilience.

Raised by his mother and grandmother after his father abandoned the family before his birth, Goodluck grew up facing extreme poverty and uncertainty. Access

to education was one of the earliest challenges he encountered. Although he enrolled in primary school at the age of six, he was forced to leave after only a few months due to financial hardship and the lack of family support to continue his education.

Without formal education and with limited opportunities available in his rural community, Goodluck struggled to envision a better future. Despite seeking support from relatives, he found little assistance and remained trapped in a cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

Everything began to change when he joined Mboni ya Vijana.

Through Mboni ya Vijana's youth empowerment initiatives, Goodluck received mentorship, entrepreneurship training, sustainable farming skills, and practical vocational training in welding. He also benefited from continuous coaching and guidance that helped him develop confidence, technical skills, and a vision for his future.

Today, Goodluck earns a living through the skills and enterprises he developed with support from Mboni ya Vijana. His income enables him to meet his personal needs while supporting his family with food, medical expenses, communication costs, and other household necessities.

One of his proudest achievements is the construction of his own home, a milestone that symbolizes the remarkable transformation of his life.

Reflecting on his journey, Goodluck shared:

"I was born into a very poor family and grew up without many opportunities. I left school at a young age because my family could not support my education, and for many years I had little hope for the future. Through Mboni ya Vijana, I learned farming, welding, entrepreneurship, and other practical skills that changed my life. Today, I can support myself and my family, and I am completing the best house I have ever dreamed of owning. I truly believe that my life and my family's future have been transformed because of the support, coaching, and opportunities provided by Mboni ya Vijana."



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