



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024



Executive Director's Message



Dear Citizens, Development Partners, Our Donors, and Members of UDES0,

I take this opportunity to welcome you to our 2024 report. Once again, UDES0 has demonstrated its firm commitment to bringing sustainable change to our community. The year 2024 has been successful, with the effective implementation of three projects. The achievements have been made possible through the collaboration of our donors.

Firstly, we are proud of Conserve and Protect Our Natural Heritage Project. Funded by GEF SGP through UNDP, this project has addressed the challenges of encroachment and environmental degradation in the Mpimbwe WMA. We have successfully involved the community, established an irrigation system, set up a honey processing center, prepared an area for tree planting, and distributed fruit and shade tree seedlings. Over 3000 seedlings have been planted along the Msadya River and other crucial areas to protect water sources.

Secondly, the NINAWAJIBIKA Project, funded by the WAJIBU Institute of Public Accountability, has strengthened accountability and transparency in the implementation of development project n the Mpimbwe District Council. We have -

increased the understanding of leaders and citizens regarding public finance management, established community platforms for monitoring, and provided education on O&OD.

Thirdly, the Maendeleo Yetu Project, in collaboration with the Wajibu Institute of Public Accountability, has aimed to increase the participation of special groups in democratic processes in the Kamsisi ward. We have provided education on election participation, election cost laws, indicators of corruption, and the importance of establishing groups for economic and political empowerment. Our collaboration with experts from the community development office, TAKUKURU, and the election supervisor's office has been crucial in achieving these goals. I extend my sincere gratitude to all our donors, the government, various stakeholders, the community for their cooperation, and especially to the entire UDES0 team for their hard work. Looking ahead, we believe that we will continue to bring impactful changes to our community.

Thank you very much

Eden Wayimba,
Executive Director, UDES0



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About UDESO

The Usevya Development Society (UDESO) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Tanzania.

It was officially registered on September 23, 2005, under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act No. 24 of 2002, section 12(2), by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, with registration number OONGO/0963. UDESO's main office is situated in Usevya village, Usevya ward, within the Mpimbwe District Council of the Mlele District, specifically located at house number 2 on UDESO road.

The organization focuses its efforts on addressing critical community needs, including combating HIV/AIDS, promoting correct condom use through education, supporting orphans and vulnerable children, environmental conservation, facilitating access to clean and safe water, assisting elderly individuals, fighting poverty, and combating malaria.

UDESO's Vision:

Our vision is to become an excellent center of community development.

UDESO's Mission:

Our mission is to facilitate community development through exploration of resources within the society.

Organization Objectives:

- 1.To promote human rights and gender equality to the community to address various violations such like Violations against Women and Children (VAWC), Gender based Violence (GBV) while paying special attention to the disadvantaged groups, such as women, children, youth and elders through accessible, affordable, readily available.
- 2.To Promoting climate action and making community resilient to hazardous of climate change such that establishing the climate – resilient water governance and environment management.
- 3.To promote community health and hygiene on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and sanitation management.
- 4.To promote self-reliance spirit among youth, women, small scale farmers and disable on sustainable income generation, vocational and environmental management skills.
- 5.Promoting good governance through improving accountability, transparency of CBO's, local government and other development actors in rural communities.
- 6.Promoting economic growth in rural communities through income generating activities.



CONSERVE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL HERITAGE (MPIMBWE WMA)

This is an 18 months project funded by GEF SGP through UNDP. Totalling Tanzanian Shillings Seventy Million, Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand (70,480,000), the project commenced in April 2024 and will phase out in November 2025. Funds for the project are disbursed in three phases i.e., 50%, 40%, and 10%.

Project objectives

The goal of the project is to promote the conservation of the Mpimbwe Wildlife Management Area (WMA), which has witnessed a concerning increase in encroachment and unsustainable activities carried out by pastoralist and farming communities. Anthropogenic activities have led to deforestation, deterioration of water quality, Human Wildlife Conflicts (HWC), particularly involving elephants, lions as they approach settlements at the periphery of protected areas. The project addresses the challenges through the promotion of community awareness, sustainable livelihoods, improving natural resources management, and increasing awareness on the importance of environmental conservation and protecting all natural resources, especially wildlife and forests.

In 2024, the Project utilized 50% of the total budget (equivalent to TZS 36,168,000). The funds were used for the establishment of the nursery, administrative, supervision, and operational costs.

Activities implemented:

- Conducted project introductory meetings to responsible authorities, project stakeholders and the community.
- Procurement of equipment for bee products value addition.
- Establishment of the nursery and its water tank

- Procurement of seeds for the nursery at the WMA offices.
- Procurement of water storage equipment, including its accessories, to create a water environment in the nursery area at the WMA-Kibaoni offices.
- Conducting a 1-day seminar on seed knowledge and types for WMA members for the seedling germination process.
- Conducting a tree planting exercise in the WMA area damaged by human activities

Project achievements:

The project established significant conservation-related achievements that revolved around increased community awareness; establishment of nurseries; engagement of diverse groups; increased tree planting morale among community members particularly those living around Mpimbwe Wildlife Management Areas. See below detailed narratives and metrics data on the achievements of the project.

43,000

Tree seedlings

A tree nursery with a total capacity of 44,446 trees was established at the WMA offices. Over 43,000 of these trees successfully matured and were transported for reforestation efforts in the affected area of the WMA, resulting in the planting of a total of 64 hectares.

15,000

Seedlings distributed

15,000 fruit and shade seedlings were distributed to institutions like 2 primary schools, 1 secondary school, Sokoine University, and TANROOD to help reduce wind disasters.

1,200+

Shade trees given

Over 1200 shade trees were also provided to these elders in a joint effort by the Mlele DC and Mpimbwe Council Director to encourage their care.

800+

Fruits trees given

Over 800 fruit seedlings were distributed to elderly residents of Kibaoni, Ilalanguru, and Mirumba, enhancing nutrition for them, children, and women in their households.

170

People connected

A total of 170 people were connected to the project through community mobilization sessions, planned meetings, and public gathering.

3,000+

Trees planted

UDES0, with community support, planted over 3000 trees along the Msadya and Mirumba riverbanks to mitigate soil erosion in the targeted zones.

1

Water system installed

An irrigation system for the seedling nursery was established, ensuring a stable and sufficient water supply for seed growth throughout the entire seedling germination period.


1

Honey processing centre

The project established one honey processing center in Kibaoni Village. The center has 2 rooms, one designated for honey processing and the other as a retail shop. The processing room will be equipped with equipment to ensure high-quality bee products.



A former Prime Minister Hon. Mizengo Pinda, in joint photo with UDES0 and Mpimbwe WMA staff members when he visited tree nursery established under Conserve and Protect Our Natural Heritage project that situate at Mpimbwe WMA office.



NINAWAJIBIKA (I AM ACCOUNTABLE) PROJECT

The NINAWAJIBIKA (I am accountable) Project, funded by WAJIBU – Institute of Public Accountability (est. 2015, promoting public financial accountability), utilized TZS 14,533,300 in Mpimbwe District's Kibaoni, Ilalanguru, and Mirumba villages (Aug–Dec 2024). Rooted in Tanzanian law emphasizing citizen responsibility for resources, the project aimed to boost citizen participation in ensuring accountability and transparency in development projects and enhance their involvement in Public Financial Management. Key project activities included public awareness campaigns on monitoring public funds and budget preparation, alongside capacity building for local leaders (VEOs/WEOs) to better understand their roles in the budget process.

By empowering both citizens and local administrators with knowledge and tools, NINAWAJIBIKA sought to cultivate a more accountable and transparent governance system within the Mpimbwe District, aligning with WAJIBU's broader mission of fostering good governance nationwide.

Project objectives:

- To strengthen citizen participation in ensuring accountability and transparency in the implementation of development projects.
- To organize public awareness campaigns on the monitoring of public funds and budget preparation. To build the capacity of Village Executive Officers (VEOs) and Ward Executive Officers (WEOs) to increase citizens' understanding of their roles in the budget process through various platforms such as village council meetings and community.

- To enhance citizen involvement in Public Financial Management (PFM) by addressing identified weaknesses in Public Financial Accountability (PFA).

Ninawajibika project achievements



Informed leaders and citizens

A notable achievement was the enhanced understanding among ward and village-level leaders on the control and management of public projects. The increased awareness translated into a more active engagement in the oversight of public funds within respective communities. Citizens demonstrated a greater awareness of development projects in their localities, with a heightened focus on the quality standards and resource allocation.



3 PETS for accountability

The Project successfully established three Participatory Expenditure Tracking System (PETS) committees, across the villages of Kibaoni, Ilalanguru, and Mirumba. Each committee comprised of eight members, resulting in a total of 24 community representatives actively engaged in monitoring and tracking public expenditure within their localities. This grassroots initiative empowered citizens to participate directly in ensuring accountability and transparency in local development projects.



24 PETS Members empowered

In 2024, the project successfully built the capacity of 24 members from the PETS (Participatory Expenditure Tracking System) committees in the villages of Kibaoni, Ilalanguru, and Mirumba, all within the Kibaoni ward. The training covered key areas such as oversight, mobilization, and the monitoring of public resource utilization.



700+ informed on O & OD

Enhanced O&OD education reached over 700 citizens in Kibaoni ward's Kibaoni, Ilalanguru, and Mirumba villages. This system empowers communities to drive their development based on their needs and resources, reducing reliance on government intervention for local progress and better service delivery.

MAENDELEO YETU PROJECT

Maendeleo Yetu Project is a two-year initiative (in 2024 and 2025) implemented across 15 regions: Dodoma, Arusha, Shinyanga, Kagera, Mbeya, Njombe, Iringa, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Mtwara, Singida, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Kigoma, and Katavi.

In Katavi, the project is implemented in Mlele District, Kamsisi Ward (i.e., villages of Kamsisi, Imalauduki, and Songambebe). UDESO, in collaboration with the Wajibu Institute of Public Accountability, is providing voter education.

The implementation of the project is in line with Tanzania's 2024 local government elections and 2025 general elections. The project's objective is to increase the participation of special groups in democratic processes, particularly electoral activities and leadership within their communities.

The education focuses on encouraging special groups to engage in the entire electoral process, from the initial to the final stages, by identifying opportunities for nomination as candidates, participation in supervision, acting as agents, voting, and serving as observers or supervisors at polling stations.



Furthermore, the initiative aims to encourage the youth, women, and people with disabilities to be at the forefront of registering in the permanent voter register to be eligible for participation in all electoral processes in the local government elections and the 2025 general election.

In providing education on participation issues and understanding election regulations, UDESO has collaborated with experts from the community development office, the anti-corruption bureau (PCCB), and the election supervisor, represented by the Mlele DC's Legal Officer, as well as village governments, particularly the executive officers of Imalauduki, Kamsisi, and Songambebe villages.



Maendeleo Yetu project achievements



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The project educated citizens on corruption indicators during elections. A PCCB officer detailed how bribery can influence voters and explained how to report suspicious activities, providing the Mlele district PCCB commander's contact. Candidates holding post election celebrations were also identified as a form of bribery.



MPIMBWE DIGITAL & SERVICE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

The UDES0-run Mpimbwe Digital & Service Centre (formerly Usevya Youth Centre) empowers youth by providing education, essential awareness on issues like GBV and HIV, and life skills training, alongside computer tuition and recreational activities.

2024 Activities

- **Provision of Classroom Subject Tuition Services:** The centre provided education and tuition to pupils of nursery and primary schools ranging from standard I to VII. Moreover, tuition services were provided to secondary and high school students including those who undertook pre-form one studies. Altogether, the centre had more than 150 students.
- **Provision of GBV awareness and VAC:** UDES0 provided GBV and VAC education to children studying and playing around the youth centre.

- **Provision of free training on Basic Computer Application Services:** Free training on Basic Computer Application was offered to standard VII leavers who attended pre-form one studies at the centre. The training exposed the youth on assembling computer hardwares ready for use. The youth were trained on folders and files management, text development, text adjustment etc.

2024 achievements

1. Provided free training on Basic Computer Application to 152 pre-form one students.
2. Provided tuition services to over 25 pre-primaries and 56 primary pupils.
3. Provided education related to GBV and VAC to 173 girls and 25 children.

A background image showing a rural landscape with green vegetation and brown soil. In the upper part, several people are visible working in the field. One person in a red shirt is bent over, and another in a dark shirt is further back. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

2024 Financially

64.2 M

Assets value (in TZS)

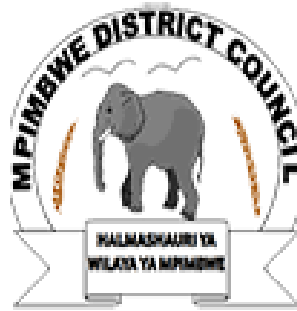
By the end of 2024, our key assets, including land and buildings valued at TZS 48,000,000 and essential operational equipment at TZS 16,219,000, directly supported our programs.

65.8 M

Income (in TZS)

In 2024, the organization received a total income of TZS 65,848,963.99, entirely through donations designated for the implementation of our various activities.

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