



Investing in rural communities for better results, A practical challenge to reach the target; A Case study from Human Development Trust in Tanzania.

Human Development Trust is a young dynamic and innovative Non Governmental Organization working in rural areas for service delivery and at national level for policy advocacy. HDT has been working with communities, community Based organizations and local governments for the last four years, from which this case study is documented. HDT strategy to invest in rural communities for better results is challenged by rural urban disparity and inequity distribution of resources. Left is a picture of Dar Es Salaam city.



Infrastructure:

We have consistently faced challenges to reach most of rural areas in the regions of Kagera and Mbeya. This situation is particularly worse during rain season, though in many areas of the regions and seasons of the year its raining. Such trip requires a 4x4 vehicle though in worse case it may also mean to walk to the destination. The picture to the right shows the vehicle donated to HDT through GFATM project diverting the road towards Unyamwanga village in Mbeya, Rungwe district.



When we call a meeting to discuss development agenda, communities are very cooperative and supportive. HDT staff feels part of communities as seen on left the regional officer (in front) discussing with community group caring most Vulnerable Children under support of HDT in Kagera region. Despite extreme poverty, when formed local committees to care for Most Vulnerable Children, communities contributed to the establishment of start up funding. This indicate high cooperation and that these communities.



Life at homestead, remains hard and responsibility of care to vulnerable children beyond capacity calling for state and not state actors to rescue these children.

Leveraging the situation.

Government needs to prioritize rural area infrastructure and genuinely invest in support to families to improve livelihoods. We call for support to HDT financially to consolidate the project being implemented. Reliable transport to reach the communities will serve lots of lives and improve quality of life for future generation.

