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VISION:

A society where health is a priority and where rights of children, youth, women, men and old people are respected in all understandings.

MISSION:

To pioneer new standards of substantive equality for men, children, youth and older people throughout the country through working with communities and their organizations.

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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DURING 5 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORK OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TRUST (HDT)

MESSAGE: INVEST IN LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS FOR BETTER DEVELOPMENT; Let us join hands to turn words into action!

HDT is commemorating its five years of services since its inception in 2004. During this period, HDT has grown in its size, staffing, geographical coverage and beneficiaries. Up to now, HDT works in four regions of Tanzania mainland and in Botswana.

Results up to now include strong relationship with government at all levels, parliamentary committee, community where we work and development partners. We have directly reached up to 14,000 people (fourteen thousands), and more than 99 CSO have been trained and worked with HDT at different times. Up to 35 organizations and 99 families have been provided grants of up to 100 million in the last two years. Services provided by these organizations and families have reached approximately 20,000.

HDT has participated in revision and implementation of some public policies including MKUKUTA, National Multisectoral strategic framework for HIV and AIDS law. HDT has also participated in budget analysis for HIV and health and engagement with parliament and government bodies has been done with significant results. HDT also spearheaded the formation of a network of CSO working in HIV, health and policy (Tanzania AIDS Forum), which has registered a number of successes in being conduit of CSO voices.

In the last five years, HDT has witnessed local CSO continuing to work in unfavorable conditions and with low capacity. Grants given have been mainly sub contracting than aiming to strengthen local organizations. As a result, even the work that would have been done by local CSO have continued to be taken by international organizations.

HDT wishes to call for all development partners to invest in local CSO for better development.

Signed by Executive director

Development for All