

Tanzania



About Oxford Policy Management

We work in partnership with leaders providing analytical and practical policy expertise through our global network to support economic growth and reduce poverty and disadvantage in low- and middle-income societies.

With over 40 years' experience and several hundred staff across a global network of offices, we work across the policy cycle to deliver projects that lead to real and lasting change.



About the Tanzania Office

We have worked in Tanzania since 2009 on assignments across the policy cycle in different sectors. We work with governments, international donors, local agencies, and partners to develop and implement policies that reduce poverty, improve livelihoods, and reform public services. We have extensive project experience and expertise in a broad range of policy areas including health and nutrition, climate, resilience and sustainability, education, skills and livelihoods, poverty and social protection, governance and public financial management, and research and evidence.

We work with leading national and international experts and global teams to harness diverse technical expertise to generate rigorous and context-specific evidence, provide design inputs, and support implementation across all programmes. We also help to strengthen national systems and capacity through support to public financing, planning, data systems, delivery platforms, and institutional reform.

Areas of Expertise

Health and Nutrition

We have a strong track record in health systems strengthening and have provided technical, research, and evaluation support to the Government of Tanzania. We evaluated the District Health Systems Strengthening Initiative (UNICEF, 2023–2024), assessing subnational planning and service delivery.

We conducted a Data Quality Review for FCDO's family planning programme and led Tanzania-based work for the global mNutrition evaluation (DFID, 2016–2019). Our analysis of health financing for the Global Fund supported domestic resource mobilisation strategies (2022–2023).

Education, Skills and Livelihoods

We manage the Tanzania portfolio of the Thrive programme (FCDO, 2022–2026), generating evidence to scale early childhood development (ECD). We serve as third-party verifiers for the Education Programme for Results (EPforR), supporting results-based financing reforms.

Past work includes the evaluation of Education Quality Improvement Programme in Tanzania (2014–2018) and inclusive finance initiatives under Mastercard Foundation's Savings at the Frontier (2015–2022).

Poverty and Social Protection

We support national partners to strengthen inclusive and adaptive social protection systems that respond to poverty, inequality, and shocks. We lead implementation of the Data & Evidence to End Extreme Poverty (DEEP) programme in Tanzania (FCDO, 2018–2025), working closely with the National Bureau of Statistics.

We manage a Challenge Fund, coordinate a National Steering Committee, and are conducting a feasibility study for Zanzibar's social registry (2024–2025). Through the Mastercard Foundation's Savings at the Frontier (2015–2022), we improved household resilience and financial inclusion by linking informal savings mechanisms with formal services.



Research and Evidence

We specialise in generating high-quality, policy-relevant data. Our approach integrates rigorous research design, mixed methods, and digital innovation. We have implemented large-scale RCTs (e.g., study on adoption of Newcastle Disease Vaccine), developed investment cases (e.g., School WASH), and used big data tools (e.g., Machine Learning Data S system/Sensors with the World Bank).

Our work in this area focuses on designing systems for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) that support continuous adaptation and improvement; leveraging digital and analytical tools to drive data innovation; and delivering strategic studies and managing research portfolios that inform reform and investment decisions.

Climate Resilience and Sustainability

We support national efforts to strengthen climate resilience and disaster preparedness through data-driven planning, institutional capacity building, and community-level engagement. Our work in Tanzania spans urban risk analytics, local-level disaster response, and institutional capability development across climate-exposed sectors.

We worked with the World Bank and the Government of Tanzania to develop Flood Risk Assessment and Scenario Dashboards for Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar City (2020-2023). These digital tools integrate real-time and historical data to inform infrastructure planning, flood preparedness, and risk mitigation investments.

As part of the Jipange Project, we supported the preparation of community disaster preparedness and risk reduction plans in vulnerable wards of Dar es Salaam (World Bank, 2018–2021). This initiative helped strengthen the disaster management functions of local government while empowering communities to design context-appropriate response strategies.

We also worked closely with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals to conduct a Training Needs Assessment for Tanzania's energy sector (World Bank, 2016). This assignment identified institutional capability gaps and provided a roadmap for long-term capacity building to support energy policy reform, planning, and sustainability.

Governance and Public Financial Management

We support national planning and accountability through technical assistance, analytics, and systems strengthening.

Our work with the Planning Commission involves over 20 sector-specific deep dives to inform Vision 2050. We support the President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and others on adaptive planning, budgeting, and results tracking.

We implement the WAJIBIKA programme (FCDO, 2024–2029), which supports civil society organisations to strengthen citizen voice, demand-side accountability, and inclusive service delivery.



Our aim is to improve lives through sustainable policy change.



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