

HAKIKAZI CATALYST

Knowledge. Action. Change.



*People cannot be developed; they can only develop themselves –
Mwalimu Julius K Nyerere*

Supporting the Right to a Say -

A key factor in reducing poverty

Who is Hakikazi Catalyst?

Hakikazi Catalyst is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organisation committed to social and economic justice.

We promote the rights of all people to fully participate in social, technical, environmental and economic decisions that affect their lives.

We support vulnerable people by facilitating a process that gives them an effective voice, “the Right to a Say”, which enables them to work towards -



Village Feedback Meeting

- Reducing poverty.
- Achieving sustainable livelihoods through social, civil and economic rights.
- Enjoying equality with others at community, national and international levels.

Hakikazi Catalyst also supports civil society organisations by providing social process skills, training, advice and advocacy.

What are our Objectives?

We have three overall objectives -

- To promote public education that creates knowledge and understanding of poverty issues and policies to raise awareness of the poor about their social and economic rights and responsibilities.
- To facilitate processes of participation, transparency, and accountability that ensure choices and voices of poor communities are included in making decisions about key poverty reduction strategies.
- To promote sustainable livelihoods and capabilities through processes that foster constructive dialogue and actions between the poor and all levels of government on issues affecting income and capability poverty.

Vision, Mission and Goal

Our **vision** is of a Tanzania where poor people are empowered with knowledge and skills, to generate an active and effective voice with which to influence pro-poor policy decisions, and hence achieve sustainable livelihoods.

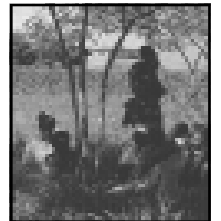
Our **mission** is to act as a local catalyst in facilitating participatory processes, which empower marginalised people with knowledge about policies which effect their development, and skills to enable them to engage constructively with government and other stakeholders to secure their social and economic rights.

Our **goal** is to facilitate processes which support the initiatives of poor and marginalised communities to influence change in national and local level policy and practice, to promote the eradication of poverty.

How do we Work?

Being able to understand issues of policy and engage with them are practical and strategic needs for people who are marginalised and living in poverty. We work -

- By addressing their sense of powerlessness and hopelessness by helping them to understand the forces acting on their lives and livelihoods, and how to act upon them.
- Through information sharing that stimulates community based action and reflection.
- Cross-sectorally and with a holistic understanding of local, national and international linkages, both historically and culturally.



Women Have Their Say

What is our Approach?

Three main approaches characterise our work -

1. We pioneered in Tanzania, a model of designing, demystifying, disseminating and dialogue, through the use of simple language guides in English and Kiswahili to explain complex policy documents. These encourage people to learn about and engage with the policies that affect their lives.

By December 2003, publications included -

- *Tanzania without Poverty* - a guide to the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP).
- *First Progress Report on PRSP*.
- *Zanzibar without Poverty* - the Zanzibar Poverty Reduction Plan.
- Millennium Development Goals.
- Tanzania Assistance Strategy (TAS)
- Various materials on Land, Wildlife and Forestry Policies.
- *Bouncing Back* - grassroots feedback on PRSP.



Simple Guides

2. We work to generate a common understanding of the implications of policy for livelihoods and local opportunities. This includes up-streaming community feedback into decision-making processes at local and national level.
3. We actively participate in civil society networks at local and national level. We also network with faith based organisations, research institutes, academia, and trade unions, as well as government and the donor community.

What are our Programmes?

Zinduka Programme: Knowledge and Understanding for Policy Engagement

'Zinduka' means 'wake up or be aware'. This programme sets out to generate a shared understanding between grassroots communities and key decision makers, particularly at national level, about current poverty policy and practice. We work in two areas -

- Poverty policy down-streaming, so that lower levels of government and grassroots communities are well informed about the content of key policies and reforms. We use the 4D model of policy development (design, demystify, disseminate and dialogue) to provide 'early warning advice' about strengths and weaknesses of policies and reforms.
- Poverty policy up-streaming, so that key decision makers understand the impact of policy and practice on poor and marginalised communities, and what can be done to improve their lives and livelihoods.

Community Governance Programme: Action for Accountability

This promotes a culture of participation, accountability and transparency, by equipping poor communities with knowledge about key policies and reforms, and stimulating participation in public life. Our components are -

- Public education on development issues, through establishing Centres for Development, Learning and Action (CEDLA).
- Strengthening popular participation by involving people in discussions and competitions.
- Participatory action-oriented research to monitor inputs into poverty eradication, their outputs and their outcomes.

Community Livelihood Opportunities

This works with marginalised communities who are dependent on natural resources, to help them overcome limitations they face in trying to secure sustainable livelihoods. Our tasks are -

- Promoting accountability over natural resource management by empowering communities with knowledge and skills.
- Participatory action-oriented research to plan and enhance livelihood opportunities, taking into account the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Consultancy

Hakikazi Catalyst provides time and expertise for developing strategic and capacity building on social process oriented assignments. We help with -

- Strategic planning to develop advocacy and lobbying plans.
- Building capacity of civil society networks and helping them develop identities and profiles.
- Providing strategies to make better use of Community Development and Resource Centres.



Capacity Building

What is our Structure?

The structure of Hakikazi Catalyst is -

- Friends of Hakikazi Assembly
- Board of Directors
- Zinduka Public Education Programme Team
- Community Governance Programme Team
- Community Livelihoods Opportunities Team
- Programme Services Team
- Cross-cutting teams for Research and Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation and Public Engagement and Communication.

Recent Partners and Sponsors

- Department for International Development (DFID)
- Caledonia Centre for Social Development
- OXFAM Ireland • CONCERN WORLDWIDE
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA)
- Vice President's Office—Poverty Eradication Unit
- PACT • Save the Children UK
- Seafeld Research and Development Services

Find out more about Hakikazi Catalyst

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