



## Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing Youth

### Project Duration

August 2017 – August 2022

### Budget

\$19.7 million

### Geographic Focus Areas

Iringa, Mbeya, and Zanzibar

### Implementer

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Each year, approximately 800,000 young people enter Tanzania's workforce with little to no job-prospects. For the country to reap the benefits of its growing youth population and achieve its economic development agenda goals, youth need additional skills, training, and resources that match the market demands to become active contributors to the economy. Youth want to feel efficacious, have a stake in the society they live in, and drive the growth of rural economies. Today, nearly 67% of Tanzania's workforce is engaged in agriculture; to address youth unemployment, the country and its stakeholders must encourage youth participation in the sector.

### ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

USAID's five-year (2017-2022) Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing Youth activity connects young people, aged 15-35, in Tanzania's Iringa, Mbeya, and Zanzibar regions to entrepreneurship training, technical skills building, leadership development, healthy lifestyle cultivation, and employment opportunities. The program is focused on increasing income opportunities for 25,000 young people by enhancing their employability, business acumen, leadership skills, and participation in civic life.

A key feature of Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing Youth activity is its national Advancing Youth Advisory Council, a youth-led body working at district, regional and national levels to inform and advise activity design and implementation. Launched in 2018, the council ensures activity interventions are youth-centered and responsive to the real-world challenges facing rural youth in Tanzania.

Overall, Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing Youth has three objectives:

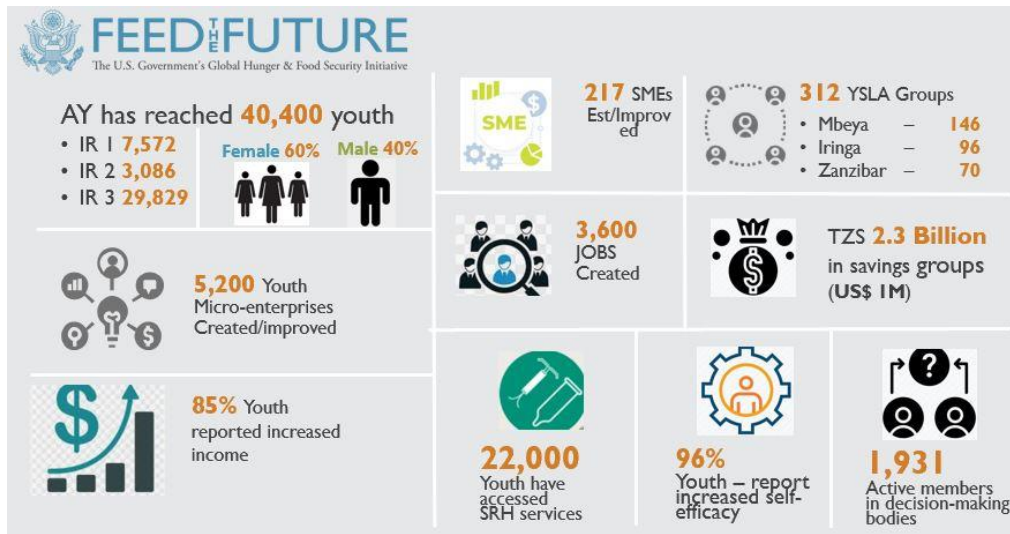
1. Increase entrepreneurship and workforce readiness skills among youth
2. Strengthen leadership and positive youth development
3. Enhance life skills for healthy living and planning

To achieve these objectives, the activity uses a demand-driven approach to meet the private sector, government, and workforce's most pressing needs. Advancing Youth works with agribusinesses to identify the knowledge and skills youth need to accelerate growth in the sector, develops tailor-made interventions, and through a network of grantees, connects youth with livelihood opportunities based on their interests, aspirations, and capabilities.





## KEY RESULTS



The Feed the Future Tanzania Advancing Youth achieved the following results over the course of four years:

- Over 40,400 youth have been trained on entrepreneurship, workforce readiness, leadership, and life skills for healthy living and planning.
- Nearly 5,200 youth-led microenterprises have been established/Improved and over 3,600 formal and informal jobs were created.
- 1,931 trained youth are participating in local leadership committees and joining decision-making bodies and another 2,150 are now participating in community development activities.
- 22,000 young people have been referred to access youth-friendly sexual reproductive health services and almost 3,330 youth (at risk of violence) have been trained on leadership and healthy life skills.
- 312 Youth Savings and Loan Associations (YSLA) with a collective saving and loans value of Tshs. 2,300,000,000 (US\$1 million) have been established.
- More than 5,370 youth are participating in YSLAs and nearly 4,800 youth have already taken business and quality of life improvement loans.

