



*A group of workers sorting bitter gourds at TAHA's Tengeru Packhouse. Photo Credit: Hendrish Yohana*

# TANZANIA

## USAID TUHIFADHI CHAKULA (LET'S SAVE FOOD)

Tuhifadhi Chakula is a five-year project funded by The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA). The overarching objective of the Project is to reduce food loss and waste and resultant climate effects for improved food security and livelihoods.

The project aims to address the root causes of post-harvest losses and inefficiencies across horticultural and cereal value chains. By leveraging partnerships with various value-chain actors and Local Organizations, Tuhifadhi Chakula will operate in five (5) production regions (Mbeya, Njombe, Morogoro, Tanga & Pwani) and five (5) Market Sheds (Dar-es-Salaam, Dodoma, Arusha, Kilimanjaro & Zanzibar). The project will focus on improving food handling, storage, and value-addition practices while addressing policy-related constraints. By enhancing market access and optimizing production, Tuhifadhi Chakula will bolster food security, increase farmers' competitiveness, and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

## OBJECTIVES

**IR 3:** Improve food handling, storage, and value addition at producer and commercial levels.

**IR 2:** Facilitate market access to ensure agricultural goods reach consumers.

**IR 3:** Inform and promote policy and regulatory frameworks that reduce food loss and waste.

**IR 4:** Strengthen local organizations' capacity to lead on post-harvest management.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

#### PROJECT DURATION

AUGUST 2023 – JULY 2028

#### BUDGET

\$24 MILLION

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

TAHA

#### PARTNERS

SAGCOT CENTRE

#### GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

PRODUCTION REGIONS

(Njombe, Pwani, Morogoro, Tanga, Mbeya)

MARKET SHEDS

(Dar-es-salaam, Dodoma, Arusha,

Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar)

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## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- i. Facilitate access, availability, and adoption of practices, tools, quality inputs, and climate-smart technologies.
- ii. Improve access and use of post-harvest technologies to enhance food safety and expand markets.
- iii. Build capacity on food handling, storage, and value addition.
- iv. Improve efficiency and effectiveness in food transportation and logistics.
- v. Attract investments from the private sector to contribute to developing.
- vi. Promote investment to expand the market base and increase the number of off takers.
- vii. Improve domestic market management systems.
- viii. Address policy and operational constraints contributing to food loss and waste.
- ix. Facilitate availability and operation of market support infrastructure.
- x. Empower more than 370,000 youths and 279,000 women to participate in agriculture trade from farming, value addition, and access to reliable markets for improved livelihoods.
- xi. Reduce post-harvest losses from 30-40% to 15% for horticultural crops and 13% to 7% for cereals.