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DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

TANZANIA

The Government of Tanzania has committed, both to its people and to the international community, to improving democratic governance, and President Samia Suluhu Hassan speaks regularly about the 4 Rs - Reconciliation, Resilience, Reform, and Rebuild - guiding Tanzania's growth as a democracy. USAID programming in democracy, human rights, and governance supports these reform efforts by promoting civic and political space, protecting human rights and freedom of expression, and improving the capability of local organizations and individuals to advocate for the people of Tanzania.

DRG OVERVIEW

FUNDING LEVEL

\$7.5 million in FY 2023

MAJOR PARTNERS

- The Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening
- International Rescue Committee

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

National coverage

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USAID supports Tanzania's democratic reforms, through advancing inclusive, consultative dialogue and greater civil and political participation of women, youth, and disadvantaged groups. Planned activities in 2024 will expand programming to include areas such as citizen engagement in transparency and accountability as well as electoral processes.

Together, these efforts encourage citizen engagement while increasing public awareness of the roles, responsibilities, and actions of government. Activities advance partnerships to support good governance across sectors - from more efficient health systems to higher quality basic education - to ensure that all Tanzania's benefit from the country's progress.

CHALLENGES

Having undertaken several reforms in 2023, including amendments to Tanzania's Media Services Act and electoral laws, institutionalizing changes will remain a democratic priority. USAID is committed to partnering with Tanzania to support its democratic trajectory and address issues of inclusion, civic space, and open political processes.

Healthy civic space and the protection of rights for all Tanzanians is vital to enable citizen voices to be heard equally. Democratic outcomes depend on fair legal frameworks that support the work of civil society and media organizations and contribute to good governance and the rule of law. Fair legal frameworks also contribute to a favorable business environment, which will increase the confidence of prospective foreign businesses and help Tanzania capitalize on regional and international trade and investment opportunities.

IMPACT

- Stakeholder consultations and consensus engagements contributed to the development of electoral reform provisions, including the first codified protections against Violence Against Women in Politics in Africa.
- Supported the Presidential Task Force of Multiparty Democracy in the Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.
- Capacity of over 1,000 journalists developed on the production of impartial, high-quality radio programs, website design and social media. Over 180 media outlets supported (105 radio stations, 22 newspapers, 36 television outlets, and 18 online media outlets) in the Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.
- Increased openness to inclusive political space and the diversity of candidates and decision-makers.
- A partnership with the Tanzania Women's Lawyers Association and the Consortium for Election and Political Processes Strengthening empowered women and youth and bolstered leadership in areas related to access to justice, economic participation, and community decision-making.