

# Nurturing India-Tanzania ties through development cooperation



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India's development partnerships with countries stand on a triad of capacity-building training programmes, grant support and special credit lines for projects identified by partner countries. India's development cooperation with Tanzania deploys effectively these tools, and it serves as a significant pillar of India-Tanzania friendship and cooperation.

### Safe and clean drinking water

The most visible and successful Indian development cooperation project in Tanzania is the supply of safe and clean drinking water to the people of Dar es Salaam city. In June 2017, the President of Tanzania, Dr. John P. J. Magufuli launched the upper Ruvu water supply augmentation system to Dar es Salaam city covering pumping station at river Ruvu, a large water treatment plant, water transmission pipeline to the city, water reservoirs and distribution network. This project is supplying about 140 million litres per day of drinking water to over 700,000 residents of Dar es Salaam. In his video message at the inauguration, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi observed that water is a resource from God, water supply project is humanitarian in nature and India would be happy to extend all possible cooperation for this priority sector for Tanzania. This successful water project using USD 100 million credit from Exim Bank of India was executed by Megha Engineering Infrastructure (Hyderabad) and V. A. Tech Wabag (Chennai) under the project management of WAPCOS India. A water distribution network currently under implementation will expand the reach of upper

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Ruvu water to various localities to benefit overall 1.1 million inhabitants of Dar es Salaam.

## Infrastructure

A second large-scale water project currently under construction using Indian line of credit of about USD260 mn involves the extension of Lake Victoria water supply pipeline to the western Tanzanian towns of Tabora, Nzega and Igunga and 69 villages en route over a period of 2 ½ years. While laying its foundation stone in July 2017, the President of Tanzania observed that the long-held vision of bringing water from Lake Victoria to the water-starved Tabora region (about 250 km away) will now be fulfilled with the Indian support. Leading Indian engineering companies-Larson & Toubro Construction with Shriram EPC, Afcons Infrastructure with SMC Infrastructure and Megha Engineering Infrastructure are building the water transmission and distribution system for the Ministry of Water & Irrigation of Tanzania under the project management of WAPCOS. A third water project for the rehabilitation and improvement of water supply system in the western district of Zanzibar islands with a line of credit of USD 92 mn was signed during the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Tanzania in July 2016. This project is currently at the stage of developing a Detailed Project Report by an Indian firm for the Zanzibar Water Authority.

## Agriculture and transport

An Indian line of credit was used to supply over 1800 tractors and farm equipment which were deployed to enhance agricultural output and improve the lives of farmers across this agriculturally-rich country (23% of Tanzanian GDP comes

from agriculture). Under another line of credit, over 700 trucks and other vehicles were supplied for use by the Tanzanian armed forces. These vehicles are being used by the Tanzanian military in their UN peacekeeping duties, serving the cause of international peace under the Tanzanian flag.

## Healthcare and education

Indian facility of grant support has been used efficiently in the past couple of years to share India's strengths and growing capabilities with Tanzania through projects such as installing Bhabhatron-II cancer treatment facility in Mwanza, establishing IT Centre of Excellence at Nelson Mandela Institute in Arusha, provision of 130,000 books on Mathematics and Science for senior secondary students, and grant for Kagera earthquake victims. Other grant projects under implementation include supply of medicines and establishment of industrial technology incubation centre for Small Industries Development Organization of Tanzania.

## Hydrography

Another notable endeavor is the production of navigational charts of ports and harbours in Tanzania through hydrographic survey by National Hydrography Office of India towards enhancing maritime safety and for planning. Five ports and channels across Tanzania have been surveyed in the last four years and more are planned. Training and capacity building support is also underway.

## Solar Energy

The training of semi-literate rural women 'solar mamas' for handling solar equipment, etc. and engagement with self-help groups such as SEWA have also been appreciated

in Tanzania. Tanzania's participation in the International Solar Alliance that was inked over a year back offers opportunities for adding solar energy as another dimension of development cooperation between the two countries.

### Capacity building

India's grant support and training activities are focusing on Tanzania's national priorities of healthcare, agriculture, education and industrialization. Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC)/SCAAP sponsored training courses for Tanzania have steadily grown to the figure of 425 officials and specialists in the year 2017-18. To make the training support more recipient-oriented, dedicated training courses have been added this year in areas such as narcotics control and societal applications of radiation technologies. With a growing participation of Tanzania's armed forces in UN peacekeeping operations, ITEC defence training is being utilized to share India's unparalleled experience in UN peacekeeping and other fields.

### The way forward

Tanzania as a developing country with large development financing needs to address the expectations of its growing population, has welcomed India's cooperation in the backdrop of longstanding friendship from the times of Dr. Julius Nyerere. In line with Tanzania's priority and proposals, the Government of India has now committed an additional credit of USD 500 mn for water supply projects across 17 towns throughout the country. Indian companies are participating in other internationally-financed development projects in Tanzania in the field of water supply, power transmission & distribution, and e-governance.

It is promising that India's development partnership with Tanzania, aligning plans and priorities of the Government of Tanzania and India's capabilities and strengths, is advancing the centuries-old contacts and healthy friendship into the twenty-first century with a renewed solidarity, commitment and focus.



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