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AMPLIFYING IMPACT: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES



Every woman who starts a business, secures a market, or increases her income becomes a catalyst for change within her family and community.

A Word of Appreciation from Value Chain Manager Lucas Michael



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The first four months of 2026 have demonstrated the power of investing in sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities. Across our project areas, farmers, entrepreneurs, and community groups have continued to strengthen their enterprises through improved agricultural practices, poultry production, beekeeping, and market-oriented activities.

The progress highlighted in this newsletter reflects the dedication of our communities, partners, and stakeholders who are working together to build resilient livelihoods and create lasting impact.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening value chains, expanding economic opportunities, and supporting communities to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity.

"Expanding market opportunities unlocks the full potential of local enterprises."



FEATURE STORY

Leading Change Through Poultry Farming



For Christina Mohamed, a 34-year-old mother of six from Singida District, poultry farming has become a pathway to dignity and a better future.

Before partnering with Hand in Hand Eastern Africa – Tanzania, Christina faced limited income opportunities. Through enterprise training, mentorship, and a poultry starter package, she gained the skills and confidence to scale her farming from 200 to 400 chicks.

Today, she runs a thriving business alongside her husband, Batelini Jumanne Mayengo. Together, they have built a stronger household economy, allowing Christina to confidently co-lead family decisions and plan for their children's future.

As a Lead Farmer, Christina now mentors other women in her community, inspiring them to view poultry farming as a viable business.

"We are proud that we have been able to change our income and support our family," Christina says, looking at her growing poultry sheds. "What was impossible before has now become possible."

Empowering Beekeepers Through Enterprise Development



During the quarter, beekeepers received modern beehives to strengthen honey production and expand income-generating opportunities. Alongside hive distribution, support was provided to help beekeepers improve product quality, branding, packaging, and market readiness.

These efforts are enabling producers to position their honey products more competitively, meet market expectations, and access better business opportunities. By strengthening both production and marketing capacities, beekeepers are better equipped to increase sales, improve household incomes, and build sustainable enterprises.

The initiative reflects our commitment to supporting communities beyond production by ensuring their products are ready to reach and compete in the marketplace.



Poultry Enterprises Taking Shape



A key milestone in strengthening the poultry value chain was achieved through the inspection of chicken coops in Meatu District. Project teams conducted assessments to ensure that poultry houses met the recommended standards for housing, ventilation, hygiene, and protection, demonstrating beneficiaries' readiness to manage their poultry enterprises effectively.

By combining practical training, enterprise preparedness, and the provision of productive assets, the intervention is helping households establish sustainable poultry businesses, increase income opportunities, and improve food security. As beneficiaries begin to grow their flocks, the poultry enterprises are expected to contribute to stronger household resilience and local economic development.





Meanwhile, in Dodoma Region, beneficiaries from Bahi Ward, including Bahi Sokoni, Bahi Makulu, and Bahi Nagulo villages, received chicks as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen poultry production and improve livelihoods. The initiative also benefited Hand in Hand Tanzania members in Mzogole and Mparanga wards.

These interventions, combined with training on improved poultry management practices, are helping households establish sustainable poultry enterprises, increase income opportunities, and enhance food security while contributing to the growth of local poultry value chains.



Field Visits and Government Engagements

Field Visit



Senior leaders from Hand in Hand Sweden, Hand in Hand International, Hand in Hand Eastern Africa–Tanzania, and representatives from Mwiba Foundation and TUI visited project areas to engage with communities and witness the impact of ongoing initiatives firsthand.

Through field visits and interactions with entrepreneurs, community groups, and project staff, the delegation gained valuable insights into how the programs are supporting economic empowerment, skills development, and sustainable livelihoods. The visit provided an opportunity to learn directly from beneficiaries, celebrate achievements, and identify opportunities for continued growth and collaboration.

The engagement reaffirmed the shared commitment of all partners to creating lasting impact and empowering communities through sustainable development initiatives across Tanzania.

Field visit



"Meeting beneficiaries in their communities allows us to see the real impact of our work businesses growing, livelihoods improving, and hope turning into reality."



In addition, various recommendations and guidance were provided to enhance the quality of project implementation, strengthen accountability, and increase the positive impact of interventions being carried out in the respective areas. The exercise also aimed to ensure that all activities align with community development goals and Government priorities.

The Office of the Registrar of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) conducted a participatory monitoring and supervision exercise of Hand in Hand, an organization implementing various projects in the Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions. The purpose of the exercise was to assess the effectiveness of its project implementation and ensure compliance with the legal and administrative requirements governing the NGO sector.

The monitoring exercise provided an opportunity to evaluate project progress, their contribution to beneficiaries and the wider community, and to identify areas requiring further improvement.

International Women's Day Celebrations Across Our Regions



Across Tanzania, Hand in Hand Eastern Africa lit up International Women's Day celebrations under the theme "Haki na Usawa kwa Wanawake na Wasichana: Msingi Jumuishi wa Maendeleo Kufikia Dira ya Mwaka 2050" and the energy was unmistakable.

In Singida's Iramba District, the celebration burst into a colorful marketplace! Women entrepreneurs lined their stalls with golden honey, handcrafted clay pots, fragrant body oils, crisp biscuits, soap, vibrant vitenge fabrics, and fresh eggs, turning the day into a true showcase of grit and craftsmanship while forging new connections with customers.

Over in Dodoma's Chamwino District, the spotlight shone on the next generation. Girls at Dabalo Secondary School received sanitary pads to keep them confidently in class, while pupils at Chiwondo Primary School got books and pens to fuel their learning journey small gifts, big impact.





In Arusha Region, women entrepreneurs and community members came together in celebration of how far women led enterprises have come, with the day spotlighting just how much impact women create when given the room to thrive

In Kilimanjaro, celebrations at Mailisita Secondary School Grounds were graced by Guest of Honour Nurdin Babu, who encouraged women to seize every economic opportunity available to them and reminded everyone that love, unity, and peace within the family are the true foundation for sustainable development.

From bustling markets to brighter classrooms to packed celebration grounds, one thread ran through it all: when women and girls rise, entire communities rise with them. Here's to more opportunities, more empowerment, and more stories of women leading the way!





Taking Our Message to the Airwaves: Hand in Hand Goes Live on Radio!

When opportunity knocks, sometimes it comes through your radio speaker! Hand in Hand Eastern Africa – Tanzania hit the airwaves across Dodoma, Singida, and Moshi, sparking conversations with thousands of listeners on everything from entrepreneurship and market opportunities to financial inclusion, climate-smart farming, and building stronger livelihoods.

These weren't just broadcasts, they were real conversations. Communities tuned in, called in, and connected directly with experts, swapping stories, asking questions, and walking away with practical tools to grow their businesses and strengthen their households.

It's proof that big impact doesn't always need a big stage. Sometimes all it takes is a microphone, a radio wave, and a community ready to listen. By tapping into local media, Hand in Hand is amplifying voices, sparking awareness, and opening doors to economic empowerment, one broadcast at a time



In Africa, where many still lack reliable electricity or internet, radio is the great equalizer. One battery, one signal, and news, education, and opportunity reach villages no fiber cable ever will. It's media at its purest: a voice, a signal, a community ready to listen. That's the reach Hand in Hand Eastern Africa – Tanzania is harnessing, turning radio waves into lifelines of knowledge for farmers, entrepreneurs, and families, no internet required.

Charting the Path Forward

The next quarter keeps our focus on strengthening community enterprises, expanding environmental conservation, supporting market-oriented livelihoods, and building the skills communities need to thrive sustainably. This season also brings Saba Saba and Nane Nane, vibrant celebrations of trade and agriculture that mirror the spirit of our work with farmers and entrepreneurs.

Together with our partners and communities, we look ahead with hope and determination, building resilient, prosperous futures, one community, one harvest, one opportunity at a time.

Hand in Hand Eastern Africa – Tanzania Team

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