



**TUSONGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ORGANISATION**

When Women  
Gather Great  
Things Happen!



Women Power is one of ten women economic empowerment forums established by TUSONGE Community Development Organization in partnership with UN Women through the "Women's Leadership and Economic Rights Project" in Arusha and Singida regions, with financial support from the Government of Finland. This forum was formed on November 3, 2023, in Unyankhae Street, Mandewa Ward, Singida Municipal Council, initially comprising 12 women.

By April 2024, membership had grown to 30 women and girls. The group operates under a constitution with two main objectives: to create a safe space for sharing and strategizing on livelihood issues and to save funds to help members establish businesses and cover other needs.

Through the project, members have enhanced their knowledge in women's rights, gender inclusion, power relations, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and group management. Leveraging coaching and mentorship from the Sustainable Village Community Banks Model developed by TUSONGE.

## MILESTONES REACHED BY THE GROUP



From November 2023 to April 2024, they accumulated a total of 13,767,500 TZS

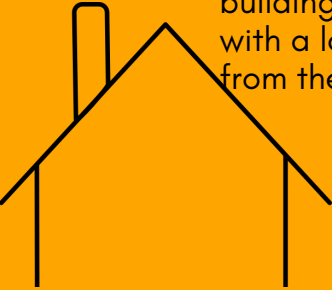


Four members received interest-free social funds to pay student fees and cover medical costs.

To ensure the safety of their funds, the group opened a bank account at National Microfinance Bank (NMB), and 23 members have also opened personal bank accounts.



1 widow completed building her house with a loan taken from the group



Out of 30 members, 21 took loans to expand their existing businesses, 5 started new businesses.



03 members graduated from bakery and livestock keeping training offered by the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO). The group plans to leverage these skills by starting a bakery as an income-generating activity.



During a field visit by the UN Women steering committee, the Regional Community Development Officer expressed amazement at the group's performance, noting that no other group in Singida has achieved such success in such a short period. TUSONGE is currently collaborating with the Singida Municipal Council to secure 10% soft loans (4% for women, 4% for youth, and 2% for PWDs) in July 2024.

This initiative aims to help the group establish collective businesses and support individual members in securing loans to improve their livelihoods.

The remarkable achievements of Women Power within such a short period confirm that "when women gather, great things happen!"