

Rashid Shangazi (L), Member of Parliament for Mlalo Constituency in Lushoto District, Tanga Region speaks during a public rally at Lukozi area on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

TASAF beneficiaries called to maintain economic momentum

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MINISTER of State in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, George Simbachawene, has commended graduates of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) poverty alleviation programme, urging them to continue striving for economic independence for themselves and their families.

Simbachawene made these remarks yesterday during a visit to the TASAF pavilion at the opening of Public Service Week exhibitions, held at Chinangali Park in Dodoma.

"I am pleased and satisfied with the progress TASAF beneficiaries have made, including engaging in various entrepreneurial activities after graduating from the programme," Simbachawene stated. "This clearly shows how TASAF elevates its target beneficiaries from being assisted to becoming self-reliant."

He encouraged current beneficiaries to effectively utilise the funds they receive from TASAF so [illegible] activities post-graduation.

"I highly commend TASAF for doing an excellent job educating beneficiaries, which helps them use the funds they receive for their upkeep wisely," Simbachawene added.

The Minister also urged all government institutions, including TASAF, to continue implementing public projects with professionalism and efficiency to achieve government goals of providing quality services to citizens.

TASAF is among the public institutions participating in this year's Public Service Week, which carries the theme: "Promoting the use of digital systems to increase access to information and foster accountability."

Mayanja Mafuru, a TASAF beneficiary from Mwanza Region, expressed gratitude to TASAF for assisting poor households, leading to significant entrepreneurial advancements within this group. Mafuru, now engaged in soap making and other ventures, highlighted his personal journey from dependency to self-sustaining business ownership, which generates income.

"I am very grateful to TASAF; they lifted me from a miserable living condition where I couldn't even afford three meals a day, but now I can," Mafuru shared.

Similarly, Raya Suleiman Hamad from Pemba recounted how TASAF enabled her to complete her education from early primary levels and now pursue entrepreneurship, making and selling various city products, including seaweed, which provides her income. Hamad expressed her ambition to further develop her business and employ other young people, teaching them to create products that will help them become self-employed rather than waiting for formal jobs.

Melkzedek Nduye, TASAF's public relations and communications officer, affirmed that TASAF will continue to provide education to beneficiaries to ensure they make progress with the funds provided for their and their families' sustenance.

The exhibitions, which began on Monday, June 16, 2025, are set to conclude on June 21, 2025, featuring various public institutions showcasing their services and achievements to the public.



Employees of a construction firm at work along Bibi Titi Muhamed Street in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The section had been demolished due to the ongoing construction of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) infrastructure. Photo: Correspondent Shabani Rashidi

Tanga UWASA installs 2,202 prepaid water meters to streamline billing, improve service

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE Tanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA) has successfully installed 2,202 prepaid water meters out of a targeted 4,000 across Tanga City, Muheza, and Pangani, as part of broader evaluation of government-backed infrastructure projects.

Barabara said the project, launched in July last year, aims to boost efficiency in revenue collection, minimize customer debt, reduce water losses, and provide more accurate billing to address

upgrades include installing new pumps, replacing aging pipelines, improving water treatment facilities, and laying a new main distribution line from the dam to urban centers.

He added that aging pipelines within Tanga City are also being replaced to improve efficiency and