

## **Mtoto Kwanza Background Information**

Mtoto Kwanza project is a three years (2022-2024) project implemented in Kagera Region funded by Hilton foundation in partnership with TECDEN, Children in Crossfire (CiC) and MEDIA. In Tanzania, the project is implemented in 10 Regions and In Kagera the project is implemented in all 8 District councils including Bukoba MC, Bukoba DC, Muleba DC, Misenyi DC, Biharamulo DC, Ngara DC, Karagwe Dc and Kyerwa DC.

**Project Goal:** To support regional level advocacy and coordination of multi sectoral ECD efforts across regional and local government.

### **Project Expectations**

1. To support coordination of NMECDP implementation at the sub national level including reporting progress.
2. Participate in the regional NMECD implementation review meeting to be convened by regional and local government.
3. To create wider community awareness and create public demand for ECD services delivery.
4. To advocate for the resources allocation to invest in early childhood development services.

### **The National Multi Sectoral Early Childhood Program (NMECDP)**

Is a public-private partnership devoted to creating the public awareness and political will for early childhood education programs in Tanzania.

The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) in collaboration with the Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) and Children in Crossfire (CiC) organized a National Multi Sectoral Early Childhood Development (ECD) Stakeholders' Forum. The main objective of the forum was to discuss the revitalization of National Multi Sectoral ECD dialogue through learning from the past drawing from comparative multisectoral experience in other areas and identifying opportunities for integrated interventions for effective multisectoral ECD delivery.

Furthermore, the forum represented a first key step in informing the implementation in Tanzania of the Nurturing Care Framework, which was launched globally at the World Health Assembly in 2018.

The Key themes and discussion areas at the Forum were S/N Theme Discussion Area

- i. Presenting the Evidence Advancing ECD: From Science to Scale (Lancet Series 2016).

- ii. Status Snapshot on ECD implementation in Tanzania under Five Health overview Nutrition in the first 1,000 days.
- iii. Responsive Caregiving and Security & Safety Care for Childhood Development Parenting and Family Care Strategy Status of the NPA-VAWC (focus on children).
- iv. Early Learning Childcare Provision overview Key trends in PPE implementation Key trends in 3Rs implementation (Std 1-2).
- v. The Nurturing Care Framework (NCF) An Overview Proposed Action Plan.
- vi. Informing the way forward for multisectoral coordination of ECD in Tanzania, A brief History of ECD multisectoral coordination in Tanzania Experience of multisectoral coordination at national-level (NMNAP, NPA-VAWC) Experience of multisectoral coordination at LGA level (nutrition, ECD) Comparative Experience in ECD multisectoral coordination from the region (AFECN)

Therefore, TADEPA in collaboration with other regional, district and local public and private stakeholders will advocate for NMECDP in Kagera regional.