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# Enabel in Tanzania

## Cooperation Programme 2023-2027

Since 1982, Tanzania has been a key partner country of Belgian international cooperation. The collaborative efforts of the Tanzanian and Belgian governments focus on diverse priority sectors, notably skills development and entrepreneurship, gender equality and inclusion, education, green and circular economy, and improved access to justice. The 2023-2027 cooperation programme (25 million euros) is called 'Wezeshha Binti', Swahili for 'Empower the girl', and it integrates a gender-transformative approach across all activities.

On behalf of the European Union, we also carry out assignments and projects on honey production, improved access to justice, digitalisation, and green climate-resilient urban development.

# Priorities

The Belgium-Tanzania cooperation programme focuses on empowering young people, particularly girls and women aged 14-29, in Kigoma Region, through education, skills training, and decent work opportunities.

## 1 Enhancing access to quality education

Enabel is dedicated to expanding access to quality secondary education for vulnerable youth, particularly girls. To achieve this, the programme supports various initiatives aimed at increasing enrolment, retention as well as improving education quality. Activities include provision of targeted support to at-risk students, awareness creation to communities about the value of education, capacity-building trajectories to in-service teachers and provision and upgrading of digital devices. Diverse learning pathways are introduced, which encompass Ordinary-level (Secondary) and Advanced-level (High School) education, vocational education and training (VET) to equip students with market-relevant skills, and alternative education programmes for those who have dropped out of the formal education system or need flexible learning schedules. In order to support student development, alternative learning programmes encourage extracurricular activities tailored to local needs, such as life skills training, sports, arts, and clubs focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics).

Efforts to upgrade school infrastructure focus on creating safer, more supportive learning environments. This includes building and renovating classrooms, dormitories, and water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, providing menstrual hygiene management solutions, ensuring reliable electricity and internet connectivity for digital learning to selected schools. Additionally, digital skills development programmes

for teachers and education officials aim to integrate technology into classroom teaching, ensuring students gain essential digital competencies for success in the modern economy.

## 2 Promoting skills development and entrepreneurship

Enabel focuses on equipping young women with vocational skills that meet labour market needs ensuring they are well-prepared for employment or entrepreneurship. It aims to equip at least 2,300 youth, especially girls, with market-relevant skills and connect them to jobs through partnerships with employers. To ensure sustainability, Wezesha Binti builds the capacity of seven vocational education and training centres to continue delivering high-quality, relevant training. By offering targeted youth insights into job market trends and the necessary skills, the programme facilitates their successful entry into the workforce, increasing young women's chances for employment. Additionally, the programme strengthens Business Support Organizations and enhances Business Development Services to improve outcomes for local businesses. It also fosters a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem by promoting strategic partnerships and supporting enterprises, particularly in the green and circular economy sectors. Employment hubs have been established to provide career guidance, job matching, and public-private partnerships to accompany young women in their transition to decent work or self-employment.

# Cross-cutting issues



## Inclusion and gender equality

Inclusion and gender equality are at the core of the cooperation programme. Gender is mainstreamed by addressing the unique needs, potential, and concerns, while also taking targeted actions to reduce inequalities. The Wezesha Binti project uses a gender-transformative approach that tackles the root causes of inequality, dismantles structural barriers, and empowers young women, girls and vulnerable boys.



## Decent work

Enabel promotes decent work in Tanzania by focusing on skills development, equal opportunities, and education. By aligning training programmes with labour market needs and supporting entrepreneurship, Enabel empowers youth, especially women, to access sustainable employment. Through strategic partnerships, it bridges the gap between education and job opportunities, fostering inclusive growth and socio-economic development across the country.

### 3 Fostering a protective and gender-equal environment

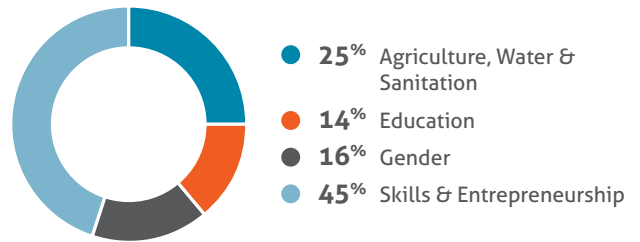
Enabel engages with communities to challenge and shift perceptions about the roles of girls and young women, promoting their acceptance in education and employment. The Country Programme addresses discriminatory social norms and structural barriers faced by girls and young women in families, communities, and educational and professional spheres, ensuring they benefit from equal opportunities to pursue their aspirations. Wezesha Binti collaborates with local leaders and community members through workshops and awareness-raising campaigns to highlight the negative consequences of violence against women and children and discrimination as well as Information on the right to and value of education and mobilisation for re-entry. This approach empowers young women and girls, particularly those in schools and vocational training centres, by providing knowledge about their rights and available services in sexual and reproductive health rights and gender equality, fostering an environment that supports their growth and empowerment.

### 4 Agriculture, Water and Sanitation

The Sustainable Agriculture Kigoma Regional Project (SAKIRP), which concluded successfully in June 2023, focused on sustainable agriculture. The Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP), which will close in 2025, benefits over 200,000 people in the region focusing on providing safe water access, sanitation, and personal health education. It also strengthens community water governance organizations,

and builds the capacity of local government counterparts through the rehabilitation and construction of water infrastructure across Kigoma's six districts. As both projects demonstrate long-term impact, they were incorporated as phase-out activities within the new Country Programme.

#### Breakdown of financial commitments 2023-2027



#### Geographical concentration of the Cooperation Programme



#### Digitalisation

Digitalisation is central to Enabel's approach in Tanzania. Committed to the vision of a digital society, Enabel in Tanzania integrates digital solutions across our Country Program. To bridge the digital divide, Enabel establish innovation hubs at teacher resource centers and the teacher training college in Kigoma, alongside training programmes in Mwanza, Pemba, and Tanga.



#### Innovation

Enabel promotes social innovation in Tanzania by co-creating and experimenting with local communities. In Kigoma, Enabel support centres that advance green technology and circular business models. Living Labs in Mwanza, Tanga, and Pemba pilot solutions in waste management, seaweed farming, and fish processing. Enabel also enhances vocational training and nurtures digital startups, aligning skills with market needs.



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# Assignments for the European Union

## Beekeeping Value Chain Support

The beekeeping sector in Tanzania employs over two million people and generates around 2.5 million US dollars annually from honey and beeswax exports. However, Tanzanian beekeepers face significant challenges, such as limited access to modern equipment, training, and inadequate infrastructure in remote areas, which restricts their potential. Supported by the European Union, Enabel works with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to provide technical training, financial and business services, and modern beekeeping techniques in Tabora, Katavi, Kigoma, Shinyanga, Singida, and Pemba Island, while also improving female participation. This programme enhances productivity, sales and income of over 4,000 beekeepers.

## Improved Access to Justice

The Sauti ya Mwanamke project is part of the EU initiative 'Breaking the Glass Ceiling' in Tanzania. It aims to enhance access to justice for women, girls and marginalized groups. The project works directly with more than 4,000 paralegals throughout the country to strengthen their capacity on gender transformative legal aid. The project also provides legal assistance including counselling and representation to the remanded and prisoners.

## Inclusive, Green, Smart Cities

Through the Green and Smart Cities project (IncluCities) - a Team Europe Initiative - Enabel is committed to enhancing inclusive economic growth in Mwanza, Tanga and Pemba regions. IncluCities focuses on improving business development services and expanding financial access in critical sectors such as the circular economy, waste management, and agriculture. The overarching aim is to catalyse skills development and entrepreneurship that nurture resilient and sustainable economies.

## Digital Innovation for Education

The Regional Teachers' Initiative for Africa (RTIA), in partnership with Belgium's Teach2Empower programme, aims to drive digital transformation in education across Tanzania's Kigoma region, Uganda, and Rwanda. In Tanzania the project will equip lower secondary schools with Mobile Digital Toolkits and train teachers and trainers in essential digital competencies. As a result, these toolkits will integrate into their classrooms, enhancing the learning experience for students. Additionally, innovation hubs will be established to support ongoing development and collaboration. To ensure long-term impact, the initiative will also test 2 sustainable business and governance models that promote digital access and inclusion.

## About Enabel

Enabel is the Belgian development agency. It implements Belgium's governmental cooperation. The agency also works for other national and international donors. With its partners in Belgium and abroad, Enabel offers ideas to address pressing global challenges - Climate Change, Economic and Social Inequality, Urbanisation, Peace and Security, Human Mobility - and to promote youth engagement. With 2,000 staff, Enabel manages about 200 projects in twenty countries, in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



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