

PROGRAMME IMPACT

Based on impact surveys conducted in October 2023, together with quotes from Savings Group members, these are some of the key impacts of the programme with over 3000 beneficiaries.

<p>Increased financial inclusion and reduced poverty: <i>"Now I understand the benefits of savings and borrowing. This has helped me use the money I earn wisely and set aside savings for various things including health issues and school fees."</i> Neema</p> <p>100% of Groups agree/strongly agree that the programme has helped them meet basic daily needs - inc. food, clothing and medical treatment.</p>	<p>Women empowered: <i>"I work hard to make life better for those who depend on me. My husband is elderly and cannot work and I have a grandchild who has a mental disability. As long as people depend on me, I will work and save to support them."</i> Vinza</p> <p>>80% of Group leadership positions [Chair, Treasurer, Secretary] are held by female members.</p>
<p>Built resilience: <i>"When the region where my mother lives was flooded, I took a loan of 250,000TZS - by this time, my savings were more than 800,000TZS! With this loan and other income sources, I was able to build my mother's home again."</i> Levina</p> <p>100% of members report that Savings Groups have helped them find a safer place to keep savings and get loans easily.</p>	<p>Enhanced community development and action: <i>"The Church benefits too [from Savings Groups]. Even the plaster you see on the walls of this church building, the Group paid for it through their social fund."</i> Church Pastor in Morogoro</p> <p>93% of Groups agree/strongly agree that Savings Groups have helped them by bringing them together, increasing cooperation and ability to help each other more as one community and family.</p>