

TANZANIA



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TANZANIAN YOUTH FUTURES – INITIAL THINKING

INITIAL FUTURES ATTITUDE

Most Tanzanian youth felt they could influence the future although they were divided as to whether the world would be better or worse.

Predominant images generated in the workshops: **cheetah, butterfly, soaring eagle, and successful business people.**



PROBABLE FUTURES

“Lemons to Lemonade”

‘Maisha yakienda kombo yaache usienda nayo’ - if life goes wrong, don’t go with it.

Tensions around the benefits and costs of technological change, struggles to shift gender role norms in a patriarchal society, and the desire for youth autonomy and meaningful civic participation were prevalent themes.

DESIRABLE FUTURES

“Subira huvutu heri”

(Patience brings blessings)

In this future where unity reigns and metaphors like **‘Education is the best equalizer’, ‘All voices count’, and ‘No one is left behind’** underscore more prosperous Tanzania youth futures – futures that are slowly emerging. **Traditional African values that promote inclusion and tolerance** are vital for embracing uncertainty together.



REFRAME METAPHOR

“Technology is Ubiquitous”

Metaphors like **‘Ukiona vyaelea, jua vimeundwa’** (If you see things floating, then there’s a lot of work that was done for such heavy things to float) signals Tanzania participants’ considering the many implications of tech-ubiquitous futures and the cost of change. What might be gained and lost regarding fundamental ideas about self and other, relationships, learning, work, and life?



*In a world of screens and endless code,
Where technology reigns, like a story untold,
We’ve created a world of endless delight,
Where wonders we once dreamed, now shine so bright.
We’ve gained so much, and yet we’ve just begun,
To understand the positive impact it’s had on everyone,
From connecting us to friends far away,
To improving our lives, in so many ways.
It’s changed the way we work, the way we play,
Making life easier, in so many ways,
No more long hours, or endless chores,
Now we have time for what truly matters, so much more.
And as we journey through this technological age,
We see the good, that it brings each day,
From education, to healthcare, to entertainment,
It’s helping us live better lives, so much more content.
So let us embrace technology, with open hearts,
And not fear the change, that it imparts,
For though it may seem that machines have won,
It’s our humanity, our love, that shines like the sun.
And as we navigate this technological world,
Let’s strive to find balance, and be kind and bold,
For technology is just a tool, that serves us well.*

- Poem by Agatha (youth participant)



EMERGING POLICY ISSUES RAISED BY YOUTH

Civic Space:

- Free access to information
- Youth centered as partners in decision-making
- Meritocracy values across all society

Education Space:

- Environmental education for youth
- Global Citizen-Oriented Education, Local Action
- Cyber-safety, digital and media literacy skills
- Align education systems with learners' interests
- Fair and equitable education assessments

Social Equity space:

- Inclusion initiatives to support marginalised groups
- Build capacities in problem-solving, innovation, creativity, and adaptability

Youth Development space:

- Foster youth opportunities in agriculture sector
- Support youth-led social enterprises

Wellness Space:

- Mental health advocacy and services
- Advocacy education for parental engagement, family values
- Universal access to free health services, SHRH
- Flexible working opportunities

Service Delivery Space:

- Access to safe energy, Free water services
- Invest in sustainable urban planning

Economic Space:

- Tech-driven innovation and entrepreneurship
- Mentorship and financing of young entrepreneurs
- Tech integration across education provisions
- Invest in well-equipped, modern schools, resources
- Fair employment policies and promote job security
- Improve transport system and infrastructure



VIABLE TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATIONS

- **Efficient Water Treatment:** Implementing a modern water treatment scheme to enhance public health and spur economic growth.
- **Universal Vaccine Development:** Advancing healthcare through universal vaccine research, aiming to boost public health and strengthen its medical and pharmaceutical sectors.
- **E-Government Transformation:** Revolutionizing public service with an E-Government system, fostering transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement.
- **Smart Rural Electrification:** Investing in smart power for rural electrification, empowering communities and improving overall quality of life.
- **Quality Assurance Across Sectors:** Adopting robust quality assurance mechanisms for global market reputation and enhanced consumer confidence.
- **Universal Basic Income (UBI) Exploration:** Exploring UBI for poverty alleviation, social equality, and economic stability.

TANZANIA VISION 2035



In 2023, Tanzania confronted challenges but embraced transformative changes, fostering innovation and resilience. The education system shifted towards e-learning, prioritizing practical skills, while financial services witnessed innovation with platforms like “Nala” empowering young entrepreneurs. Direct democracy flourished, with technology integration and inclusive decision-making amplifying youth voices. Initiatives addressed water scarcity and unreliable power, showcasing Tanzania’s commitment to proactive solutions and sustainable practices. Retaining cultural heritage and environmental conservation, the nation emerged as a beacon of progress, where leadership prioritized citizens’ well-being, technology integration was seamless, and equitable representation became a norm. Tanzania’s journey exemplified resilience, innovation, and positive transformation, setting a model for a youth-centric society.