

2019 PARTNERSHIPS

Forward to economic resilience

DIGNITY KWANZA



SOCIETAL ISSUES THAT THE 'FORWARD TO ECONOMIC RESILIENCE' PROJECT AIMS TO TACKLE

In Tanzania, Dignity Kwanza promotes and safeguards human dignity as a tool for individuals, especially Marginalized and Vulnerable Populations (MVPs), to achieve social and economic growth and be part of the country's overall development. This organization believes that every individual, even the most marginalized and vulnerable, has a potential. In line with the human development concept, they focus on working with such individuals, the government and other partners to provide ways of unleashing that potential.

Dignity Kwanza launched an entrepreneurship training program aiming to empower vulnerable refugees and poor host community members. They work in pairs and get support to develop their business ideas. In this way, the project builds economic independence and promotes peaceful co-existence and mutual support.

PROJECT MILESTONES

1. Reviewing business plans to determine the pairs with the best plans.
2. Granting financial awards to the elected pairs made up of a refugee and a Tanzanian.
3. Mentoring, coaching, and provision of legal and technical support to the businesses: this phase is currently on-going
4. Evaluation and documentation of the project's overall impact



“We thank the Amaris Foundation and our other support for funding this unique project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which is not easy to fund due to the peculiarity of the target group.”

Janemary Ruhundwa, Executive Director of Dignity Kwanza

3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE PROJECT

COMPREHENSIVE

The project combines various approaches such as training, kick-start support, continuous technical support, and legal support.

INCLUSIVE

The project has targeted individuals that are generally marginalized.

REPLICABLE

The project has the potential to be replicated in other places where refugees are present in order to foster acceptance, inclusion, and self-reliance of refugees by supporting joint refugee-host projects.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS PROJECT HAVE?

Dignity Kwanza hopes to see reduced economic dependency and increase the income of 10 vulnerable refugees and 10 poor host community members, i.e. the direct beneficiaries.

Then, if we also consider those directly linked to these entrepreneurs, their family mainly, the project could have an additional impact on 80 indirect beneficiaries. Another impact we anticipate is an increased acceptance of refugees by their host communities as a result of the positive relations created through working together as business partners.

Finally, the project aims to positively impact the Tanzanian society as a whole, by contributing to its economic development.

Watch this space! We are currently working on several different projects with Dignity Kwanza such as developing a training program to help their team gain skills in negotiation or project management, as well as improving their website.

ABOUT US

Every year, the Amaris Foundation helps non-profit organizations to make their innovative, charitable projects a reality. Our members are at the heart of this process: they are the ones putting forward the projects as well as voting for them.

