TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC BUDGETS FOR CHILDREN

TANZANIA EXPERIENCE
PRESENTATION TO SOCIAL INVESTMENT SEMINAR
BUENOS AIRES: ARGENTINA
OCTOBER, 2017
COUNTRY PROFILE

• The United Republic of Tanzania is the largest of the East African countries. The country occupies an area of 945,087 km²,

• Tanzania has a population of 52.1 million people, capital is Dodoma, largest city,

• Spoken languages are Swahili and English (both official).

• More than half of the country population are children. 74 per cent of the country’s children experience multidimensional poverty while 29 per cent are affected by monetary poverty
Dimensions and levels of multidimensional poverty in Tanzania

**MULTIDIMENSIONAL CHILD POVERTY IS ANALYSED FOR FOUR AGE GROUPS**

**0-23 MONTHS**
- 31% NUTRITION
- 34% HEALTH
- 51% PROTECTION
- 57% WATER
- 65% HOUSING
- 82% SANITATION

**24-59 MONTHS**
- 23% HEALTH
- 40% NUTRITION
- 57% PROTECTION
- 60% WATER
- 64% HOUSING
- 81% SANITATION

**5-13 YEARS**
- 30% EDUCATION
- 42% NUTRITION
- 58% WATER
- 64% HOUSING
- 68% PROTECTION
- 77% SANITATION

**14-17 YEARS**
- 7% NUTRITION
- 16% INFORMATION
- 55% WATER
- 59% HOUSING
- 67% PROTECTION
- 71% SANITATION
- 72% EDUCATION
74% of children are deprived in 3 or more dimensions -> *Tanzania*

*specific definition for multidimensional poverty*
Public expenditure trends on social sectors

Priority sectors’ share of the total national budget

Source: UNICEF calculations based on MoFP priority sector analysis
TANZANIA INVOLVEMENT

• Tanzania is a signatory to the CRC- United Nations Convention in the Rights of the Child.

• TZ has also ratified the African Charter on the Rights-Welfare of the Child-ACRWC that require countries to invest resources in children

• In Tanzania, there are also in place a number of policies that guide planning and budgeting for children

• All these issues are important in Accountability and transparency in public budgets for children
MAIN OBJECTIVES OF T&A IN PUBLIC BUDGETS FOR CHILDREN

• The main objective is to ensure that the children priorities are well reflected in the National Budget.
• That the Govt Budget decisions are to be open for public debate and scrutiny
• That the Gvt is accountable to the people for its spending
• Tanzania recognizes the fact that childhood is a critical stage when the foundations are laid a better life,
• All these features are evident in the Tanzania Budget planning and execution
TRANSPARENCY- WHAT THE GVT IS DOING

In Tanzania there is improved budget transparency based on the following facts:

- Involvement of the CSOs, DPs, MPs in the various stages of budget planning and execution
- Public access to budget implementation reports
- Issuance of budget publications and reports (Citizen Budget, Budget Briefs, Budget Background document, etc.)
INCREASES GOVT RESPONSIVENESS in the following areas:

- Spending on the needs of the poor, including children
- Free Education
- Improved Health and sanitation services
- Investing in good Nutrition
- Investing in Early childhood development
INCREASED GOVT ACCOUNTABILITY, this can seen in the following areas:

- That the Gvt budgetary commitments are actually met
- Advocating for improved service delivery
- Holding the Gvt Accountable for Budget Management, including the Audit work, CSOs
CONCLUSION

- Investing in Public Budgets for children requires the involvement of different stakeholders.

- The government of Tanzania has been working very closely with UNICEF in different aspects related to budgeting for children, Capacity building in planning and resource allocation for children, Public Expenditure Reviews, preparation and dissemination of Budget Briefs. This collaboration ought to be maintained for future growth and prosperity of children.

- That Transparency and accountability are key in budget planning and execution in order to obtain the desired objectives.