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### AJENDA ya WATOTO eNEWS: 12/July/2010

Follow the Children's Agenda: Invest in Early Childhood Development



The Children's Agenda ("Ajenda ya Watoto") is the result of broad consultation with children across Tanzania and collaboration between the leading children's organizations in the country and the government. The Agenda reflects the top ten investments that need to be addressed by the nation's leaders in order to ensure the development of a nation that meets the rights and aspirations of all citizens, including children.

This week we call on leaders to invest in early childhood development

#### Did you know?

- >> Early childhood programmes are at the forefront in the fight against poverty.
- >> Early childhood programmes focused on the poorest families help parents to provide a better start for their children and help close the gap between rich and poor.
- >> Investments in early childhood give a seven-fold return and are much more cost-efficient than investing in remedial programmes later in a child's life.

#### What can leaders do?

- >> Give parents in the poorest communities the help they need to make sure their children get the best start in life.
- >> Support community-based parenting and early childhood development programmes to help ensure children grow up healthy, well nourished and well-prepared for school.
- >> Include Early childhood development in the teacher education curriculum. A national in-service training programme for early childhood development practitioners should be established. Priority in training should be given to those working in the poorest communities.
- >> Establish local committees at district and ward level to monitor the availability and help improve the quality of early childhood development centres.

#### To learn more, please download the following:

- Key facts about children in Tanzania
- Key messages about the Children's Agenda
- Children's Agenda leaflet (Kiswahili)
- Children's Agenda leaflet (English)



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### CA Partner Profile: HakiMadini

Haki Madini is a human rights and development organisation that works to create just, fair and transparent mineral use, control and management in order for small-scale miners and community to benefit from mineral wealth.

Haki Madini aims to promote equitable mineral wealth access and benefits for small scale mining communities in Tanzania. They believe that Tanzania has not benefit from the large mineral wealth it possesses in the past. They adopt a multi-level approach working both on the ground level with small scale miners and on the national level engage in policy and multinational organisations.

Tanzania has extensive mineral wealth that has not filtered down to those people who live near the mines. Haki Madini is a unique organization in East Africa that uses both a human rights and developmental approach to ensuring that small scale mining communities can access and benefit from the wealth on their doorsteps. They work both at the grassroots level promoting service delivery and helping communities to articulate their concerns and positions, and at a policy level ensuring that the voices of these people are integrated into national policies, plans and actions.

As founding members of the CCR HakiMadini is involved in advancing the 50% campaign and in our court appeal for the Repeal of the law that legitimises the round-up of street children. To find out more email Amani Mustapha at [amhinda@gmail.com](mailto:amhinda@gmail.com)

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Half of Tanzania's population is under the age of 18.  
The future depends on how we treat these youth today.

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