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## AJENDA ya WATOTO eNEWS: 21/July/2010

Follow the Children's Agenda: Invest in Quality Education for All Children



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 quality education for all children

### Did you know?

- >> Only just over half of students pass the primary school leaving exam.
- >> Less than one in ten students in rural areas enroll in secondary school.
- >> Well-educated school leavers are essential for sound economic development.
- >> Active learning in the classroom will improve student-teacher relations and motivate more students to complete their education.

### What can leaders do?

- >> Make a substantial increase in funding for primary and secondary education, especially for teacher training, teacher salaries and incentives, for more textbooks, school buildings and non-formal education.
- >> Invest in the national in-service teacher training programme to reverse currently dismal school results. This will introduce more active child-centred teaching and learning methods and reduce over-crowded classrooms.
- >> Provide incentives to teachers working in difficult or remote areas.
- >> Introduce annual inspection for all schools. Accountability of teachers should include attendance, completion, performance and the adoption of child-centred teaching methods. These issues should be tracked through routine school monitoring.

### 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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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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