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Follow the Children's Agenda: Invest in to Make Schools Safe



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 making schools safe

Did you know?

- >> Schools must be safe havens for children.
- >> Too many experience fear, humiliation and beatings that undermine their ability to learn and leads many children to drop-out early.
- >> A reduction in school violence and improvements in discipline, student-teacher relations and school attendance can be achieved by integrating and expanding sport in schools.
- >> School councils enable students to participate in resolving conflicts, learn about and exercise their rights as well as their responsibilities to the school community.

What can leaders do?

- >> Protect children from violence in schools by passing and enforcing laws against school violence.
- >> Ensure those responsible for keeping children safe deliver on their promises and fulfill their duties.
- >> Support the establishment of student councils and elected student representation in school governance in primary and secondary schools.
- >> Make sure children have the opportunity to safely and confidentially report violence and abuse by other students and teachers.
- >> Ensure those responsible for violence and abuse including teachers and students are held accountable.
- >> Introduce sport into the school curriculum and into In-Service Teacher Training Programmes.

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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Profiling Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) and their RIDE programme:

The RIDE (Retention, Inclusion, Disability and Education) project is implemented by Dodoma Municipal Council and funded by VSO <link to <http://www.vsointernational.org/>> and Pestalozzi Children Foundation <link to <http://www.pestalozzi.ch/en/home.html>>

The project is aimed at developing a model of good practice of inclusive education. The project focuses on supporting children with disabilities who are currently placed in Special Unit to be included in mainstream classes.

We hope that you will enjoy viewing this video showing our progress and impact <link to <http://vimeo.com/12782587>>

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