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**Follow the Children's Agenda: Invest in better hygiene, sanitation and water supply in schools and health facilities**



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 better hygiene, sanitation and water supply in schools and health facilities.

#### Did you know?

>> 4 out of 5 schools have no functioning hand-washing facilities, 3 out of 5 schools have no on-site water supply, and many health facilities are in a similar critical situation.

>> Improving hygiene and sanitation in schools will reduce illness, improve attendance and help to ensure more children, especially girls, complete their education. Water supplies and toilets in health facilities are vital for reducing infections and saving lives.

#### What can leaders do?

>> All schools should have functioning hand washing facilities, toilets and hygiene education.

>> Every financed water project at village level should include water supply for schools and health facilities.

>> Water, sanitation and hygiene services must be improved in the poorest communities especially. In urban areas, for example, this may include subsidies for public water kiosks and improved pit latrine emptying systems.

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: Elimu Community Light (ECOLI)

Elimu Community Light (ECOLI) emerged in 1999 in response to a growing number of violent acts in the Daraja II ward of the Arusha Municipality and the potential problems for children who have been exposed to such dangers.

ECOLI envisions a developed society with quality education and advocates for the provision of ECD to children aged 0-8 years. To this end, ECOLI:

- Offers a teacher training course to build teachers' ECD knowledge and skills.
- Hosts dialogues with the local government and other stakeholders and lobbies for the rights and added importance for young children.
- Promotes a holistic approach to early child years in building human foundation and break the critical cycle of ignorance, diseases and poverty.
- Identifies problems facing marginalized groups i.e. children, youths and women and finds ways to eradicate these challenges.
- Creates opportunities and promotes quality Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD).
- Promotes and creates awareness about children's rights.

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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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