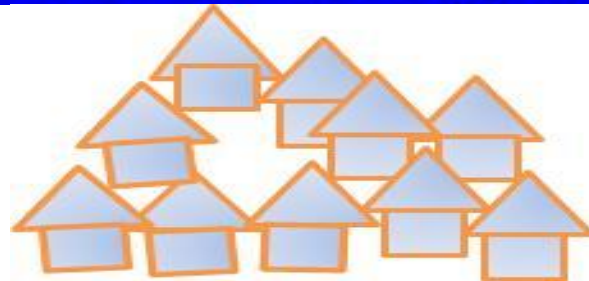
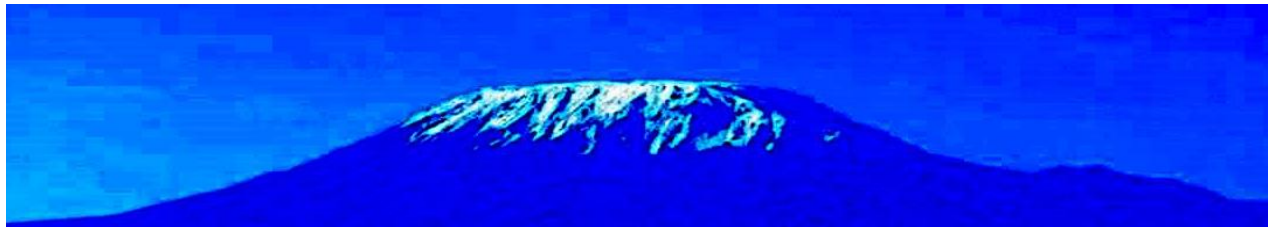


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Foreword from the chief editors

We are pleased to release the first issue of Tanzania Journal of Community Development (TAJOCODE) containing five articles. As the name of the journal suggests, TAJOCODE focuses on the field of community development. Overall, community development is a complex and interdisciplinary field of study whose scope cuts across boundaries and multidimensional in its applications. Community development creates assets that are owned by community members themselves. As such, community development is people centred and sustainable because it gives more power to communities by enabling them to take charge of and sustain their development.

Community development is important in the conventional developing world because resources are increasingly becoming scarce. The purpose of community development is to produce assets that may be used to improve the community. The field of community development goes beyond the physical realm of community to include the social, cultural, economic, political and environmental aspects as well. TAJOCODE focuses on all of the mentioned aspects as reflected in the articles in this issue.

Evolving from an original needs-based emphasis to one that is more inclusive and asset-based, community development is now a distinct and recognized field of study. Community development is a planned effort to produce physical, human, social, financial and environmental assets that increase the capacity of community members to improve their quality of life. In this regard, the role of community development practitioners and policy makers is to enable community own the development process and the associated outcome.

An analysis of the views of different scholars on the meaning of community development can be summarized as follows: community development is a process and an outcome involving a group of people in a locality who have recognised their ability and initiate a collective social action in a form of a planned intervention to change their economic, physical, social, cultural, political and/or environmental situation and achieve tangible outcomes—in terms of economic, physical, social, cultural, political and/or environmental improvement in a community.

As a process, community development involves a group of people in a locality who make use of their ability and locally available resources to initiate a collective social action in a form of a planned intervention. As an outcome, community development involves changes and achievement of tangible outcomes in economic, physical, social, cultural, political and/or environmental situation. That is, the process and the outcome are all important in the attainment of community development.

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Department of Agricultural Extension and Community Development is a corporate member of CODEPATA. The Department of Agricultural Extension and Community Development has been offering its expertise in the management and the review process of the journal. Volume 1 Number 1 of TAJOCODE contains five articles focusing on income generating activities among youths beneficiaries; social protection of the elderly; drought risk reduction strategies; gendered adaptation to climate variability; and effects associated with the use of 'fake' inputs and seeds to the smallholder farmers. We hope you are going to engage with the articles in furthering the field and practice of community development across the world.

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