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TAWOMA

Supporting the Disadvantaged Ones in Tanzania Mining Community

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What is TAWOMA?

Tanzania Women Miners Association is a no profit making Non Governmental Organization, serving the interest of women and children in the mining communities

The Association:

- > formed on 22nd August 1997
- > Its headquarters are in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- > 400 active members (miners, mineral brokers & dealers, service providers and mine workers).
- > 17 regional office branches and,
- > 15 local branch offices in all active mining areas.

Why TAWOMA was formed?

Presence of mineral occurrences in many parts of Tanzania usually favours certain groups in the society and exploit several groups especially women and children.

None of the older mining associations, REMA'S and Chamber of Mines, could address effectively the interest and rights of women and children living in

the mining areas.

Most women were subjected to several unfair deals and worked long hours in dangerous and unhealthy conditions such as long exposure to dust & mercury fumes.

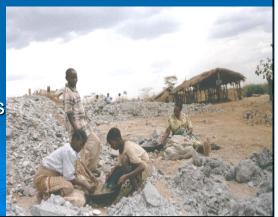
Why TAWOMA was formed?

- Due to poverty many children are forced to live and work in mines – who will care for them most?
- Most women cannot coupe well with few available hastily executed extension service interventions.
- Hence, TAWOMA is working to improve and protect the livelihoods of women and children in the mining communities



SITUATION OF THE DISADVANTAGED GROUPS IN TANZANIA

- Some of the obstacles which are hindering economic and social well beings of women and children in mining communities are:
- ➤ Poverty,
- > Ignorance, and
- > Traditional norms



SITUATION OF THE DISADVANTAGED GROUPS

Most members of the disadvantaged groups:

- Don't know their rights
- Are ignorant of health hazards and safety issues related with their endeavours (mining activities)
- > Working long hours in harsh environments
- Low productivity hence poor earnings
- Don't receive fair prices/ rates for their mineral products or hired services they offer.
- Some times, especially in mine rush areas, are subjected to threats and intimidations.
- Children don't enjoy their basic rights this group is exploited easily as it has no voice

WHAT ARE THE EFFORTS OF TAWOMA

Past activities of TAWOMA to serve the disadvantage groups involved:

1. Conducting various awareness campaigns

 Women to understand their rights.

 To be aware of risks and health dangers of mining.

To address HIV/AIDS related issues.

 Needs to care and protect the environment.

 Sensitize and abolish child labour.



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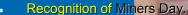
2. Organize capacity building workshops/seminars for members to:



- Acquire license and operate legal mining and mineral processing activities.
- Attain mineral market skills.
- Form co-operatives groups and savings and credit societies (SACCOS).
- Improve leadership skills to TAWOMA branch leaders.

3. Advocacy and lobbying on behalf of women and children in local and international forums

- Access to productive resources e.g. Credit schemes and access to appropriate equipments.
- Requesting stakeholders to incorporate woman issues in their development programs.





SOME OF THE ARCHIVEMENTS

- > Establishment of 16 regional and 15 local TAWOMA branch offices around the country.
- Number of active members supporting other women rouse from 22 in year 1997 to 400 in 2010
- Helped members to participate in exhibitions and trade fairs at DITF-Dar es Salaam, SADC – Women Mining Groups – Zambia, Dubai, Italy, Hongkong, China, Madagascar.



- Since, 2004 the Association organizes annual mineral exhibition during Miners Day celebrations.
- Defended Singida region members to secure mining plots.
- Conducted HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns in mining areas of Morogoro, Tanga regions.

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- Organized entrepreneurship training to Kilindi –Tanga region gold women miners and service providers.
- Support members to form savings and credit cooperative societies (SACCOS) in Handeni – Tanga and Mirerani-Tanzanite mining areas.
- Conducted campaigns to discourage child labour in Matombo – Morogoro region.
- Mobilize women groups to build low-cost houses in Kilindi – Tanga region
- Establishment of TAWOMA PROJECT ONE. This is a company which is responsible for collecting minerals from the members and sell them to the international market
- Members have acquired skills on value addition (cutting and polishing gemstones) and the organisation has one machine for cutting and polishing

Improving the Association's capacity

- Better communication links with members and stakeholders – the use of internet facilities and website hosting.
- Reliable transport to reach members in remote mining areas.
- To create mining & value-addition models (piloting)

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