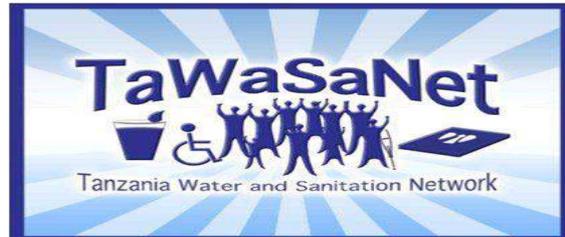


**TANZANIA WATER AND SANITATION NETWORK  
(TAWASANET)**



**Maji Week Report**

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

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## Introduction

### **About Maji Week**

Each year the world observes the Maji Week Event from 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> March. This year the Ministry of Water and Other stakeholders observed the 26<sup>th</sup> Maji Week event in Dodoma Municipality in Dodoma Region as from 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014.

The Main Objective of this year's Maji Week was *to create awareness and sensitize the public on water sector plans and reforms and the importance of their participation in Environmental sanitation and water supply Programme, evaluate the achievements by identifying problems and draw up strategies for implementation.*

This event allowed the internal and external stakeholders within the sector to exchange their experiences on the development and Management of Water and Sanitation through EXHIBITIONS which took place from 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma and TaWaSaNet participated in collaboration with MAMADO(Maji na Maendeleo Dodoma) and SAWA(Sanitation and Water action) in a shared pavilion.

### **THE THEME**

The **Global Theme** of this year's Maji Week events was **"Water and Energy"** which is translated into Kiswahili as **"Uhakika wa Maji na Nishati"** with activities aiming to communicate messages on how these resources are fundamentally intertwined. The very theme also dominated International Water Day for this year.



*The Guest of Honor listening to representative of the Maji week Organizing Committee from the Ministry of Water before the opening ceremony.*

## OPENING AND CLOSURE CEREMONY OF THE MAJI WEEK

### Opening Ceremony.

The official opening ceremony of Maji Week was done by The Minister of Water Hon.Pof.Jumanne Maghembe(Mp) and witnessed by Dodoma's Regional Commissioner Hon.Dr.Rehema Nchimbi and other Government officials and citizens of Dodoma. He visited all pavilions including TAWASANET stand and where he signed the Visitor's book. Also many people visited our stand signed the visitor's book and then got instructions on what activities we are doing from our Exhibitors (Tawasenet secretariat,MAMADO and SAWA)



Picture3&4: Minister of Water Hon.Prof.Jumanne Maghembe and his Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water are Visiting the TAWASANET pavilion during the opening day.

### Closing Ceremony:

Officially The Prime Minister Hon.Mizengo Kayanza Peter Pinda attended the closing ceremony of Maji Week 2014 by visiting the pavilions and made his speech to mark the end of Maji week event for the year 2014. After his speech he awarded Certificates to all Participants including TAWASANET and some were awarded trophies.



Prime Minister visiting the stands during closing day of Maji Week.



TAWASANET representative receives certificate on behalf of the organization

## Achievements

Maji Week participation has helped TAWASANET to raise again the TaWaSaNet's profile. During opening ceremony guest of honour Hon.Pof.Jumanne Maghembe visited the pavilion and exchanged ideas with members at the pavilion and he was so interested with what TaWaSaNet is doing in water and sanitation sector and promised to visit TaWaSaNet offices one day.

Permanent secretary in the Ministry of Water Eng. Bashir Mrindoko and Dodoma Regional Commissioner Hon. Dr.Rehema Nchimbi visited TaWaSaNet stand and showed their interest as they looked at network as an engine that coordinates the activities performed by CSOs in the water and sanitation sector.

Also other stakeholders including NGOs in the sector visited the pavilion and others showed interest on joining the network after they were practically shown what and how TaWaSaNet works and does its operations in Tanzania Mainland.

Continuing with idea of using one pavilion with member organizations increases strength of the network in the sense that most of the stakeholders and visitors who visited the pavilion believed that TaWaSaNet is still "a giant network" within the water and sanitation sector.

The biggest thing that TaWaSaNet achieved during this year's Maji Week event was a *Certificate of Participation* which was awarded by the Guest of Honour Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda.



*Dodoma Regional Commissioner Dr.Rehema Nchimbi Signing visitors book at TaWaSaNet stand during opening ceremony*



*Visitors getting some information from TaWaSaNet officials during Maji Week*



*The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water Eng. Bashir Mrindoko Exchanging views TaWaSaNet representative From MAMADO Mr. Anthon at TaWaSaNet stand during Maji Week opening event*



*Dodoma Regional Commissioner Dr. Rehema Nchimbi together with TaWaSaNet Representative and pupils posed in a picture at TaWaSaNet stand.*

## **Challenges**

Members participation during such big events is very important but only two members MAMADO and SAWA participated in 26<sup>th</sup> MAJI WEEK event in Dodoma by sending their representatives and some important exhibition materials which helped to show the existence of TaWaSaNet. Members are not aware of the yearly event calendar which causes the last minutes preparations.

TaWaSaNet is experiencing a reform process, therefore the Network is not having enough funds to facilitate members to participate in such events. It needs the support of members during this transition period. TaWaSaNet has more than forty five members but only two of them showed up and participated.

## **Recommendations and Way forward**

Following the experience gained from the past and the 16<sup>th</sup> -22 March of 2014 Maji week general exhibition the event have gained diminutive response from the citizens whom are main target. The same situation have been happening at different regions where Maji week exhibition have been taking place as the number of the people who visited the pavilions were not cheering because few who attended at the exhibition area. In order the event to be effective TaWaSaNet being the vital stakeholder of the sector of Water would like to advise the Government to acknowledge the existence of the CSO's especially those dealing with Water

and sanitation from the scratch of planning process rather than involving them during implementation stage.

The problems of having few visitors especially the citizens whom are to be transformed through such joint water sector stakeholder's exhibition have viscous cause that needs comprehensive and participatory plans.

Civil society organizations must be regarded as friendly partners with the government as both intend to promote social welfare through provision of social amenities. CSO's deals with establishment, operation and maintenance of community project as how the government does.

The memorandum of understanding between the public sector and the private sector (MoU of PPP) must be the guiding tool for the joint venture.