

Community Rehabilitation and Empowerment Vehicle

(CREV)

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PART I: PREAMBLE

The **Community Rehabilitation and Empowerment Vehicle (CREV)** was established and registered on 18th February, 2022 after the realization that various communities, including single mothers, unskilled youths, children, elderly, and disabled are facing many challenges in different areas ranging from economic, cultural, environmental, social, rule and order, to those that are related to human rights.

On this basis, CREV was formed for the purpose of addressing these challenges by undertaking to support, promote, and contribute towards the human development of such groups.

The organization is non-profit and was registered as a Non-Governmental Organization under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, No. 24 of 2002. The location and the physical address of its head office are:

Oysterbay Street, House # 63, Changarawe Village, Mzumbe Ward, Mvomero District, Morogoro Region. P.O. Box 167, Mzumbe, Tanzania.

The Organization operates in **Tanzania Mainland**

PART II: CREV's VISION, MISSION, AND OBJECTIVES

Vision Statement

CREV's vision is to be a leading non-governmental organization (NGO) committed to addressing issues facing single mothers, youth, children, elderly, and disabled people by working in partnership with different institutions and stakeholders in Tanzania so as to build an economically and a socially healthy and productive community.

Mission Statement

The mission of CREV is to work with the target groups and different stakeholders to improve the quality of life of different people in Tanzania.

Objectives

1. To promote, enhance, protect, lobby and advocate on the sustainable development of single mothers, youth, children, elderly, and disabled communities
2. To provide development relief and advocacy particularly to women and girls for the purpose of lifting themselves and their families, and in overcoming poverty and injustice.
3. To fight inequality and end poverty and injustice in the general society
4. To engage in capacity building, community engagement, behavioral change, and economic development activities for all people in general
5. To cooperate with other organizations and individuals with the same objectives
6. To engage in providing skills that can enable target groups to self-employment in agriculture, small scale industries, poultry, livestock-keeping, home economics, and the like
7. To involve in creation of awareness and activities that promote food security, health, nutrition, availability of safe water, sanitation, hygiene, sustainable environment, and knowledge in such cross-cutting issues as HIV and AIDS, CORONA, etc.
8. To establish “Employability Skills Centres” for conducting training, seminars, and short courses to help unskilled youth, women, and general members of community acquire skills that they can use to employ themselves and share the acquired knowledge and skills with others
9. To link productive efforts of the target groups with quality assurance institutions such as Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) so that the products produced by these groups meet consumers’ standards and become marketable
10. To link the efforts of the people with regard to whatever they might have produced with reliable markets
11. To engage in all kind of Sustainable Development Projects in meeting the 2030 UN-based SDGs of No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reducing Inequality, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life On Land, Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, Partnerships for the Goals.

PART III: CREV's ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2023

Activity One:

- **Administrative Achievements**

Since its formation, CREV has managed to achieve the following activities that are administrative so far:

- Establishment of an office along with the necessary office equipment at Oysterbay, Changarawe – Mzumbe
- Acquisition of the organization's TIN that will facilitate the opening of the NGO's Account
- Introducing the CREV to several districts such in particular Mvomero int Morogoro Region and Kilolo in Iringa Region

Activity Two:

- **Distribution of materials to single mothers, the elderly, and to orphans at school**

Place held:

- Changarawe Primary School, Mzumbe Ward, Mvomero District

Date conducted:

- 21st March 2023

Target groups for the event

- Single mothers, elderly, and orphans from Changarawe and Vikenge Villages, Mzumbe Ward in Mvomero District

Goals

- To introduce CREV to the Changarawe and Vikenge Villages in general
- Fulfilment of CREV objectives, particularly Objective 11 of our NGO's Constitution

Main elements of the activity:

For the years 2022/2023, CREV was able to distribute the following items to the following target groups, based on the organization's objectives:

To single mothers:

- A few single mothers without children they were supposed to raise from both Changarawe and Vikenge were provided with sugar and soap only. But single mothers from the two villages who had children attending primary education were provided with pens and exercise books while those with children who were attending secondary education were provided with counter-books in addition to exercise books, pens, soap, and sugar. Single mothers with disabled children were provided with bedsheets besides soap, sugar, and other things.



Figure 1: CREV Director, Dr. Kihombo, handing over some exercise books and other materials to the Changarawe Village Chairman, Mr. Matangalu, for distribution to different groups

To the elderly:

- The elderly (both men and women) without children that they were supposed to take care of were provided with soap and sugar. But those who were taking care of children were provided with pens and exercise books in addition to soap and sugar.



Figure 2: Mr. Aziz Msuya, the Principal Community Development Officer of Mvomero and the District's Assistant Registrar of NGOs, on behalf of CREV, presenting some items to the elderly

To orphans:

- Seven (7) desks were distributed to Changarawe Primary School, targeting at orphans without desks at school. But so as to avoid humiliation, these children could not be singled out. As such, CREV distributed these desks as if they were for all children although innately, the goal was orphans without desks. For lack of resources, CREV failed to provide desks for such a group to Vikenge Primary School although exercise books and pens were provided to some of them through their village leaders or through their parents/care takers who attended the meeting.



Figure 3: Desks presented to Changarawe Primary School by CREV so that orphans could also have access to them

Total value of the items distributed:

- Exercise books, counter-books, pens, sugar, and soap distributed to these groups were valued at Tshs. 500,000 while the value of desks was at Tshs 600,000, making a total of Tshs 1,100,000 for the whole event.

Source of fund:

- The source of fund for this event was CREV members' contributions

• Methodology

The target groups were identified through the assistance of Village Governments of the two villages, Changarawe and Vikenge.

- **Involvement of different stakeholders**

The following stakeholders were involved in this event:

- (i) Mr. Aziz Msuya, Principal Community Development Officer of Mvomero (and the Assistant Registrar of NGOs in the district), who also attended the event on behalf of the District Executive Director of Mvomero
- (ii) Mr. Ferdinand Matangalu, the Village Chairman of Changarawe
- (iii) Ms. Teddy Eustach, the Village Executive Officer of Changarawe
- (iv) Ms. Maria Shindika: Hamlet Chairperson of Vikenge
- (v) Mr. Athuman Msinda, Headteacher, Changarawe Primary School
- (vi) Mr. Pantaleo Mafungu, Member of Village Council, Changarawe
- (vii) Mr. Lucian Chamkuru, Chairman, Community Service Committee, Changarawe
- (viii) Ms. Zuhura Semwaiko, Teacher, Changarawe Primary School
- (ix) Ms. Tatu Mohammed, Teacher, Changarawe Primary School
- (x) Ms. Hadija Athuman, Ward Education Officer
- (xi) Ms. Tulinawe Kashagama, PWDI Project Officer (NGO)
- (xii) Mr. Said Mansour, Lawyer, PWDI Project Officer (NGO)
- (xiii) Ms. Agnes Mwarabu, Accountant, PWDI Project Officer (NGO)



Figure 4: CREV’s activities will always involve various stakeholders. In this picture, on the right was MS. Maria Shindika, the Hamlet Chairperson of Vikenge Village. On her right was the Changarawe Village Executive Officer, while on her right was the Changarawe Village Chairman, Mr. Matangalu. To Matangalu’s right was the Mvomero District Principal Community Officer and Assistant Registrar of NGOs, Mr. Aziz Msuya, while on Mr. Msuya right were different NGO members from other NGOs sharing similar interests with CREV



Figure 5: On the left, Ms. Hadija Athuman, the Ward Education Officer, and on the right, Ms Zuhura Semwaiko, the Changarawe Primary School Assistant Headteacher, were among people who attended the event

Activity Threeo:

- **Mobilization of single mothers in the cultivation of avocado**

Place held:

- Kising'a Village, Kilolo District (Iringa Region)

Date conducted:

- 26th March 2023

Target groups

- Single mothers from Kising'a and Kidumuka villages

Goals

- To introduce CREV to the Kising'a and Kidumuka community in general
- Fulfilment of CREV objectives, particularly Objective 11 of our NGO's Constitution

Nature of the activity:

- Kising'a and Kidumuka are among villages in Kilolo District with fertile soils for cultivation of avocado, which is currently one of the most profitable farming activities. Different from short-lived activities like selling cooked foods, raising chicken, or running a small business somewhere, avocado farming is a long-term activity that can benefit both single mothers and the children they are taking care of in many years to come, when these caretakers will no longer be there. Leaving their children without a strong economic foundation for their future is likely going to cause a vicious cycle of poverty to many of them. The way to break away from this cycle according to the views of CREV is to enlighten these mothers to engage themselves in long-term activities such as avocado growing in what might be considered a life-time income earning activity.



Figure 6: The evident suitability of land for avocado farming in Kising'a and Kidumuka Villages in Kilolo District



Figure 7: Fruits and income obtained from avocado farming can have longer term effect in lifting up the lives of not only single mothers but also the children they are taking care of

- **Methodology**

In view of the above, a few CREV members who are presently involved in the farming of avocado in the area thought of disseminating the information to single mothers on the importance of this crop in disengaging themselves from the shackles of poverty. Thus, through the leadership of Kidumuka and Kising'a Village Governments, a couple of single mothers were identified and a seminar regarding the benefits of growing avocado conducted to them. The role of the NGO in this case was not only to promote these mother's awareness and involvement in this kind of agriculture but also to promise them that CREV would supply them with avocado seedlings for those with interest in undertaking the activity. Mr. , the Coordinator of avocado farming from One Acre Fund , an organization that has been promoting avocado farming in the area, promised to continue with his role of coordinating the activity by guiding those with interest in the crop so that they prepare their small farms, and when ready, relay the information to CREV for the supply of the seedlings.



Figure 8: CREV meeting with single mothers and elderly women from Kising'a and Kidumuka Villages held at Kising'a



Figure 9: CREV Executive Secretary, Bertha Kihombo, addressing single mothers and elderly persons in the effort to mobilize them to engage in avocado farming in Kising'a and Kidumuka Villages. On her right was the Kidumuka Village Chairman and to her left was the Kising'a Village Executive Officer.

- **Involvement of other stakeholders**

The following stakeholders were involved in this event:

- i. Mr. Bryceson Emmanuel Kalinga, Chairman of Kidumuka Village
- ii. Mr. Wilson Lulenga, Chairman of Kising'a Village
- iii. Mr. Majaliwa Nyalusi, Kising'a Village Executive Officer
- iv. Mr. Sajeni Mtengela, Farmer and advocate of avocado, Kising'a Village
- v. Mr. Osidi Nyemba, Agricultural Officer, One Acre Fund



Figure 10: Mr. Sajeni Mtengela, a farmer of avocado in Kising'a sharing his experience in the meeting



Figure 11: Mr. Osidi Nyemba, Agricultural Officer from **One Acre Fund** explaining the role of his organization in assisting avocado farming in the area and how he was going to help those with interest in this business

Source of fund for this activity (event):

This activity did not need any funding.

PLANS FOR THIS UP-COMING YEAR

- i. Identify more single mothers, widows, and youths from these groups for training in entrepreneurship
- ii. Solicit funds from other stakeholders interested in promoting the goals and activities of CREV in a wide range of areas
- iii. To continue with direct support for the elderly depending on availability of funding
- iv. To continue with development of CREV's Website, creation of an e-mail address, organization's emblem (logo), and stamp
- v. To continue introducing CREV to other areas

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