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Sauti Project staff and DREAMS AGYW Ambassadors who have received biomedical, behavior change, and economic empowerment packages talking of their journey and showcasing products at the 2018 TZ World AIDS Day Commemoration. Photo: Michael Musombe for Jhpiego

## TANZANIA

# SAUTI PROJECT

*Sauti* (“Voices”) Project is a five-year, USAID-funded effort to help Tanzania’s Ministry of Health and the Tanzania Commission for AIDS operationalize the new National Guidelines for Comprehensive Package of HIV Interventions for Key Populations, which will direct the provision of health and HIV services among vulnerable demographics.

Although Tanzania has made progress preventing HIV across the general population, HIV incidence remains high in certain hotspots and vulnerable populations. This is largely due to the social, economic, and legal status of vulnerable groups, as well as stigma and discrimination. Evidence shows that Tanzania’s fight for an AIDS-free generation cannot be won if these key and vulnerable populations are left behind.

Sauti Project objectives and interventions include:

- Increasing the availability and use of HIV prevention and family planning services
- Improving positive behaviors and social norms at the individual and community levels
- Reducing vulnerability of target populations through structural interventions
- Increasing sustainable comprehensive HIV prevention services for key and vulnerable populations

By assisting vulnerable populations, the *Sauti Project* works to improve the health status for all Tanzanians through a sustained reduction in new HIV infections. The project’s vision is for all key populations (men who have sex with men and female sex workers) and vulnerable groups (adolescent girls/young women ages 15-24 and partners of female sex workers) in *Sauti* target communities to be able to access a core package of tailored, client-centered HIV prevention and family planning services, with strong linkages to care and treatment.

## RESULTS BY END OF FY18

- Provided community-based HIV testing and counseling services for over 2.3 million beneficiaries. Of these, almost 71,000 people enrolled in care and treatment (70 percent of those who tested positive).
- Supported 8,000 individuals who are stable clients living with HIV to access antiretroviral treatment in their communities through outreach services.
- Educated more than 424,000 individuals from key and vulnerable populations in HIV prevention, providing referrals or direct HIV testing and counseling services in the process.
- Enrolled almost 3,500 key populations to take daily PrEP to lower their HIV acquisition chances.
- Facilitated over 356,000 female beneficiaries of reproductive age to adopt family planning methods at mobile testing and counseling sites.
- Economically empowered over 9,500 female sex workers and over 69,000 vulnerable adolescent girls and young women (vAGWY) via peer groups which have amassed more than 826,000 USD in savings utilized by members for small businesses loans.
- Launched a cash transfer program in two regions that has helped more than 11,000 vAGYW receive quarterly financial support to start sustainable businesses and reduce dependency on transactional sex.
- Enrolled over 18,000 vAGYW in community health insurance.

### BUDGET

\$104.2 million

### DURATION

February 2015-February 2020

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Shinyanga, Morogoro, Lindi, Dodoma, Tabora, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mtwara, Manyara, and Singida

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