



Introducing Twende Mbele to the United Republic of Tanzania

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Overview of Presentation



Introducing Twende Mbele (TM) and its *raison d'etre*



Structures that constitute Twende Mbele



TM Work Plan (2024-2026)



Key outcomes sought



TM activities that can be beneficial to Tanzanian government



Intended ultimate beneficiaries of TM work

Introducing Twende Mbele TM and its *raison d'etre*

Twende Mbele is a multilateral peer-learning initiative between six (6) African governments (Benin, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Ghana and Niger)

Namibia, Botswana, Malawi, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Togo, Ivory Coast, Angola, Nigeria and Senegal are Tier 2 associate countries that are likely to be part of the third expansion of the Programme

The core aim of Twende Mbele is to develop, strengthen and sustain public sector performance monitoring and evaluation systems that improve development policy and programme performance

To date Twende Mbele is the only government-led learning network of its type in Africa, modelling and championing collaboration that directly delivers on *SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals* - whilst also being a catalyst and enabler for the entire Sustainable Development Goals agenda.

Two regional partners (The Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results, Anglophone Africa [CLEAR-AA] and the Independent Evaluation Unit [IDEV] of the African Development Bank [AfDB])

Twende Mbele structural composition

Twende Mbele has three organisational structures:

- **Strategic Management Committee** (High ranking government officials in public sector M&E institutions of the six countries). Sets strategic ECD direction based on country NES needs
- **Technical Management Committee** (represented by M&E officials from the 6 countries who oversee country-level ECD interventions)
- **Twende Mbele Secretariat** (Programme Manager; Learning and Communications coordinator; Administrator)
- **The Secretariat** is hosted by the **University of the Witwatersrand**, thus directly benefiting from robust infrastructure, robust financial systems and compliance expertise and access to an ecosystem of multidisciplinary knowledge and expertise





TM Work Plan 2024- 2026



Rapid evaluations and capacity building



Performance M&E evidence-use in public sector
planning and budgeting



Building an evaluation culture through advocacy
and champions



Increasing public sector/parliamentary demand
for evaluations



Evidence gap mapping and systematic reviews
(Executive and Parliament)

Expansion of our work with governments, Parliaments

- We have 8 countries that are part of our wider learning network (Malawi, Tanzania, Côte d'Ivoire, Botswana, Ethiopia, Togo, Namibia and Nigeria)
- 2024-2025, the next expansion will likely come from the above-mentioned (or any other African country of strategic interest)
- Condition for admission: existence of an NES and efforts to strengthen it
- Other forums and initiatives such as APNODE (Parliamentarians' Association, SADC PF [soon to be SADC Parliament] offer additional collaboration and entry points for stakeholder specific ECD initiatives, such as those targeted at parliaments)
- We are now working with subnational governments (provincial/regional administrations and municipalities/local governments)= expansion



Outcomes sought



- Twende Mbele's work seeks to achieve the following objectives:
 1. Human resource development (in the area of individual and institutional M&E).
Contributes to building of developmental state
 2. Socio-economic development and integration through better policy performance
 3. Cooperation between African countries (Africa renaissance)
- And generally, better governance and development performance: moves the region towards the ideal situation of **positive peace and development**

TM activities that can be beneficial to Tanzanian Government its Vision 2050



Capacity building of all kinds
(workshops, Conferences,
benchmarking Study tours)



Rapid evaluations of
projects/policies of national
interest

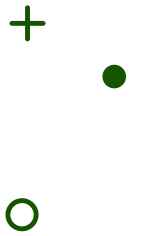


Benchmarking on M&E best
practices with other countries
(including digital systems for M&E
functions)



Promotion of monitoring and
evaluation practices that aids
Tanzania's pursuit of Vision 2050
as operationalized by medium-
term development plans

Ultimate beneficiaries of the Programme



- The ultimate beneficiaries of the project are citizens in countries that are part of Twende Mbele.
- They will enjoy improved policy-making processes and policy performance due to greater uptake of policy performance data, which will ultimately ensure policies are geared towards the needs of the citizens in each of the countries.
- It is estimated that +- 350 – 450 public officials will benefit from these events in the proposed two (2) years of the grant-funded project.
- Indirectly, the ~235 people who constitute the populations of the six (6) core member countries (Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, South Africa and Uganda) will benefit from individual and institutional capacity building of public institutions of these countries, assisting in making government policies more responsive to the needs of citizens
- Populations of the Twende Mbele Plus countries also benefit from being associate members of the Program

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Asante, Thank You

