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## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5 JUNE 2024

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# Inades-Formation Tanzania commemorates the World Environment Day by engaging people with disabilities

*Dodoma, Tuesday, June 4, 2024*—As Tanzania commemorates the World Environment Day (WED) on Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, we Inades-Formation Tanzania (IFTz), Bread for the World (BftW), and Vi Agroforestry (ViA) have organized a series of environmental protection events that involve people with all kinds of disabilities in a one-day tree planting campaign. The aim of the campaign to be conducted in Kondoa and Chemba districts is to create public awareness on the need to involve every living person in the preservation of the ecosystems. The theme for this year's WED is: *Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience*.

At the national level, the NGO and its international partners will participate in a week-long exhibition taking place at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre in Dodoma City. The participation of people with disabilities—long-term physical, mental, intellectual or emotional disabilities—in reforestation is a deliberate sign that land and environmental improvement is everyone's responsibility as long as they inhale oxygen.

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 1.3 billion people—about 16% of the global population—currently experience significant disability. This number is increasing due in part to population ageing and an increase in the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases, that are sometimes related to changes in the climate. “We will involve the Kondoa and Chemba communities as well as their local government authorities in a mass tree planting campaign,” said the Managing Director of IFTz Mr. Mbarwa Kivuyo. He continued: “The Germany-based BftW and the Swedish ViA are supporting us to implement climate resilience interventions in 19 villages of Kondoa and Chemba districts.”

The BftW is supporting a three-year project titled “adaptation to climate change for improved livelihoods in semi-arid areas” while ViA is financing a three-year project called “agroforestry for sustainable livelihoods and biodiversity” in four villages of Kondoa District. The two projects work hand in hand with communities to restore land and improve resilience to drought in the semi-arid districts.

Inades-Formation Tanzania has procured 1,500 tree seedlings of different species that will be planted around the homes, public institutions—10 schools, 5 health centres, 5 churches, 10 mosques—and near natural water springs in the two districts. Our intention is to use the climax of the WED commemoration to demonstrate our commitment to land restoration, halting desertification and building inclusive drought resilience systems.

To make it an inclusive undertaking, IFTz will engage people with disabilities in the tree planting campaign to be carried out in Kondoa and Chemba Districts. The slogan “Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration” calls for everyone alive to become part of the global movement toward saving the



land from degradation, desertification, and drought. The partnership between IFTz and the two international non-governmental organizations are contributing to the attainment of district target of planting 1.5 million trees per year. The project has helped farmers to adopt various technologies that mitigate the effects of climate change. Technologies such as rainwater harvesting, production and preservation of local seeds that resist drought and postharvest losses management have helped households to survive during harsh times. The integrated use of various agroecological practices promoted by the project enables 859 farmers to confidently select practices that best suit their local conditions.

### **About Inades-Formation Tanzania**

Inades-Formation Tanzania, also known as the African Institute for Social and Economic Development, is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that works for socio-economic advancement of disadvantaged and marginalized rural communities (women, men and youth) organized mainly into voluntary groups. It was established in Tanzania since 1989 as a branch of Inades-Formation Kenya, and later in 1994 it became a fully autonomous organization delivering training to farmers through direct outreach programmes and by offering correspondence courses across Tanzania.

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### **About Bread for the World**

BftW is a programme of help initiated by the protestant churches in Germany. It was set up in Berlin in 1959 and since then has been the responsibility of the "Diakonische Werk", the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany. Over average, BftW donates through Inades-Formation Tanzania over seven hundred million Tanzania Shillings annually to support adaptation to climate change initiatives in Kondoa and Chemba Districts.

### **About Vi Agroforestry**

Vi Agroforestry is a Swedish development organisation fighting poverty and climate change together. What started as a tree planting initiative in 1983, is today an agroforestry expert organisation working through local partnerships to run holistic agricultural development projects in East Africa and beyond. Since 1983, Vi Agroforestry has contributed to the planting of over 155 million trees.

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## SIKU YA MAZINGIRA DUNIANI – 5 JUNI 2024

### TAARIFA KWA VYOMBO VYA HABARI – *itolewe sasa*

# Inades-Formation yaadhimisha Siku ya Mazingira Duniani kwa kuongoza walemavu kupanda miti

**Dodoma, Juni 3, 2024**—Wakati Tanzania ikielekea katika kilele cha Maadhimisho ya Siku ya Mazingira Duniani (WED) Jijini Dodoma, Jumatano tarehe 5 Juni 2024, sisi Inades-Formation Tanzania (IFTz), kwa kushirikiana na Bread for the World (BftW), pamoja na Vi Agroforestry tumeandaa kampeni ya utunzaji wa mazingira itakayowahusisha watu wenye ulemavu wa aina zote katika zoezi la upandaji miti katika wilaya za Kondoa na Chemba. Lengo la kampeni hiyo ni kujenga uelewa kwa wananchi juu ya haja ya kuhusisha kila mtu aliye hai katika uhifadhi wa mifumo ya ekolojia. Kauli mbiu ya mwaka huu ni: **Urejeshwaji wa Ardhi, Ustahimilivu wa hali ya Jangwa na Ukame.**

Katika ngazi ya kitaifa, IFTz na wadau wake wa kimataifa watashiriki katika maonyesho ya wiki yanayofanyika katika Kituo cha Mikutano cha Jakaya Kikwete kilichopo Jijini Dodoma. Ushiriki wa watu wenye ulemavu—ulemavu wa muda mrefu wa kimwili, kiakili, kiakili au hisia—katika upandaji miti ni ishara ya makusudi kwamba uboreshaji wa ardhi na mazingira ni wajibu wa kila mtu mradi tu wanavuta oksijeni.

Takwimu za Shirika la Afya Duniani zinabaini kuwa takriban watu bilioni 1.3—karibu asilimia 16 ya idadi ya watu duniani—kwa sasa wana ulemavu wa aina mojawapo. Idadi hii inaongezeka kutokana na uzee na ongezeko la magonjwa yasiyo ya kuambukiza, ambayo wakati mwingine yanahusiana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi. "Tutahusisha jamii za Kondoa na Chemba pamoja na mamlaka zao za serikali za mitaa katika kampeni ya upandaji miti kwa wingi," alisema Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa IFTz ndugu Mbarwa Kivuyo. Aliendelea: "BftW yenye makao yake Ujerumani na ViA ya Sweden zinatusaidia kutekeleza afua za kukabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi katika vijiji 19 vya wilaya za Kondoa na Chemba."

BftW inachangia fedha za kutekeleza mradi wa miaka mitatu unaokabiliana na mabadiliko ya tabia nchi kwa ajili ya kuboresha maisha katika maeneo ya ukame, huku wakati ViA ikielekeza ufadhili wake wa miaka mitatu kuhamasisha kilimo mseto na kujengea uwezo mashirika yasiyo ya kiserikali na vikundi vya wakulima kuwa na maisha endelevu na bayoanuwai. ViA inafikia vijiji vinne vya Wilaya ya Kondoa. Miradi hiyo miwili inashirikiana na jamii kurejesha ardhi na kuthibiti ukame katika wilaya zilizo na ukame.

Inades-Formation Tanzania imenunua miche 1,500 ya miti ya aina mbalimbali ambayo itapandwa karibu na nyumba, taasisi za umma - shule 10, vituo vya afya 5, makanisa 5, misikiti 10 - na karibu na vyanzo vya asili vya maji katika wilaya hizo mbili. Nia yetu ni kutumia kilele cha maadhimisho ya siku ya mazingira duniani kuonyesha dhamira yetu ya kurejesha afya ya ardhi, kukomesha kusambaa kwa jangwa na kujenga mifumo ya ustahimilivu wa ukame katika ngazi ya kaya.



Ili kuifanya kuwa shirikishi, IFTz itashirikisha watu wenye ulemavu katika kampeni ya upandaji miti itakayofanyika katika Wilaya za Kondo na Chemba. Kauli mbiu ya "Nchi yetu. mustakabali wetu. Sisi ni #KizaziRejeshi" tunaoa wito kwa kila mtu aliye hai kuwa sehemu ya harakati za kimataifa kuelekea kuokoa ardhi kutokana na uharibifu, jangwa, na ukame. Ushirikiano kati ya IFTz na mashirika mawili ya kimataifa Yasiyo ya Kiserikali unachangia kufikia lengo la Wilaya la kupanda miti milioni 1.5 kwa mwaka. Mradi huo umewasaidia wakulima kutumia teknolojia mbalimbali ambazo zinapunguza athari za mabadiliko ya hali ya hewa. Teknolojia kama vile uvunaji wa maji ya mvua, uzalishaji na uhifadhi wa mbegu za kienyeji ambazo zinapinga ukame na usimamizi wa upotezaji wa baada ya mavuno zimesaidia kaya kuishi wakati wa nyakati ngumu. Matumizi ya pamoja ya mbinu mbalimbali za kilimo zinazokuzwa na mradi huo huwawezesha wakulima 859 kuchagua kwa ujasiri mazoea ambayo yanaendana na hali zao za ndani.

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### **Kuhusu Inades-Formation Tanzania**

Inades-Formation Tanzania, pia inajulikana kama Taasisi ya Afrika ya Maendeleo ya Jamii na Kiuchumi, ni Shirika lisilo la kiserikali (NGO) ambalo linafanya kazi kwa maendeleo ya kijamii na kiuchumi ya jamii za vijijini zisizojiweza na zilizotengwa (wanawake, wanaume na vijana) zilizoandaliwa hasa katika vikundi vya hiari. Ilianzishwa nchini Tanzania tangu 1989 kama tawi la Inades-Formation Kenya, na baadaye mwaka 1994 ikawa shirika huru kabisa linalotoa mafunzo kwa wakulima kupitia programu za kuwafikia moja kwa moja na kwa kutoa kozi za mawasiliano kote Tanzania.

### **Kuhusu Bread for the World**

BftW ni mpango wa msaada ulioanzishwa na makanisa ya waandamanaji nchini Ujerumani. Ilianzishwa Berlin mwaka 1959 na tangu wakati huo imekuwa jukumu la "Diakonische Werk", Shirika la Huduma za Jamii la Kanisa la Kiprotestanti nchini Ujerumani. Kwa wastani, BftW hutoa kupitia Inades-Formation Tanzania zaidi ya shilingi milioni mia saba za Tanzania kila mwaka kusaidia kukabiliana na mipango ya mabadiliko ya hali ya hewa katika Wilaya za Kondo na Chemba.

### **Kuhusu Vi Agroforestry**

Vi Agroforestry ni shirika la maendeleo la Sweden linalopambana na umaskini na mabadiliko ya hali ya hewa pamoja. Kile kilichoanza kama mpango wa upandaji miti mnamo 1983, leo ni shirika la wataalam wa kilimo cha misitu linalofanya kazi kupitia ushirikiano wa ndani kuendesha miradi ya maendeleo ya kilimo katika Afrika Mashariki na zaidi. Tangu mwaka 1983, kilimo cha miti kimechangia kupanda miti zaidi ya milioni 155.

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