In 2017, Tanzania was ranked number 137 out of 189 on the list of countries for ease of doing business and 103 out of 180 on the Corruption Perception Index, accordingly Transparency International. Despite a strong political focus on private sector development, the Tanzanian business climate is generally not perceived as being very conducive. One of the challenges has been within the realms of transparency where businesses do not articulate compliance with national and international social, environmental and ethical standards. Some examples are the legal framework for investment, that has shown to be complex and out dated, and land allocation and dispute settlement being complex and have hindered private investment and regulations on foreign investment are in need of clarification. These are challenges this project is addressing.

**THE PROJECT**

The project is expected to contribute to the following results through supporting the establishment of a UN Global Compact Local Network in Tanzania:

- Multi Sectoral platforms will be established where meetings between businesses, civil society, UN Agencies, development partners and government are held. It will be a platform for dialogue on issues related to businesses, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and corporate sustainability.

- The project engages with the Government of Tanzania to ensure an enabling environment for the implementation of corporate sustainability of companies.

- Businesses will increasingly understand, follow and report on the 10 UN Global Compact principles as well as taking opportunities under the SDGs. Awareness will be increased on the SDGs so that businesses will better understand how they can link their activities to the goals and monitor the impact.
Three working groups on Anti-corruption, Environment and SDGs have been established and are operationalized. The groups are composed by government, private sector and CSOs and advise on issues related to the respective topics.

A National Coordinator has been hired to capacitate the secretariat of the Global Compact Network of Tanzania.

Three initiatives are underway;
1. The Strengthening Integrity and Ethics on Business Practice in Tanzania initiative addresses the supply side of corruption through full integration of integrity pledge measures to all businesses types and levels and their supply chains. This initiative is unique in the sense that it brings together key actors in the fight against corruption across the board (i.e. government, private sector and civil society).

2. Four Zonal (Mwanza, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya) Workshops have been carried out. The workshops had Multi-Stakeholders Participation and they reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Audit (EA) Regulation so that they now include the private sector.

3. Strengthening the role of private sector in SDG implementation. As a start, a mapping and profiling of financial sustainability and best practice in Tanzania have been conducted. Guidelines have been created on impact investments for banking insurance and the capital market.

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