



# UMOJA - ONE UN in Tanzania

## UN Resident Coordinator's Office

### Further progress needed, says WHO Director-General

Dr. Margaret Chan, the Director-General of the World Health Organization visited Tanzania from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

In both Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, Dr. Chan held discussions with the UN Heads of Agencies and some staff members. At both occasions, she urged the UN and partners to cooperate closely with each other to enhance Delivering As One. She reiterated WHO's strong commitment to Delivering as One, but also highlighted issues of concern. "Through reforms the UN needs to deliver on what member states need and not what the United Nations wants – the government must be in the driving seat of the reform process", the DG said. She strongly emphasized the need for further progress, to move from a focus on processes to realization of actual development results. She added that "The UN is not credible if we are not committed to the reforms."

On her mission the DG, was accompanied by Dr Sambo, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Mr. Ray Chambers, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Malaria, and Dr. Yamada, President of the Global Health Program at the Gates Foundation.

The key objective of the mission was to learn from Tanzania's experience of malaria control and advocate for more technical and financial support to sustain the achievements. Tanzania is considered to have significantly reduced malaria infections and related deaths.

The mission held discussions with the President H.E. Kikwete in which he expressed his recognition of malaria control as one of the major challenges affecting pregnant mothers and children in the country. The President expressed his appreciation to the DG and the delegation on the support his country has been receiving in this area. However, he also identified areas in which the government would need further assistance from development partners in order to scale-up operations to increase impact and eventually move to elimination.

In Zanzibar, the DG and her mission met H.E. Karume, the President of Zanzibar, who also expressed his commitment to the fight against Malaria and reaffirmed the government support to efforts to control the disease.



From left to right: Dr. Margret Chan, WHO DG; Dr. Chan with President Kikwete; Dr. Chan and UN Zanzibar staff

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### One UN highlights

- **Mr Alberic Kacou, currently Resident Coordinator (RC) in Nigeria, confirmed as new RC to Tanzania**
- Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General, and Mr Ray Chambers, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Malaria, visit Tanzania
- International Youth Day celebrated in Dar Es Salaam
- HQ Mission team visits Tanzania to define a road map for the next UN planning cycle aiming at one single document
- First World Humanitarian Day celebrated in Dar es Salaam
- East African Personal Assistants' Symposium attended by staff from five agencies. Best PA in Africa 2009 won by UN Tanzania's Beatrice Mkiramweni

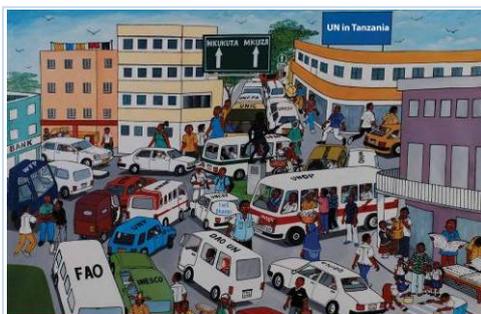
### A Word From The Government



At the Development Partner Group Induction Seminar in August, the Government reiterated the New Dialogue Structure and Division of Labour. The UN has a leading role in ten sectors / thematic areas. Outlined below are some of the key responsibilities of a Lead Partner, as presented by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs.



"A Lead Development Partner (DP) is the one that leads all DPs in any classified sector or thematic area.[...] They are the focal contact point in dialogue between the Government and DPs in that area.[...] Tasks for the lead DP include acting as a spokesperson; coordinating all active DPs in the dialogue with government; forging a consensus amongst DPs on policy priorities; and coordinating analysis amongst active partners to undertake sector work in line with the government requirements and priorities."



**I will Change.**  
Working together with others is helping me develop new skills and gain more knowledge as we Deliver as One. Be the Change



**I Am Change**  
Delivering as One we are building a stronger United Nations and a better life for Tanzanians. Be the Change

## World Humanitarian Day

UN staff members joined the world in commemorating the First World Humanitarian Day on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The acting Resident Coordinator delivered a message from UN Secretary General in which he paid tribute to "legions of heroic humanitarian personnel" coming from a range of backgrounds but sharing a conviction that one person's suffering is everyone's responsibility.

The day had the shared objectives of drawing attention to humanitarian needs worldwide, acknowledging the ongoing work of humanitarian staff around the globe and honouring those who have lost their lives in humanitarian service. The date 19 August is highly symbolic for the UN, as six years ago 22 people were killed and more than 150 wounded during the bombing of the United Nations office in Iraq.

## One UN events

**14 - 18 September:** Mission Team from Ethiopia visits Tanzania to gain insight into the DaO initiative

**17 September:** Launch of 2009 World Investment Report in Dar es Salaam

**18 September:** Commemoration of the international Day of Peace

**24 - 30 September:** UN High Level Task Force for Global Food Security visits Tanzania

**28 - 29 September:** UN-AIDS mission from Regional Support Team in SA

**End September** Joint Task Force and Joint Steering Committee meetings

### Be The Change Quiz Winner

Congratulations to **Karoli Nyalali** of the **IOM**, who was picked from the correct entries to the 'Be The Change' Quiz. He wins a meal for two at Anghiti restaurant and a pair of cinema tickets. Thank you to all who entered.

## UN Tanzania's Award Winning Personal Assistant

The smiles of the eight UN Personal Assistants (PAs) participating in the 2009 Personal Assistant Symposium proved that the training was worthwhile. The four day symposium, which was held in Dar es Salaam in late August, gave the Personal Assistants working with the UN in Tanzania an opportunity to upgrade their skills in line with the UN learning plan and the 'Be the Change' initiative.

The biggest smile was on the

lips of Beatrice Mkiramweni, Executive Associate to the Resident Coordinator and Change Champion, who won the Symposium's 'PA of the Year prize' thanks to her professionalism and effectiveness.

The PA group has demonstrated how closer interagency collaboration brings new possibilities for personal development, increased efficiency and more enjoyment to the workplace.



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Left: PA Change Champions, Imelda Mutafungwa, Beatrice Mkiramweni and Asmah Yahya.

## Q&A on UN reform in Tanzania

### Q: What is the 'road map for the next programming cycle'?

**A:** At the request of the government, the UN in Tanzania is aspiring to have all agencies sign and approve a single development assistance action plan for 2011 – 2012. Mandated by the UN Country Management Team (CMT) staff from the UN Systems College in Turin and DOCO in New York visited Tanzania in the last week of August to draw up a draft time line to map the activities and steps that need to be undertaken in order for this to happen. The new development assistance plan would aim to encompass all agency interventions in it, and thus allow for further coherence and harmonization of UN activities, reduce transaction costs and encourage even closer planning between agencies.

Send in your question or comment about UN reform in Tanzania to [mia.bulow-olsen@undp.org](mailto:mia.bulow-olsen@undp.org)

## A Stronger United Nations for a Better World

### UN reform at a glance

Tanzania was among the eight countries in the world first selected to pilot of the Delivering as One reform initiative at country level. Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Uruguay and Viet Nam were the other seven. For more background information on UN Reform and coherence go to [www.undg.org](http://www.undg.org).



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