

Information on the country strategy Tanzania

For each partner country of VLIR-UOS, a country strategy has been developed. The country strategy represents the strategic niche for VLIR-UOS cooperation in a country, with specific **thematic areas** and an institutional and/or regional focus, based on the needs and national priorities of the country with regard to higher education and development. The [VLIR-UOS Country Strategy for Tanzania](#) which is in line with national development plan (national strategy for growth and reduction of poverty – Mkukuta II), has 4 central themes: ‘**health**’, ‘**environment**’, ‘**entrepreneurship & business development**’ and ‘**food security**’. The theme of ‘**gender**’, ‘**monitoring & evaluation**’ and ‘**ICT & information management**’ have been put forward as a crosscutting theme that is relevant for all VLIR-UOS activities. For the **institutional** and **geographical** focus, there are no strategic limitations.

Information for potential synergy and complementarity

Synergy and complementarity (S&C) can improve the impact of development cooperation interventions and is a top priority of the Belgian minister of Development Cooperation and encouraged by the reform of non-governmental cooperation in 2016. In order to promote S&C, all Belgian non-governmental development actors were invited to elaborate a Joint Strategic Framework (JSFs) per country in 2016. These JSFs provide information about the goals to which the actors want to contribute, and also indicate potential for synergy and complementarity. In the table below, a general overview of relevant information from the **Joint Strategic Framework** Tanzania is provided for each **thematic area** of the VLIR-UOS **country strategy**. The Joint Strategic **Goal** relevant for each theme is listed, together with the **Belgian non-governmental actors** which are active in **Tanzania** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation. By providing this list, VLIR-UOS wants to facilitate **synergy** and/or complementarity with programmes of other Belgian actors. Synergy and complementarity will also be integrated as an element in the **selection** of interventions, more in particular when discussing the (developmental) relevance of project proposals. The last updated version of the JSF Tanzania can be found [here](#).

Thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy	Potential match with Joint Strategic Goal of the Joint Strategic Framework	Belgian Non-Governmental Actors active in this area
ENVIRONMENT	(5) Promote sustainable and climate smart use of ecosystems	TRIAS, VECO, BOS+, IDP, LFTW
HEALTH	(4) Contribute to the improvement of access to preventive and curative health care & wash infrastructure for the general population, with particular attention to the needs of vulnerable people.	RKVI, LFTW
FOOD SECURITY	(1) Support dynamic, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development for small-scale farmers, pastoralists and other stakeholders	IDP, TRIAS, VECO, BOS+
ENTREPRENEURSHIP and BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	(2) Strengthen the ability of (SSE-) member-based organisations to influence positively the business environment for small scale entrepreneurs (SSE) and the entrepreneurship capacities of these	TRIAS, IDP

Crosscutting themes for HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH (gender, M&E, ICT, information repositories & management)	(3) Ensure and improve access to knowledge , improve research and stimulate innovation in order to contribute to development	VLIR-UOS, LFTW, VIA Don Bosco, RKVI
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Joint Strategic Goal 6 (*Support and reinforce Tanzanian communities, their leaders and elected representatives, to know their **rights**, have use of them and access to **justice** mechanisms to defend their interests and contribute to the development of their region - TRIAS, VECO, LFTW, BOS+*) does not thematically match with the VLIR-UOS country strategy.

More information about the other Belgian actors active in **Tanzania** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation can be found in the table below. Their own suggestions for possible cooperation with academics are also provided, but this should not be seen as an exhaustive list. Academics and ICOS (institutional coordinators for development coordination at level of the Flemish HEIs) elaborating a project proposal are invited to contact relevant organisations for more information and/or to enquire them on potential collaborations. Information on the activities of **Enabel** (former BTC) in Tanzania can be found on their [database](#).

NGA	Short description of the activities in Tanzania	Name of the local partner(s)	Region(s)	Suggested research topics/ areas	Contact person
BOS+	BOS+ aims to contribute to the improvement of the livelihoods of rural communities in Northern Tanzania, by promoting and facilitating community-based forest management and sustainable and climate-smart land use practices (agro-forestry).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MVIWATA Arusha (Farmers' Groups Network) - Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI) - Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT) 	Arusha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest biodiversity and ecosystem services in forested areas of Northern Tanzania - Underutilized fruit-crops, fodder trees and non-timber forest products in forested areas in North Tanzania - Assessment of ecosystem conditions and land-use by means of remote sensing in Arusha region (Monduli district) 	Bram Sercu
Light for the World (LFTW)	LFTW's objective is that children with vision problems have access to qualitative eye care services in order for the children with a visual impairment to be enrolled in primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) 	Dar es Salaam, Regions of Morogoro, Dodoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eye health - Health insurance 	Kevin Gilmont

	education so that they achieve the functional basic skills, essential for their future life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) - St Francis Regional Referral hospital (SFRH) - St Joseph's Mission Hospital (SJMh) 	and Ruvuma		
Rode Kruis Vlaanderen Internationaal (RKVI)	RKVI's focus is on first aid (FA) training and on water and sanitation (WASH; safe water and sanitation facilities, safe hygiene attitudes and practices). Additionally, there is an intervention on disaster preparedness related to floods.	Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS)	Buhigwe, Kagera, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Dodoma, Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Mwanza	/	Tiene Lievens/ Lars Hillewaere
Iles de Paix (IDP)	The overall aim is that family farms in the Karatu District (Arusha region) are economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. In order to achieve this the programme will implement results in the fields of (1) sustainable techniques of production and management of productive activities; (2) capacities of processing, marketing and storage; (3) financial services adapted to the needs of small-scale farmers; (4) sensitization and mobilisation of public authorities, organizations of the civil society and citizens in favour of the sustainable family farming; and (5) capacities of the organized actors of sustainable family farming (farmers' organisations, local NGOs, extension officers and super farmers, ...).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RECODA: Research, Community and Organizational Development Associates - MVIWATA Arusha (Farmers' Groups Network) 	Arusha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of Post – Harvest Losses and food storage in Karatu District - Seeds: Analysis of the seeds system in Karatu District; feasibility of supporting Farmer Managed Seeds Systems; cost benefit analysis comparing local and hybrid seeds. - Analysis of the processing sector (food products) in Karatu District and market study - Market analysis/ study for food crops in the Arusha Region 	Nancy Snauwaert/ Ludovic Joly

Trias	Trias aims to improve the livelihoods of family farmers, small-scale entrepreneurs and pastoralists in eight districts in Tanzania and northern Zanzibar. This is done by the strengthening of their member based organisations to improve their business environment, productivity and voice in society. Focus is on the following 6 value chains: fresh vegetables, onions, garlic, poultry, milk and honey. Furthermore, the programme has a special focus on the environment, especially related to land use planning, protection of wildlife corridors, human wildlife conflict prevention and erosion prevention, and will invest in smart use of ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) - MVIWATA Arusha (Farmers' Groups Network) - MVIWATA Manyara (Farmers' Groups Network) - Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture Arusha (TCCIA Arusha) - Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture Manyara (TCCIA Manyara) - Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT) - Tanzania People & Wildlife Fund (TPW) 	Arusha, Manyara, Zanzibar	/	Bart Casier
Via Don Bosco (VIA DB)	The objective of VIA DB's programme in Tanzania is that vulnerable girls and boys (aged 15-25) from Dodoma and Dar es Salaam are inserted professionally and socially into society thanks to high quality skills development services delivered by the partner organisations (Vocational Training Centers, Job Placement Offices, Planning and Development Offices).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don Bosco Planning and Development Office (PDO) – Dar Es Salaam (DBPDO-Dar) - Don Bosco Vocational Training Center Oysterbay (VTC Dar) - Don Bosco Technical Institute Dodoma (VTC Dodoma) - Teacher's Training College (TTC) - Job Placement Office Dar Es Salaam (JPO) 	Dodoma, Dar es Salaam	/	Steven De Craen
VredesEilanden Country Office (VECO) (now RIKOLTO)	VECO (now RIKOLTO) Tanzania's objective is that horticultural and grains food chains in 3 regions of Tanzania are sustainable and inclusive for smallholder farmers. RIKOLTO will support innovation in three result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastern Africa Grain Council Tanzania (EAGC) - Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA) - Kilimo Markets Ltd - Mara Farming Ltd 	Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara	- Multi-country: Research proposal between universities of Vietnam, Tanzania and Nicaragua on safe vegetables, focusing on access to	Mark Blackett

	areas: 1) structured trading systems which are inclusive; 2) flexible approaches for developing smallholder business models and organisations; 3) market incentives for sustainable production and consumption approaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sokoine University of Agriculture - Kilombero Rice Research Institute (KATRIN) - Regional Rice Centre of Excellence (RRCoE) of the Eastern Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (EAAPP) 		<p>technology, knowledge, best practices to ensure smallholders can comply to produce with lower residues, according to GAP norms etc...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research with the 'Tanzania Pulses Network' and 'Casibears' (a Belgian private company) on improving quality of pulses with a specific focus on weevil management and ensuring that minimum residue levels are achieved 	
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium (VSF-B)¹	VSF-B contributes to securing livelihoods for livestock dependent communities by working on improving animal husbandry and animal health care and through land use planning and rangeland management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT) - HEIFER Tanzania 	Arusha, Manyara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts between pastoralists, farmers and agro-pastoralists - Drought preparedness/ early warning systems 	Peter Van Der Jagt
Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences – CEBioS (Capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development)	Valuation and perception of ecosystem services in Lake Manyara subbasin, pollinators, clearing house mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology - Trias NGO - Ministry of Environment - Vice president's office - TANAPA (Tanzania National Parks Authority) 	North Tanzania, Arusha, other rural areas and protected areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The preservation of ecosystem services (eg pollinators) in rural and/ or protected areas - The perception and ownership of stakeholders in relation to the value, and the sustainable or non-sustainable exploitation (and the 	Luc Janssens de Bisthoven

¹ The Tanzania programme of VSF-B is not funded by DGD

				mechanisms for this) of natural resources in and around protected areas (with focus on Lake Manyara National Park)	
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