

# TOGETHER FOR PEACE PROJECT IN ZANZIBAR

Contribute to conflict resolution and a peaceful political environment in Zanzibar

# **→ Background**

Zanzibar, the East African archipelago, as many other developing nations, is striving to strengthen good governance in its territory by introducing reforms to promote transparency, accountability, rule of law, human rights and democracy. However, over the years, since the re-introduction of multiparty system, several conducted elections have left Zanzibar with a political split between the ruling party and the opposition which sometimes resulted in clashes that put the peace of Zanzibar on threat as mistrust and non-dialogue among the political actors and their supporters prevail. Efforts by different actors including the government, political parties, civil society and religious leaders to ensure Zanzibar remains peaceful and stable throughout were undertaken in order to enhance the socio-economic development of the country.

A peaceful political environment and progress towards conflict resolution on the island of Zanzibar is only possible when the trust between the different political actors, their supporters and politically interested community members is starting to grow. For this, joint capacity building activities for members from different parties, focusing on women and youth who are often underrepresented and under-trained in Tanzanian politics, will be implemented with the aim to help them to develop joint strategies for a better communication amongst each other. Furthermore, joint workshops with citizens for dealing with local issues are needed to create a joint space for the sense of a common purpose. Creating or joining a cross-party dialogue platform will ensure that these dialogues become institutionalized and will help with the sustainability of the action. Building on these capacitybuilding and cross-party dialogue activities, the project, which is mainly funded by funds of the European Union (EU) and implemented by Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) will reach out to the wider community and ensure that political leaders are engaged in a regular cross-party dialogue with civil society, religious leaders and communities through roundtables, conflict resolution workshops, innovative engagement measures such as football tournaments, radio programmes and through a dialogue and conflict mitigation summit.

## **Key Information**

Key donor: European Union (EU)

**Sector:** Conflict resolution and peace-building

Partners: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA)

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# → Project Details

In this action, the implementation strategies will be focusing on capacity building among selected beneficiaries; secondly the action is rebuilding dialogue between targeted members of political parties, religious leaders and CSOs as well as engaging in an exchange of views towards resolving political conflicts and peace building in Zanzibar.

### Activities thereby constitute of;

- **1.** Capacity building for female party members to jointly develop solutions for the demands of the citizens towards them.
- **2.** Capacity building for young party members to jointly develop solutions for the demands of the citizens towards them.
- **3.** Capacity building for wards councilors to start cooperation between the parties.
- 4. Dialogue rounds with members of political parties.
- **5.** Conflict resolution workshops with religious leaders and CSOs.
- **6.** Radio programs with members of political parties.
- 7. Dialogue and conflict mitigation summit.

Apart from Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), the project works with political parties, religious leaders and civil societies located in Unguja and Pemba as well as with radio and TV stations.

## **→ Expected Results**

- **1.** Political parties are aware of the demands of the citizens and jointly develop solutions for them.
  - Youth and women political members are capacitated and jointly develop solutions for their respective demands.
  - Ward councilors are capacitated and start cooperation with other fellow parties.
- 2. Political parties and citizens are engaged in a regular dialoque.
  - Dialogue amongst political party members.
  - © Conflict mitigation summit.
  - Conflict resolution workshops.
  - Local radio programmes.

## → The final beneficiaries

Members from the women and youth wings elected and nominated by the four chosen political parties of CCM, ACT, CUF and CHADEMA; elected ward councilors; representatives from the civil society, selected from three CSOs dealing with conflict resolution, establishing dialogues between the citizens and the political leaders, Youth, Women and Women with disabilities; religious leaders as well as the local population located in Pemba and Unguja.



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