

CHAPTER 4

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CETA'S ACTIVITIES: JANUARY, 2011 – JUNE, 2011.

Between January and June, 2011 CETA has implemented two major activities aimed at developing awareness of the students on constitutional issues and general knowledge. The aim is to enable them participate fully in the democratization process going on in the country. The activities include: inauguration of the second edition of the General Studies Text book, and a symposium on a new constitution in Tanzania.



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A: INAUGURATION OF A GENERAL STUDIES TEXT BOOK.

There were many complaints from General Studies teachers and the students all over the country that there was no text book for General Studies in the country. The Government issued the new syllabus without teacher's guidance. CETA took it as a challenge and after consultation with KAS, it was agreed to come up with a project of General Studies publication. The book is now in circulation and CETA has made it open that the users are free to make their comments about the text so as to open room for further improvement.



Mr. Hans Koepfel, Deputy Head of Mission, Germany Embassy cutting a tape as a sign of inauguration of a book

CETA invited Mr. Hans Koeppel, Deputy Head of Mission German Embassy in Dar es Salaam whose country through Konrad Adenauer Stiftung supported the project.

The following is a speech from the chief Guest to the students and teachers from Dar es Salaam secondary schools during GS book inauguration ceremony at New Africa Hotel.

**Book Launching Ceremony,
Speech for Mr. Hans Koeppel,
Deputy Head of Mission, Germany Embassy**

Dear Friends of CETA and Konrad Adenauer
Stiftung,

Dear Teachers and students,

Dear Journalists,

Ladies and Gentleman,

I feel specially honored to present and launch officially the second edition of the school book “General Studies, Supplementary Book for A-level and Colleges”. I accepted the invitation of CETA (Civic Education Teachers Association) and KAS (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung) with pleasure because we share the strong conviction that education is the

key factor for social development and democracy in Tanzania.

We also believe strongly that democracy is the basis of a sustainable development and the best way to distribute the fruits of its economic results among the people. But democracy is not a fixed structure or a system which, once established, stays forever without working on it. Democracy depends on the participation and commitment of the citizens. It must be filled with life day and every new generation must be convinced and / or engaged again for democracy.

Education, specially civic education, plays a decisive role in winning the new generation for democracy. Only educated citizens, who are aware of their rights, duties and their responsibilities are able to take part in democratic public decision making. A basic knowledge of the most important problems, opportunities and challenges of the society, they live in, is as important as a common understanding of the principle and values that hold a society together.

The “General Studies book” contains many of the mentioned issues that are vital for creating self confident, active citizens who are aware of their civil responsibility; to thrive. And CETA is one of the strongest players in the never-ending-game of civic education.

We in Germany had once the experience of democratic system without democrats, educated and committed citizens. This was after the First World War, the so called “Weimar Republic”. It ended up in the period of the NAZI’s under Hitle’s dictatorship and the catastrophe of the World War II. After the experience of this disaster and the economic devastation; the war-torn Germany had to build up not only the destroyed country, but also a true and sustainable democracy. A conerstone of this enterprise was the furthering of institutions dedicated to civic education to make sure that the democracy would never lack democrats again.

Different political foundations we have in Germany, like Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, till today dedicate a great part of their resources to civic education in Germany, and of course they support similar efforts in their international work.

This is why we were happy to see this partneship between CETA and KAS flourish. The cooperation started in 2003 and after a successful start a few years later a further partnership between CETA and the German Development Services DED, now GIZ was established.

Today CETA is a nationwide operating organization. It’s members are dedicated ambassadors of civic

education and democratic values. We as German embassy happily support our German institutions - KAS and DED in their cooperation with CETA and we are happy to present today a further, valuable fruit of this close relationship between CETA and KAS the second edition of the “General Studies book”.

Now I have the honour to launch officially the new “General Studies Book” . May it support as many students as possible on their way to become educated, active and committed citizens - for the further improvement of the Tanzania democracy and future development.

It was a pleasure to be with you. Let me thank CETA and KAS for the kind invitation.

Thank you very much, ahsanteni sana!

The inauguration of the GS book was also covered by the media; among the media that reported the event, was The Express newspaper.



A section of students listening to the the chief guest during a book launching ceremony.

B: A SYMPOSIUM ON A NEW CONSTITUTION IN TANZANIA:

CETA in collaboration with KAS planned a symposium on a new constitution in Tanzania for teachers and secondary schools students. This was among the requests CETA received from the teachers that there was a need for such a programme because teachers as well as students needed to develop more understanding on constitutional matters. Therefore, CETA invited Professor Issa Shivji whose long experience in constitutional matters could be shared with teachers and students.