



## Assessment of vision of opportunities and bottlenecks for youth in rural Tanzania

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has several established programs in private sector development (PSD) in agriculture. In order to expand this domain to include youth, they wanted to understand where the opportunities and bottlenecks exist for youth, particularly in the Central Corridor region of Tanzania.

### Client:

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

### Services:

Development of research instruments  
Data collection  
Data processing  
Analysis  
Reporting

According to the latest census, 70% of Tanzania's population is below the age of 30, and 64% of these youth live in rural areas. This fact alone indicates a need for programmes and interventions with a specific focus on rural youth.

Through this study, DPC aimed to provide the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) with information about youth in the Central Corridor region. It looked at their hopes and dreams, and hindrances to realizing their dreams. The study aimed to assess opportunities for youth to attain employment, self-employment, training and sustainable incomes. It also examined the needs of the rural private sector in terms of human resources, skills, and supply chain. It assessed and prioritized options to strengthen and expand current programs, and recommendations for SDC were developed.

The basis for the research was formed through Focus Group discussions and individual interviews with male and female youth; interviews with youth experts, donors and private sector stakeholders; as well as a situational analysis through desk study of related reports and studies. Together this provided an overview of rural youth: their levels of education, employment status and income generating activities, financial capability, their challenges, and their hopes for the future. DPC designed the research instruments, carried out data collection in the field, and conducted the analysis and reporting.