



**SIGNING OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA
AND SWEDEN TO SUPPORT PRODUCTIVE SOCIAL SAFETY NET PHASE II
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**STATEMENT BY EMMANUEL M. TUTUBA, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AND SWEDEN TO SUPPORT PRODUCTIVE SOCIAL SAFETY NET PHASE II
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Members of Press;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning.

1. I am happy to have the opportunity to sign a grant Agreement under which the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will access the grant amounting to Swedish Kronor (SEK) 196.3 million, equivalent to TZS 44.3 billion to finance Productive Social Safety Net phase II (PSSN II). I am aware that, the funds are contributed by the European Union (EU) which is equivalent to Euro 18.7 million to be supervised by the Swedish Embassy. I would like to commend



EU for this support to PSSN II which will contribute to reducing the financing gap under the programme. On behalf of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I hereby extend our sincere thanks to EU for this important support. Thanks to EU that, you have learned that, PSSN is contributing significantly to reduce abject poverty to the poorest population in Tanzania. The objective of the EU's support to PSSN II is to promote women's economic empowerment through supporting poor households' access to and control of their own income-earning opportunities and socio-economic services. It is apparent that, if you want to successfully implement social protection measures and improve livelihoods, investing to women is very strategic. I hope EU and other partners will increase more financing in future to further reduce the financing gap in order to attain the programme objectives.

2. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, besides the funds under the Agreement which we have signed today, the Government of Sweden has been one of the believers of PSSN since 2015; first with support to PSSN I with SEK 750 million equivalent to USD 86 million followed by SEK 550 million equivalent to USD 63 million to PSSN II. This is highly appreciated.
3. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, the objective of the PSSN II have been achieved significantly as it has been engaging beneficiary households with labor capacity into productive works so as to improve their livelihoods, increase incomes and create community assets through participation in labor intensive public works as
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among the PSSN II components. Thus, the PSSN II Programme comprises the following activities:

- i. Provision of conditional cash benefits (Cash Transfer Program) to eligible and duly registered households.
- ii. Carrying out of activities for labor-intensive public works (Public Works Program – PWP) designed to generate temporary employment opportunities to PWP Beneficiaries in eligible households with labor capacity to implement community sub-projects.
- iii. Carrying out program activities including basic and enhanced livelihood enhancement program designed to promote self-employment, wage employment, savings and investments, deliver entrepreneurial skills training and the provision of Grants to eligible beneficiaries.
- iv. Strengthening Institutional Capacity and Integrated Delivery System, which involves carrying out a program of activities designed to enhance the institutional capacity and develop the systems for delivery of the benefits and services and implementation of the project.

5. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, to mention few examples, up to May 2022, 2,674 projects were developed and implemented to provide temporary employment to beneficiary households. The projects are at different levels of implementation and have provided 253,117



6. temporary employments across all 184 LGA's councils. Up to May 2022, total of TZS 25.14 billion were already disbursed as wages to beneficiary households.
7. The programme has also contributed to improvement of infrastructures; for example 550 infrastructure projects were prepared and implemented, 3 of them costing TZS 321.21 million are completed and others 547 costing TZS 16 billion are at different stages of implementation. The infrastructure projects have also contributed to availability of social services like education, health, water, environmental protection, rural roads improvement and others for the citizens who are living in rural areas.
8. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, the evaluation of the impact of PSSN was conducted and data was collected in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, which revealed the following results among others:
 - i) Absolute poverty was reduced by 8 percent where the ability to afford basic needs has improved.
 - ii) The number of targeted beneficiaries who participates in modern agricultural activities using fertilizers has increased.
 - iii) Increase in number of children enrolled and attending to schools from poor households has increased by 6 percent.
 - iv) Increase of number of targeted beneficiaries who utilize health services and increment of number of children from 0 to 24 months who have access to health centres.
 - v) Increased family savings.
 - vi) Increase of improved accommodation for poor households.



- vii) Increased self-employment for targeted beneficiaries from the previous state of being day workers.
9. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, this is the great achievement as our people are gradually moving out of abject poverty to the level where they can contribute to the economic growth.
10. On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to EU and the Government of Sweden for this valuable support, which is in line with Five Years Development Plan.
11. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you personally, your team and Government officials whose dedication and efforts have made possible the signing of this grant agreement today.
12. Let me conclude my remarks by re-affirming the commitment of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania under Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan to continue cooperating with EU and the Government of Sweden to strengthen our valuable development cooperation. Further, be assured that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will take all necessary measures to ensure successful implementation of this programme in order to fully, achieve the intended objectives.



**Ladies and Gentlemen,
I thank you for your kind attention.**