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'My Village' Project: Children assessed in Literacy and Numeracy



Citizen volunteers assessing a child at the household during baseline assessment in Kisarawe District, Pwani Region, Tanzania.

A total of 16526 children assessed from 3 districts (Ludewa, Kisarawe and Gairo) during baseline assessment conducted in 100 villages by citizen volunteers from October to December 2022 under Uwezo 'My Village' project.

Uwezo Tanzania is implementing 'MyVillage' project which is also named 'Kijiji Changu' in Swahili, in collaboration with Peoples Action for Learning (PAL) Network.

PAL Network is a partnership of member organizations working across Asia, Africa, and America to assess children in basic reading and math. These organizations assess children using volunteers and aim to improve the quality of education.

By using 200 trained citizen volunteers, Uwezo managed to conduct learning assessment to all children in the households in 100 villages. This baseline assessment was conducted with the purpose of identifying those who are struggling with basic numeracy and literacy so that they get enrolled in the learning camps to be assisted to acquire those skills by using Jifunze/Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) teachings.

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Young adults in Bagamoyo assessed on Functional Literacy



Recently; a total of 680 young adults aged 14-20 years were assessed during Uwezo Assessment on Functional Literacy in Bagamoyo district, Pwani region, Tanzania. Functional literacy refers to the practical skill set needed to read, write, and do math for real-life purposes, so people can function effectively in their community.

The findings of the assessment are expected to be disseminated before April 2023. Uwezo conducted this study for the purpose of coming up with the evidence on the status of young adults in Tanzania in functional literacy. The findings will inform the policy makers and other stakeholders for policy reforms, curriculum and help guide in change of practices.

In the photo: A youth is assessed by Uwezo Volunteer on functional literacy in Bagamoyo district.

Uwezo Tanzania's TaRL manuals has been approved by Government

The Uwezo manuals/ modules for instructors and teachers for Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) has been approved by Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE). These manuals are loaded with various approaches which teachers can use to assist children of grade 3-6 to acquire important reading and math skills.