

## „BUSTANI YA TUSHIKAMANE“ – GARDEN OF SOLIDARITY



### Project

„Bustani ya Tushikamane“ is Kiswahili and translates as „Garden of Solidarity“. This school garden with adjoining information centre is a meeting place. Men and women farmers from the region, researchers and schoolchildren – they all make use of the information or pass on their knowledge to others here. This Biovision-supported project contributes to the construction of a demonstration – and information centre that will be better able to provide for the needs of the farmers. Interested parties from the area are able to inform themselves on organic methods of pest control and other topics such as compost production. Farmers learn to apply their knowledge practically in training courses, in order to be able to practice what they have learned at home in their fields and gardens. The information centre also offers an advice service through Infonet-Biovision([www.infonet-biovision.org](http://www.infonet-biovision.org)), where those seeking advice receive expert support in the search for environmentally friendly solutions towards improved agricultural production and ecological development.

### Relevance

In Africa, farming remains the main source of income for 80% of the rural population. Agricultural production, and therefore food supply, is impeded by various environmental factors, lack of training and information deficits. Plant pests alone are responsible for up to 80% of crop losses. Ecological solutions are a practical alternative for African farmers to achieve good yields without having to use expensive artificial fertilisers and pesticides, yet there is still a lack of widely available, clear and understandable information for farmers.

### Development Goal

To contribute to the improvement of health, nutrition, education and income generation for the rural population whilst conserving natural resources by supporting local information exchange and promoting ecological solutions.

**Project number:**  
BV IS-07

**Project active since:**  
2009

**Project duration:**  
Phase I Jul. 2009 - Dec. 2010

**Budget for 2010:**  
16'000 USD

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*Project gardener Mr. Hadji offers agricultural advice in the information centre. He sources his information from Infonet, among other places.*



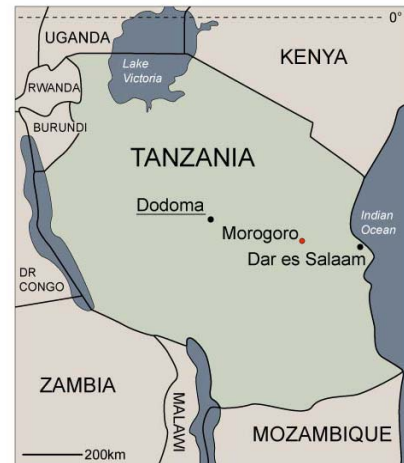
*In the school garden, farmers learn and apply new, sustainable farming methods.*

## Aims

1. Promotion of efficient **information dissemination** on **sustainable agriculture** to farmers, local NGOs and government organisations
2. Construction of an attractive, practice-oriented **information centre**, set up according to the needs of the farmers
3. Execution of **practical training** and provision of advice service
4. Creation of **partnerships** with goal-related training organisations and instigation of search for partners from private enterprise

## Partner Organisations

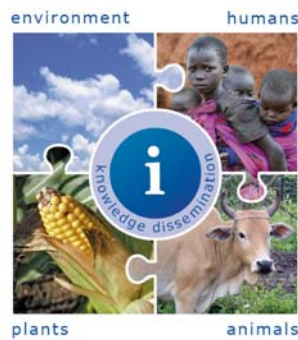
Water for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Tanzania, Sokoine University, BOKU Vienna



*The project area Morogoro lies ca. 150km west of Dar es Salaam.*

## Sustainability

Sustainability calls for a holistic vision: healthy people, animals and plants in a healthy environment. (4x Health, 4-H Strategy). Every project supported by Biovision effects considerable improvements in at least one of the four health areas. The key to effectively replicating the success of the project is the availability of specific information on the methods applied and the results achieved. With this approach and its 'helix of effects', living conditions are improved and the poverty of the people is gradually overcome while the environment is protected.



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