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**Committee on the Rights of the Child****List of issues in relation to the sixth periodic report of the  
United Republic of Tanzania\***

1. The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information, of 10,700 words maximum, by 15 February 2026. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

**Part I**

2. Please update the Committee on:

(a) the progress concerning the review of legislation, in particular on issues such as marriage as an exception to the offence of statutory rape committed against a girl child, child marriage and corporal punishment, equal inheritance rights for boys and girls, in line with the Convention;

(b) the proposed repeal of the Children's Act (2011, Zanzibar) and measures to ensure that any new legislation does not weaken the protections under the 2011 Act.

3. Please provide updated information on:

(a) which high-level interministerial body is currently responsible for coordinating activities in the area of children's rights and the financial, technical and human resources allocated to it<sup>1</sup>;

(b) the review of the mainland Tanzania Child Development Policy (2008) and the adoption of the one for Zanzibar;

(c) aligning budget commitments as per the global and regional budget allocation standards, including 20% for Education and 15% for Health.

4. Please inform the Committee of plans to empower the Commission for Human Rights and Good Government (CHRAAG) to (i) conduct full investigations of all alleged human rights violations, including those involving military, police and security officers; and (ii) engage with international human rights bodies without seeking prior government approval. Also provide information on budgetary allocations to the Commission and measures to ensure that the Commission has sufficient resources to effectively and independently fulfil its mandate.

5. Please update the Committee on the measures taken to implement the National Action Plan on Albinism (2021-2031) to end discrimination and ensure adequate access to essential services, such as education and healthcare, by children with albinism; and clarify how the State Party's law enforcement agencies are ensuring the protection of children, including

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\* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group on 22 October 2025.

<sup>1</sup> CRC/C/TZA/6, para. 32.

those with albinism, from violence, ritual killings and abductions; and policies and actions taken to remove discriminatory barriers affecting girls' access to services.

6. Please update the Committee on the provision of free birth registration and certification services for children.

7. Please indicate concrete actions taken and outcomes achieved to reduce violence against children, including sexual exploitation and abuse, within families, at schools, online and because of "traditions"; and actions to ensure support to child victims of abuse.

8. Please indicate if the State Party has taken concrete steps in all settings to:

- (a) end child marriage of both girls and boys;
- (b) end corporal punishment both in law and in practice;
- (c) strengthen the implementation of the National Plan of Action for Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation and disseminate and enforce FGM legislation.

9. Please indicate steps taken to:

- (a) develop and implement a clear national strategy for the reform of alternative care;
- (b) prioritize foster care;
- (c) monitor and inspect unregistered homes and informal family-based alternative care<sup>2</sup> as well as children in institutions;
- (d) avoid abandonment and institutionalisation of children with albinism;
- (e) use of separate facilities for children incarcerated with their mothers.

10. Please provide information on:

- (a) the review of the Disability Policy (2004);
- (b) mainstreaming of sign language and status of implementation of inclusive education throughout the country;<sup>3</sup>
- (c) provision of assistive learning devices for children with disabilities and sun protection materials for children with albinism.

11. Please provide information on measures taken to:

- (a) reduce neonatal mortality and adolescent pregnancy rates;
- (b) ensure that children with special needs and those living in rural areas have access to medical doctors, services and facilities;
- (c) ensure adequate nutrition for children in schools and in low-income level families;
- (d) provide safe sewage systems and clean and safe water infrastructure.

12. Please provide updated information on the legislative, administrative and budgetary measures taken to ensure adolescents' access, particularly in rural areas, to sexual and reproductive health services such as contraception, safe abortion, maternal healthcare and comprehensive sexual education and actions taken to prevent HIV infections.

13. Please specify actions taken to:

- (a) provide adequate learning and teaching facilities, including for children with disabilities;
- (b) ensure availability of qualified teachers and school feeding programmes from pre-primary to secondary school;

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<sup>2</sup> CRC/C/TZA/6, para. 113.

<sup>3</sup> CRC/C/TZA/6, para. 118-125.

- (c) reduce high dropout rates among children with albinism;
  - (d) ensure that menstruation hygiene facilities are provided in schools and that pregnant teenager mothers are supported to continue with their education;
  - (e) end violence against children in schools, including harmful punishment;
  - (f) increase secondary education completion rates.
14. Please provide information on measures taken to protect children from hazardous work, including drug, sexual and mining activities.
15. In the context of the child justice system, please inform the Committee on:
- (a) standards of facilities;
  - (b) diversion measures being used;
  - (c) training of legal aid providers on juvenile justice services, especially in rural areas;
  - (d) children serving sentences in adult prisons.

## Part II

16. The Committee invites the State party to provide a brief update (no more than three pages) on the information presented in its report with regard to:
- (a) New bills or laws, and their respective regulations;
  - (b) New institutions (and their mandates) or institutional reforms;
  - (c) Recently introduced policies, programmes and action plans and their scope and financing;
  - (d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

## Part III

### Data, statistics and other information, if available

17. Please provide consolidated information for the past three years on the budget lines regarding children and social sectors by indicating the percentage of each budget line in terms of the total national budget and the gross national product. Please also provide information on the geographic allocation of those resources.
18. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on:
- (a) Cases of child marriage, child female genital mutilation and violence against children, including corporal punishment, abuse, neglect, domestic violence and sexual exploitation and abuse, that have been reported to the authorities, investigated and prosecuted, and the sanctions imposed on perpetrators;
  - (b) Children with disabilities who are out of school and who have reported having experienced violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse;
  - (c) Children with albinism who have suffered from discrimination, violence, ritual killings, abductions or placed in institutions;
  - (d) Children in street situations who are living and working in streets;
  - (e) Migrant children in border and nearby regions.

19. Please provide data disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, ethnic origin and geographic location regarding the situation of children deprived of a family environment, for the past three years, on the number of children:

- (a) In informal family-based alternative care;
- (b) In foster families;
- (c) In institutions.

20. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, ethnic origin and geographic location, for the past three years, on the number of children with disabilities:

- (a) Living with their families;
- (b) Living in institutions;
- (c) Attending regular primary schools;
- (d) Attending regular secondary schools;
- (e) Attending special schools;
- (f) Out of school;
- (g) Abandoned by their families.

21. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, type of offence, ethnic and national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on children alleged as, accused of or recognized as having infringed criminal law who have been:

- (a) Arrested;
- (b) Referred to diversion programmes;
- (c) In pretrial detention;
- (d) Serving a sentence in detention and the length of the sentence.

22. Please provide information on how the planning, implementation and monitoring of measures for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals integrate a child rights-based approach, including with regard to child participation and data collection, and how they promote the realization of children's rights under the Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto.

23. Please provide the Committee with an update of any data in the report that may have been outdated by more recent data collected or other new developments.

24. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be of priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.

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