

About TOAM

Name and acronym: Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM)

Country or region of activity: Tanzania

Date of Creation: May 2005

Mission and objectives:

Vision: To have vibrant, sustainable and mutually beneficial organic sector that contributes to improved livelihoods of women, men and youth in Tanzania.

Mission: To coordinate and facilitate stakeholders' initiatives in tapping the potential of Organic Agriculture to improve livelihoods through quality and safe food, environmental conservation and sustainable economic growth.

Objectives: To promote sustainable Organic Agriculture development in the country. TOAM gives much emphasis to its core roles of coordination, promotion, lobbying and advocacy. It also concentrates on building working partnerships with other institutions such as research institutions, certifiers, NGOs and educators.

Organization structure: TOAM is governed by a constitution and decisions of the Annual General Meeting. The Board of TOAM led by a Chairperson executes routine oversight responsibility. An Executive Secretary implements activities on the ground.

Membership: 50 subscribed members, including 21 organizations, 24 individuals and 5 grower groups.

Members of staff: Three full time. Work at grassroots through members and zonal focal points.

Achievements in the country or region:

- Export market development
- Policy advocacy and networking
- Training, backstopping and provide information material
- Public awareness on Organic Agriculture
- Organic Agriculture Institutional Building
- Development of East African Organic standards
- Inclusion of Organic Agriculture policy statements in the draft of National Agriculture policy
- Development of domestic Organic market Centre
- Formation of zonal stakeholders' networks

Sources of funding: Membership subscriptions, donor funds, and services.

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