

Presidential Attention for BDG!



BDG Program facts and figures:

A country-wide Business Skills Development Program, consisting of a Business Plan Competition and a Business Diagnosis Program.

- An initiative of the Government of Tanzania, funded by World Bank.
- Contracting Agency: TPSF
- Program implementation: Consortium ICON Germany, PKF UK and EDC Tanzania.
- Local Partners: Mainland: SIDO, NMB, TCCIA, ZAIN.
- Local Partners Zanzibar: ZNCCIA, PBZ, ZAIN.

- Program start August 2008
- Program completion July 2010
- BDG Launch: 15 January 2009
- Duration of first program cycle: 8 months, from January till August 2009.
- Duration of second program cycle: 8 months, from October till June 2010.

BDG winner data:

Total amount of Grants awarded in Cycle one: Tshs 3.3 Billion

BPC winner data:

- 250 Grants Awards of Tshs 3 M.
- 50 Grant Awards of Tshs 9 M.
- 10 top winner Grant Awards from 12 -18 M.
- Total value Tshs 1.3 Billion

BDP winner data:

- 1670 Grants of Tshs 1.2 M. awarded to 886 BDP winners.
- Total value Tshs 2 Billion

After a cycle of only eight months program operation the BDG is not only able to attract the attention of the Tanzanian business community but now there is also attention on the highest level for the SME sector in Tanzania.

Grants Awards Ceremonies held in all 26 regions during the last four months culminated in the final ceremonies which were officiated at 12 August 09 at the Victoria Gardens in Stone Town by the President of Zanzibar and on 14 August 09 at the Mnazi Mmoja Grounds in Dar es Salaam by the Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

With these successful events an important Mile-Stone has been reached and it is thanks to the positive spirit of all involved that such results could be accomplished in a short period of time.

The BDG consists of Participants, Partners and Stakeholders. We all form the BDG. This BDG NEWS edition is used to thank not only the participants for their enthusiasm, but also all organisations who made the BDG successful: ICON, TPSF, SIDO, NMB, TCCIA, ZAIN, ZNCCIA and PBZ.

As you have noticed during the last eight months, together we are making it. Let's continue!

Proud to be member of the BDG

Your Gateway to Business Success!

Fanikiwa Ki-biashara!

Editorial,

As announced in the former BDG NEWS edition, a group of final BDG winners were invited to participate with the final Grants Award Ceremonies, held on 12 August 09 in Zanzibar and on 14 August 09 in Dar es Salaam.

Almost all invitees were present during these memorable events and your enthusiastic participation shows that the BDG is more than a one-way channel. Your presence shows determination to be part and parcel of an entrepreneurial organisation which assists you on your path to further business development.

It is indeed this pro-active and cooperative spirit which is needed for development of the SME sector in Tanzania and your positive reactions shows appreciation of this important fact.

Your enthusiasm sparked new ideas and we are pleased to inform that the BDG will soon introduce "After Care Services (ACS)". Details of this new initiative will be explained in the next edition, but we already notify that ACS will be delivered with your contribution, because Businesses together are in proper position to reach their goal.

**BDG assists to attain your goal!
Become member of the BDG.**

The BDG team

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Vice President of Tanzania, Dr. A.M. Shein hands 3.3 B. Tshs. to BDG winners on Mnazi Mmoja Exhibition Grounds. 14-08-09.



Dr. A. Karume, President of Zanzibar officiates Final Award Ceremony in Stone Town. 12-08-09.