

# International Rescue Committee Tanzania: Strategy Action Plan



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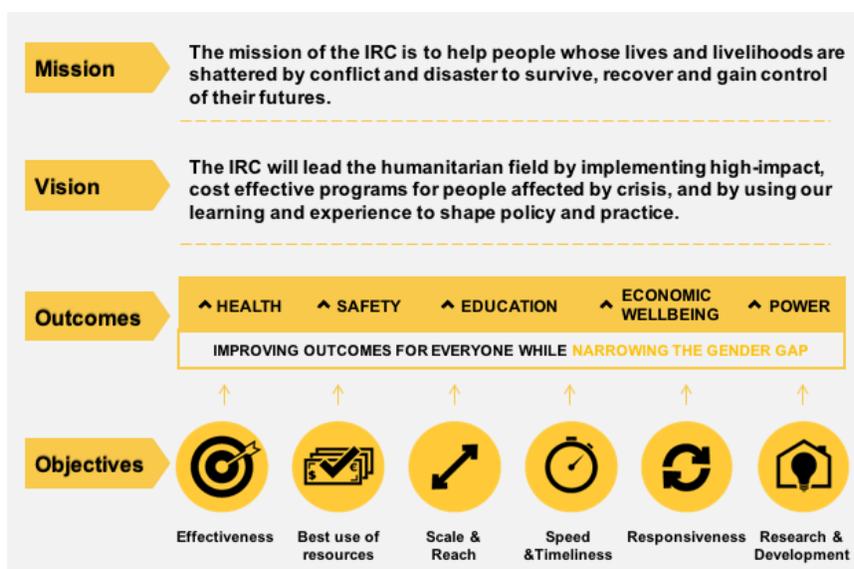
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## IRC2020 GLOBAL STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The International Rescue Committee's (IRC) mission is to help the world's most vulnerable people survive, recover, and gain control of their future. The aim of our global strategy, IRC2020 (see right), is to make measurable improvements in safety, health education, economic wellbeing, and decision-making power. Therefore, the IRC has made investments to design more effective programs, use resources more efficiently, reach more people more quickly and better respond to beneficiaries' needs.



## TANZANIA OVERVIEW

For more than 50 years, Tanzania has played an important role as a host to refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi and Rwanda. Today, in addition to the country's own development challenges, Tanzania continues to host people fleeing conflict and crisis in neighboring countries.

Tanzania's economy has grown rapidly in recent years, but social services and infrastructure are struggling to keep up. Many refugees and population from the

host communities around the camps do not receive the services and support required and as a result, are extremely vulnerable.

Physical and sexual violence against women and girls in their homes and schools is common in both host communities, refugee camps, and cities. Services to prevent abuse and help survivors heal are inadequate. Poverty and unemployment are major contributing factors to high rates of violence.

Education services for refugees are inadequate and many students fail to pass required tests to graduate. Therefore, most youth do not learn key skills to succeed in their future.

The IRC's new strategy for Tanzania illustrates its commitment to improving the health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and empowerment of crisis-affected people in Tanzania, including cross-border programs and research for programmatic impact.

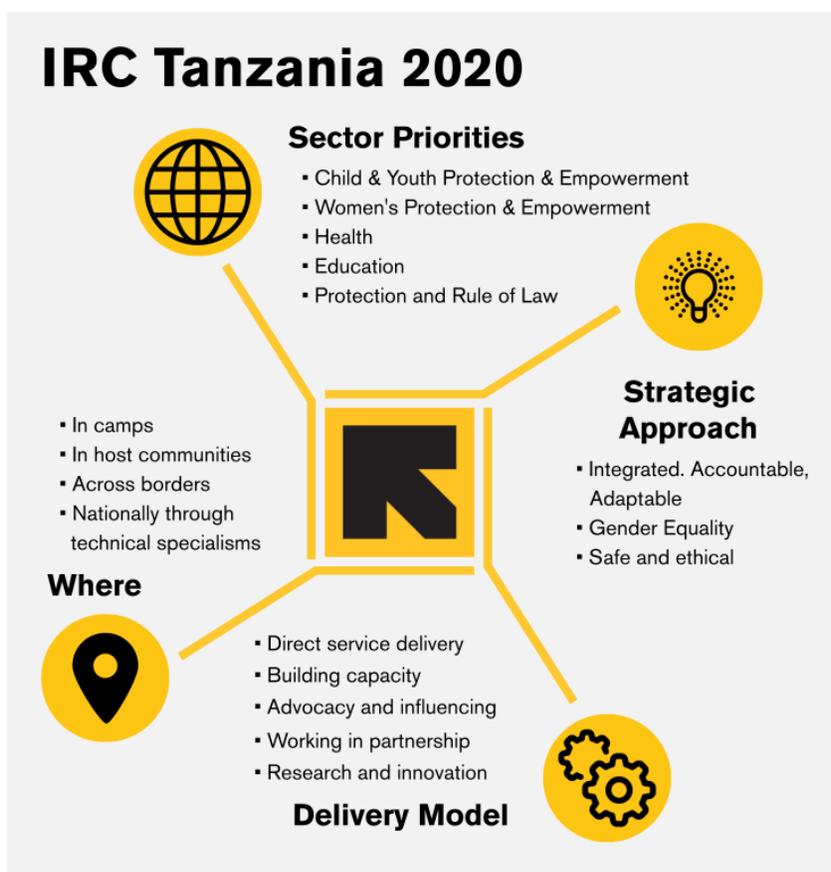
## IRC'S STRATEGIC PROGRAMMING

The IRC has been a leader in Tanzania since 1993, and will continue to support the government and local organizations as they welcome refugees fleeing turmoil in the region.

The IRC's 2020 strategy in Tanzania is to prioritize keeping people healthy and safe, improving education quality and enhancing peoples' decision-making power and economic wellbeing. The IRC will specifically target refugees and host communities, with a focus on women and girls.

With significant expertise and experience, the IRC in Tanzania will provide case management services and launch campaigns to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. The safety of women and girls at home will be promoted through preventative campaigns to tackle sexual abuse and exploitation of women and children. These programs will also promote social and economic empowerment for women and girls and positive parenting. Finally IRC will provide Health, Reproductive Health and family planning services to all women.

To improve access and quality of education for refugees and vulnerable groups, the IRC will provide modern, market-relevant entrepreneurship training, and



ramp up programs to provide pre-school and school-aged children with classrooms that are equipped and staffed and with the most suitable curricula, including social and emotional learning practices.

The IRC will help vulnerable people to exercise power over their lives by improving access to services for people with specific needs, refugees, vulnerable populations and host communities.

The IRC's commitment to gender equality strives for equal

outcomes for women and girls, and men and boys. To narrow the gender gap, the IRC will ensure that all programming is designed to address the unique needs and mitigate against access barriers that are faced by women and men, boys and girls everywhere.

	Signature Outcomes in Tanzania	Future Programs
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; People are safe in their homes, communities, schools and women and girls are equally safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Scale up protection integrated programs in support of women, children and PSNs</li> </ul>
SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Women and girls are protected from and treated for the consequences of gender-based violence (GBV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Prevent and respond to violence against women and girls with case management services, health and preventative campaigns</li> </ul>
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 6-14 year olds have literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills, according to their developmental potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Improve children's access to quality education by providing solutions to financial and physical barriers to attendance and appropriate training to school staff, including in social-emotional learning</li> </ul>

## COMMITMENTS FOR IMPACT

In order to maximize impact and achieve the priority outcomes, the IRC in Tanzania is making new investments to be more responsive to beneficiaries and partners, improve program effectiveness, adapt to context and mainstream gender equality. The IRC made the following commitments to strengthen programming and improve the lives of the people it serves in Tanzania.



### Responsiveness

- > **Clients Voice and Choice:** we shall institute a system to allow clients to routinely provide feedback that informs key decisions during project design, start-up, implementation and close-out.



### Effectiveness

- > **O&E/Measurement:** we shall use IRC's Theories of Change to design and implement projects that achieve Signature and Core outcomes and regularly use monitoring data to improve implementation and report to donors AND we integrate research into project design, strengthen our measurement planning, and frequently use monitoring data to improve implementation and impact.



### Context Adaptability

- > **Context Appropriate:** We shall analyze the stakeholders, conflict and gender dynamics and mitigate program risks in order to do no harm.



### Gender Equality

- > **Gender Aware:** We design and implement programs that are sensitive to the specific needs and risks of women and girls.



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