

EMPOWERMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

1. SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT



To empower women socially, BAWODENE conducts training, seminars and workshops. They are trained in social justice issues including inheritance rights, ownership of resources and other women's rights issues.

Also BAWODENE establishes links with other organizations nationally and internationally to share experiences and learn from each other. Above, representatives of BAWODENE recently hosted members of the Political Science Departments of different Universities in Africa who are studying in US through the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). These were from USA, Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia, Cameroon, Morocco, Botswana, Kenya and UDSM.

2. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Currently, the economic status of Bagamoyo women have changed to the better because they do also contribute to the families', communities' and to the country's economy. These women now do various economic activities like mat and basket making (see photo below), and charcoal making, which was an work that used to be done by men only. Sea weed farming is done especially by women along the coastal area of Tanzania including Bagamoyo, though now it is farmed by both genders. All these activities contribute to the economic status of women, who however are faced with the problem of availability of markets for their products.

a) Basket Making



b) Charcoal making by village women in Bagamoyo township, Ukuni area.



c) Seaweed Farming as an economic venture for coastal communities in Tanzania



d) Seaweed Farming and its Contribution to the Environment



Seaweed farming regenerates the ecosystem by supporting in the increase of fish stock. Mussels that are collected by women, processed, dried or cooked and sold to gain income. This woman, a member of Msichoke Seaweed Growers was found collecting mussels, and said; *"I collect about a tin or two of fresh mussels, cook them, remove from the shells, fry or fry them. By doing this I earn about Tanzanian Shillings one thousand five hundred (TShs.1,500.-) per tin after being processed. With this I am sure of buying maize flour or rice and feed my family and remain with some amount to save for incidentals like medical expenses."*