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**ABSTRACT**

Tanzania's economy is dynamic, changing periodically from time to time to suit existing environment. The changes are brought about by economic reforms, political changes, changes in the state of the international trade and economy, legislative factors and physical factors. As the result of these changes, the government is running out of doing business and encourages the private sector to run the business. Consequently people are being retrenched from employment in the government sector, the number of people who are unemployed are unaccountable. The unemployment of primary and secondary school leavers are in great number. Another challenge is the increasing number of street children which is compounded by the increasing number of orphans.

The Tabata community observed that one of the solution to overcome and minimize the problem of unemployment and reducing the number of street children is to establish the vocational training centre in their community. The establishment of vocational training centre is supported by law (the vocational education and training act, 1994) and also by poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP), it identified vocational training as one of the national instruments towards reducing poverty.

The community assessment has been carried out in Tabata Community to establish if:-

- The project is needed and accepted in the community
- Parents are ready to send their children in the Vocational Training Centre to be established
- And to identify which are courses meet the labour market in the community.

The results of the study shows that all people in the community accept the project.

Therefore we have recommended that the project proposal for establishing the Vocational Training Centre be prepared and the proposed should incorporate the aspect of 'environmental impact assessment'

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