

Dodoma, Tanzania

Partner city

Status of the project: upcoming technical assistance



Basic Information

Urban area: 2,576 km²

Population: 410,956 | Growth rate: +2.1%

GDP per capita: USD 1,122 (Tanzania)

National GHG emissions per capita: 0.23 (tCO₂eq)

Region capital city

Context

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania decided to transfer the national capital from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma in October 1973 to stimulate economic development of the central regions of Tanzania, decongest continued growth of Dar es Salaam city, and redistribute economic benefits to the wider population of Tanzania. The decision also aimed at promoting the productivity of the city and bringing government services closer to the people at heart of the country.

Since then, Dodoma has become a regional economic hub, serving as a main junction connecting the country's main economic centres through four trunk roads: Dar es Salaam to the east, Singida to the west, Arusha to the north and Iringa to the south.

Dodoma's road infrastructure has been mainly developed for motorized transport. Walking and cycling infrastructure is very limited and the use of these non-motorized modes still represents a significant challenge, thus discouraging its use and promoting the adoption of private motorized transportation.

Public transport is largely informal in nature and mainly serviced by small carrying capacity buses, famously known as Daladala. Daladalas are operated by the private sector and usually suffer from poor service conditions. The majority of operators do not comply with traffic laws and safety regulations, leading to high accident rates, congestion, air pollution and unworthy labour conditions.

A city Master Plan was prepared in 2019 for the period 2019-2039, with the objective of identifying realistic plans and proposals that are consistent with the government decision to have all key government institutions relocated to the capital by June 2018.

The Vision of this Master Plan is to develop Dodoma as a National Capital City that is economically competitive, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, vibrant, safe and convenient.

The Master Plan identified a list of urban mobility measures, including the expansion of public transport and non-motorized infrastructure and the construction of a light railway system. The elaboration of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan with support from MobiliseYourCity will complement and expand the city's Master Plan by developing an own vision, objectives and identifying additional measures for the transport sector.

Support from the Partnership

Technical Assistance: Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

Funded by: AFD

Funding amount: EUR 350,000

Implemented by: AFD

Local counterpart: Municipality of Dodoma; The President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government

Supported activities:

As an important step for MobiliseYourCity in Tanzania, the Municipality of Dodoma, with support from a EUR 350,000 grant provided by AFD, will elaborate a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) for the Dodoma Metropolitan area with the aim of reducing GHG emissions and improving the quality of urban life.

The expected overall outcome of the assignment is a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP), to be validated and adopted by the Municipal Council of Dodoma.

Status of implementation

Project start: 2021 Q2

Expected project completion: 2022 Q2