


SHULE BORA

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Building safe, inclusive, and future-ready schools in Tanzania

When schools are safe and inclusive, every child has the chance to thrive. The Shule Bora programme is supporting the Government of Tanzania's ambition to ensure that no child is left behind, especially girls, children with disabilities, and those facing discrimination or violence. The vision is that all children remain in school, focus on their learning, enjoy their academic experience and build confidence.

This Information Brief highlights key initiatives being implemented to promote safety and inclusion in education within the nine regions where Shule Bora operates.

The challenge

Despite national efforts, too many children in Tanzania still face daily risks in and around school.

In regions like **Mara, Katavi** and **Tanga**, long distances, harmful social norms, and exposure to **violence and abuse** keep many children, especially girls, out of school. For example:

- In Mara, traditional practices like **early marriage and female genital mutilation** continue to exacerbate dropout rates (Shule Bora GEDI Study, 2022).
- Children with disabilities are more likely to be bullied or excluded from learning altogether.

These risks are directly providing

quality education for all.

What Shule Bora is doing

Shule Bora is collaborating with the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MoEST) and the President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (Po-RALG) to deliver practical, scalable solutions that make a tangible difference.

1. Inclusion leads to stronger systems:

Shule Bora supports MoEST and PO-RALG in embedding inclusive education into the national system, enabling schools to support all learners, including the most marginalised.

- A **national referral pathway** for reporting abuse and violence within the Safe School Programme, ensuring consistent and timely reporting across regions.



- Implementation of the Safe School Programmes at LGA level, focusing on effective violence prevention and reporting mechanisms.

2. Local solutions and national impact:

Local learning drives national reform. Shule Bora's action research and LGA-level support are generating insights that shape national strategies.

- In several regions, **Parent Teacher Partnerships (PTPs)** are helping reduce dropout and improve inclusion, especially for girls and children with disabilities. These are now being scaled nationally.

- Workshops and community campaigns led by Ward Education Officers are building grassroots commitment to child protection.

3. Meeting the needs of now and the future:

A safe school is not just free from violence; it is also about planning for the future.

- Improving a culture of safety. Shule Bora supports the development of accessible, inclusive, safe passage routes to schools and promotes awareness through posters on students' rights and responsibilities, creating a safe and positive school culture.

- Capacity building and training.

Over 1,000 education officers and teachers have been trained to respond to violence in schools.

The impact so far

- **National policy alignment** with the 2022 Safe School Plan
- **More than 500 schools** now benefit from inclusive safety interventions
- **Reduced dropout** in schools using the PTP model
- **Improved awareness and reporting** of child protection issues across LGAs

Why it matters

Inclusive and safe schools are not just about protection; they are about realising potential. When children feel secure, they are more likely to attend school, stay in school, and succeed. By building systems that protect and empower all learners, the Government of Tanzania is laying the groundwork for an educational future, one that will lead to a more equitable and resilient future in education.

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