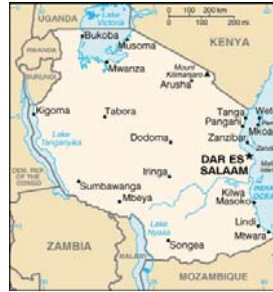


Country Background Notes

TANZANIA:



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OFFICIAL NAME

United Republic of Tanzania

Note: On April 26, 1964, Tanganyika united with Zanzibar to form the United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar, this was renamed the United Republic of Tanzania on October 29, 1964.

GEOGRAPHY

Area: Mainland--945,000 sq. km. (378,000 sq. mi.)

Cities: Capital Dodoma (legislative), Dar es Salaam (executive).

Terrain: Varied.

Climate: Varies from tropical to arid to temperate.

PEOPLE

Nationality: Noun and adjective--Tanzanian(s); Zanzibari(s).

Population: Mainland--32 million. Zanzibar--1 million (est.).

Religions: Muslim 45%, Christian 45%, indigenous beliefs 10%.

Language: Kiswahili (official), English.

Education: Attendance--74% (primary). Literacy--67%.

Health: Infant mortality rate--98/1,000. Life expectancy--50 years.

Work force: Agriculture--80%; industry, commerce, government--20%.

Note: The African population consists of more than 120 ethnic groups. The majority of Tanzanians, are of Bantu stock.

GOVERNMENT

Type: Republic.

Independence: Tanganyika 1961, Zanzibar 1963. Union formed 1964.

Constitution: 1982.

ECONOMY

Tanzania exchange rate is the Tanzanian shilling.

Per capita income: \$270.

Trade: Exports--coffee, cotton, tea, sisal, diamonds, cashew nuts.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture dominates the economy, providing more than 60% of GDP and 80% of employment. Cash crops, including coffee, tea, cotton, cashews, sisal, cloves, and pyrethrum, account for the vast majority of export earnings.

LANGUAGE

The national language is Kiswahili, a Bantu-based tongue with strong Arabic borrowings.