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PRESS RELEASE

DVV International launches adult learning and education programme

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Dr. Leonard Akwilapo and the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Regine Heß, jointly launched DVV International program “Support for Adult Education System Building in Tanzania” during a workshop at the University of Dar es Salaam on the 2nd of February 2021.

The program is implemented by the German Association of Adult Education (DVV) International in cooperation with its Tanzanian counterparts. Germany has committed more than 1 Million Euros for the first phase of the program, running until the end of 2022. DVV International is the Institute for International Cooperation of the Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (DVV), the German Adult Education Association. DVV International has committed itself to supporting lifelong learning for the past 50 years. DVV International cooperates with government, civil society and academic partners in more than 35 countries across the world, targeting youth and adults.

In her opening remarks the German Ambassador underlined the impact adult learning and education has on literacy and numeracy, equal access to education, skills for employment and income-generation. As a cross-cutting enabler it also contributes to health, poverty reduction, local economic development, climate change and promotion of gender equality.

Frauke Heinze, representative from DVV International headquarter in Germany informed about the objective of the program which aims at increasing access for adults to education, to strengthen adult education service delivery in the area of literacy and skills development. Government and CSOs will be assisted to review, analyse, consolidate, and streamline their programmes, to put a well-functioning adult learning and education system in place – a system that provides complementary learning opportunities for adults in Tanzania, fosters their personal development and promotes a knowledge-based society that is able to tackle today's challenges.

The programme's system building approach will draw on the regional experience DVV International has gained implementing adult learning and education programmes in Uganda (since 1985) and Ethiopia (since 1995). The DVV International's regional office for East Africa will be relocated from Addis to Dar es Salaam in June 2021.