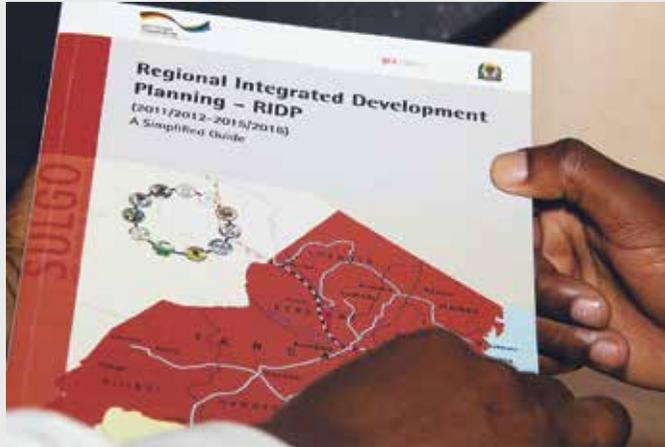


The context

For many years, districts in Tanga region have undertaken their own development planning without consulting with other districts in this process. Today, however, it is understood by stakeholders across the board that a district's plans cannot be conceived or executed in isolation, if only to ensure that efficiency in the utilisation of resources is achieved.



District Integrated Development Planning or Regional Integrated Development Planning is a holistic approach that focuses on the overall picture rather than the small bits and pieces. It considers the district rather than the council, the region rather than the secretariat. It utilises public-private partnerships not only in planning but in implementation.

German Development Cooperation

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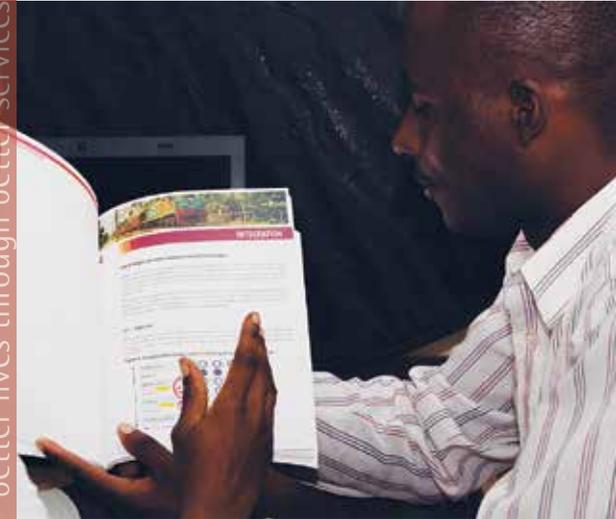
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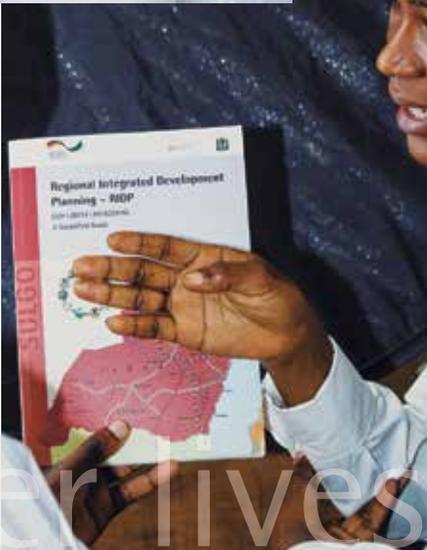


The Regional Integrated Development Planning Guide

Tanga's Regional Integrated Development Planning Guide (2011–2016) serves as a reference point for the local authorities as they implement Tanzania's Development Vision 2025 in five-year phases. Tanga region customized the IDP approach by using the district integrated development plans as the main pillars. In the IDP approach, integration and coordination as well as the involvement of all stakeholders at different levels are key.

Regions as gateways to decentralisation

In devolving functions and resources from central to local government, regional administrations play a key role in providing coordination, support and supervision for effective service delivery at the local level. In Tanga region, SULGO together with the Regional Secretariat supported the establishment of a Regional Integrated Development Planning Model in order to improve coordination and the budgeting and planning processes at the district and regional levels. This is a clear shift from the past when district priorities were not linked to the regional plan. RIDP therefore acts as a bridge and planning forum for the districts and the region. Tanga became the first region in the country to develop an integrated development plan.

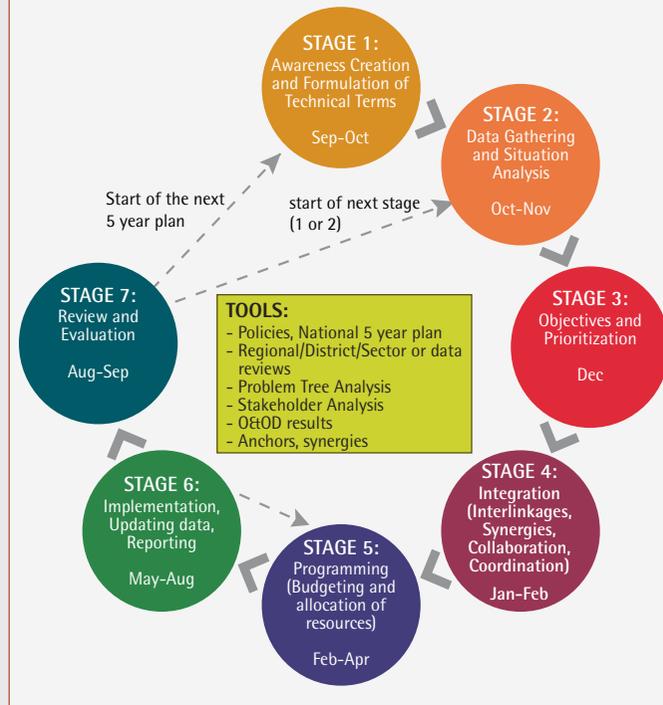


How it works

The development of the RIDP Guide was done in stages with timelines specified for each stage. The first stage entailed awareness creation while the second involved data gathering and situation analysis. Stage three focused on the setting of priorities; stage four on integration and synergies; stage five on programming while stage six was implementation and reporting. Stage seven comprised review, monitoring and evaluation.

Coordination, Support and Integration

Overview of the seven stages



The results

- ▶ The establishment of a regional development forum in Tanga in which districts play a central role.
- ▶ There is improved coordination of local government priorities at the regional level.
- ▶ Using ICT, districts have improved their development planning and budgeting processes.
- ▶ The capacities of local government employees in planning and budgeting have been enhanced.
- ▶ There is improved participation of stakeholders and more awareness among them of the regional planning processes as well as vital concepts such as public-private partnerships (PPPs). There is also improved communication between the various stakeholders.
- ▶ The zeal for searching for data is now evident among officials as a result of the RIDP's emphasis on supporting planning with data.

Indeed, Tanga's experience has demonstrated that creating awareness of the integration process is very critical. During the stakeholder meetings that were held as part of the drive to raise awareness, ideas were gathered and all parties



got to express their concerns and expectations of the kind of progress they want to see in their areas. Mandatory meetings like the District Consultative Committees (DCCs) and Regional Consultative Committees (RCCs) were also used as a means to reach beyond the official institutions to involve the non-state actors. The O&OD process was also utilised to sensitize the communities on District Integrated Development Plans and to guide the planning teams on the priorities of the people which were then linked to the regional blueprint.