

ZANAB CADIR ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Local Partner Organization: Zanzibar National Association of the Blind (ZANAB)

1.2 Norwegian Atlas Organization: Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted (NABP)

1.3 Support Period: 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

1.4 Country of Implementation: Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania

Executive Summary

During the reporting period from January to December 2025, the Zanzibar National Association of the Blind (ZANAB), in partnership with the Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted (NABP), implemented activities aimed at strengthening disability inclusion and improving the institutional capacity of organizations of persons with disabilities in Zanzibar. The project focused on community awareness, advocacy initiatives, and institutional capacity building.

Three key community inclusion events were implemented during the reporting period, achieving 100% of the planned target. These activities included the commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, White Cane Day awareness activities, and dissemination of advocacy information materials.

Media advocacy initiatives increased attention to the participation of people with visual impairment in the 2025 elections. As a result, the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) and the National Electoral Commission (NEC) organized special training sessions for people with visual impairment and introduced special ballot templates to facilitate independent voting.

The project also strengthened the operational capacity of ZANAB through leadership, resource mobilization and financial management training. A total of 21 OPD personnel were trained, exceeding the planned target of 10 participants.

2. Progress and Results

Outcome 1120: Improved Inclusivity of Communities for Persons with Disabilities

During the reporting period, several awareness and advocacy activities were implemented to improve community inclusivity for people with disabilities. These included awareness events, advocacy campaigns, media engagement, and dissemination of advocacy materials.

The commemoration of White Cane Day contributed to increased awareness among community members, drivers, and government leaders about the importance of the white cane as a mobility and independence tool for people with visual impairment.

Media programs addressing the participation of people with visual impairment in the 2025 elections contributed to increased engagement with electoral authorities. Following these discussions, ZEC and NEC organized special training sessions for people with visual impairment and introduced special ballot templates to support accessible voting.

Outcome 1610: Improved Operational Capacity of OPDs Implementing Partners

Capacity-building activities strengthened leadership, governance, financial management, and sustainability planning within ZANAB branches.

Leadership and good governance training improved understanding of governance roles and responsibilities among branch leaders. Leaders also developed internal plans to train members in good governance to reduce leadership conflicts within branches.

Resource mobilization training enabled branches to develop strategies and action plans to mobilize financial resources to support their activities and advocacy initiatives.

Financial management training strengthened accountability within branches. Following the review of ZANAB financial guidelines, branches have started applying improved financial procedures and documentation systems. This progress is expected to strengthen audit preparedness by 2026.

2.1 Contribution Toward Impact-Level Change

Although impact-level change requires longer-term assessment, early results indicate:

Increased public awareness on disability rights and inclusive development.

Improved engagement between people with disabilities and government institutions.

Strengthened institutional capacity of ZANAB to promote inclusive community Development.

2.2 Significant Deviations

The project was largely implemented as planned. However, minor delays were experienced at the start of the project due to administrative procedures related to contract finalization and fund disbursement. Some activities were therefore rescheduled within the reporting period. Despite these adjustments, the project objectives and expected results remained unchanged.

2.3 Risks

The political context during the 2025 election period posed potential risks to project implementation. Election-related activities created challenges in scheduling some community events.

To mitigate these risks, activities were rescheduled to avoid politically sensitive periods, and engagement with local leaders and authorities was strengthened to ensure safe implementation.

3. Evaluation / Reviews

A target review for 2026 was conducted to assess progress toward planned indicators and outcomes. The review found that most activities were implemented successfully and that capacity-building targets were exceeded.

4. Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH)

ZANAB maintains a safeguarding policy to prevent sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment. No SEAH incidents were reported during the reporting period. Staff and volunteers were informed about safeguarding procedures and reporting mechanisms.