**ANNEXTURE-4**

**STATISTICS ON WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

The Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) also promotes savings and credit groups. A total of 15,349 savings and credit groups were formed by 2019 with estimated number of 214,830 individual savers, the highest number being women. Thus, through these groups, women have been able to access loans and engage in their entrepreneurship

The Tanzania Gender Inequality Index has improved (declined) from 0.556 in 2013 to 0.539 in 2019 and the Gender Development Index (Gap in HDI) between women and men has remained stable at around 0.936 over the period 2015 to 2019.

The Government in collaboration with stakeholders continued to create conducive environment in social, economic and political aspects in order to attain gender equality and women development. Further, between 2015/16 to 2019/20, a total of TZS. 63.49Billion was provided to 938,802 women entrepreneurs in various Local Government Authorities in the Country as depicted in Table 1.

**Table 1: Trend of Loans Issued to Women Entrepreneurs**

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| **YEAR** | **LOANS ISSUED** | **NUMBER OF GROUPS**  **FUNDED** | **NO. OF WOMEN ENTREPERNEURS FUNDED** |
| **2015/16** | 3,388,747,160 | 2,225 | 21,167 |
| **2016/17** | 8,816,700,165 | 5,899 | 772,245 |
| **2017/18** | 16,319,517,502 | 6,852 | 39,449 |
| **2018/19** | 11,128,114,993 | 4,898 | 44,210 |
| **2019/20** | 23,836,238,260 | 6,859 | 61,731 |
| **TOTAL** | **63,489,318,080** | **26,733** | **938,802** |

The Tanzania Postal Bank through a Women’s Special Window continued to extend favourable term loans to women entrepreneurs. Loans worth TZS 3.586 billion shillings were extended to 14,271 women entrepreneurs in 2020 compared to TZS 2.05 billion shillings extended to 3,035 women in 2019. In addition, entrepreneurship training has been provided to 718 entrepreneurs including 334 women and 384 men in Dodoma, Mwanza, Geita and Mbeya Regions. Training has enabled women to attain skills on how to increase value of the products, capital share, market research, savings and financial management which implies improved welfare and hence reduction of poverty.

Furthermore, a total of 13,566 women entrepreneurs from Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Songwe, Dodoma Iringa, Kigoma, Kagera, Mtwara, Singida, Simiyu, Pwani, Manyara, Dar es salaam and Tanga Regions participated in economic empowerment exhibitions in 2019 compared to 1,286 women in 2018. The exhibits enable women entrepreneurs to learn different skills on quality improvement and market access.