

## **MNUAT Leading Research on Economic Empowerment in Tanzania: IDRC Project**

Mwalimu Nyerere University of Agriculture and Technology (MNUAT) is leading a national research project titled “Catalyzing Transitions to Employment and Firm Development for Youth, Women, and People with Disabilities.” This project aims to assess the impact of Tanzania’s Economic Empowerment Scheme (EES).

Running from September 2022 to September 2025, it is being implemented in the Mara and Arusha regions. The focus is on how training and financial support under the EES are helping people create jobs and grow small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

MNUAT, in collaboration with local and national authorities, is conducting the first thorough assessment of this national scheme. By using administrative data, surveys, and interviews, the University’s research team is identifying key social, cultural, and educational factors that affect program outcomes and business success.

The project will provide evidence-based recommendations to improve EES policy and implementation. It also aims to support inclusive economic development across Tanzania.

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