This grant is awarded by U.S ambassador’s fund for HIV/AIDS Relief (AFHR) is entitles “Improving sanitary conditions at Kirushya and Murubanga dispensaries in Ngara district”. It will construct two rain harvesting water tanks of 50,000 litres, build a placenta disposal pits, pit latrine in these two dispensaries from Kirushya and Murubanga villages. The project aims to improve the availability of water and improve sanitary conditions by providing facilities for placenta disposal and toilets for improved delivery and other health services. The project will directly benefit a total of 11,350 who live in two villages of Kirusha and Murusagamba in the district.

More specifically the project will benefit Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) and Under five children (U5C) in two villages who are priority in Tanzania Health Policy. It will remove barriers to hospital attendances that was due to lack of water and placenta disposal.

The need was identified during implementation of the Community Score Card under the USAID funded program Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) in 2016, where several challenges to better access to health care were identified. They included water scarcity, lack of toilets and placenta disposal facilities. Apart from the aforementioned problems there were also high demand for family planning and HIV testing services in these areas. Some challenges were managed locally and HDT took up to seek funding to address the water problem, toilet and placenta disposal. The District Executive Director and District Medical Officer provided letters of recommendation and villages on their needs.

The board and management of Health Promotion Tanzania thank U.S embassy for the award and calls for more support to ensure that Tanzania reaches Universal Health Coverage by 2020.