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### **Ireland pledges Euro 3.85 million to advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Tanzania**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, Dar es Salaam** – The Embassy of Ireland and the United Nations in Tanzania are pleased to announce Ireland’s first contribution to the new Tanzania SDG Acceleration Fund of Euro 3.85 million (approx. TZS 10.47 billion).

Launched earlier this year, the Tanzania SDG Acceleration Fund is a multi-partner funding mechanism set up by the UN Tanzania and the Government of Tanzania to support the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for the United Republic of Tanzania, 2022-2027. The Cooperation Framework is focused on reducing multidimensional poverty in Tanzania through transformative, greener, inclusive, and sustainable economic development, the advancement of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national sustainable development priorities.

The Irish contribution to the SDG Acceleration Fund in 2023 prioritises joint UN programmes and initiatives that cut across multiple UNSDCF areas and aims at promoting integrated solutions by different UN entities working in Tanzania. This will include strategic interventions ranging from support to small holder farmers, to improving health and nutrition at community level, to enhancing women’s engagement in policymaking. This grant is in line with Ireland’s commitment to supporting the global UN Development System Reform at the country level and aligns with the principles of the 2019 UN Funding Compact agreed between Member States and the United Nations<sup>1</sup>.

*“Ireland has been active in Kigoma for three decades. I have seen the challenges its people face as well as their great tolerance and generosity. Ireland is committed to being part of building a resilient and prosperous future for Kigoma. Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is at the core of everything we do,”* stated the Ambassador of Ireland to Tanzania, H.E. Mary O’Neil. *“We know from our own experiences in Ireland that excluding women causes suffering and holds back development. Unleashing women’s potential is vital for economic growth and sustainable development. Ireland is a firm supporter of the multilateral system. In Tanzania, the UN*

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<sup>1</sup> For more info: <https://open.un.org/resources/un-development-system-funding-compact>

*has an important role to play in connecting people and institutions to knowledge and resources. We look forward to working in partnership with the Government of Tanzania and the UN system to achieve the SDGs,” she added.*

*“We express our gratitude to the Government and people of Ireland for this valuable contribution. Ireland has been a consistent partner of the UN in Tanzania over many years, and we are happy to now welcome Ireland to the new SDG Acceleration Fund. This move demonstrates the strong partnership between Ireland and the UN in Tanzania, and our joint commitment to helping Tanzania advance the SDGs with the focus on Leaving No One Behind, said the UN Resident Coordinator in Tanzania, Mr. Zlatan Milisic “We also very much value our partners’ support to the UN reform. Ireland’s generous contribution puts us in a better position to deliver greater results across different areas of our work in a more coordinated and coherent manner.”*

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