



## **ZANZIBAR-CANADIAN DIASPORA ASSOCIATION (ZACADIA)**

### **Introduction**

Zanzibar Canadian Diaspora Association (ZACADIA) was founded in Toronto, Canada in the year 2012. It was formed after the establishment of the Department of International Cooperation and Zanzibar Diaspora (DICZD) in Zanzibar. Due to the realization that Zanzibaris living in Canada can contribute towards the progress of their country and fast-track the socio-economic changes, and eradicate of abject poverty.

The main objective of ZACADIA is to foster, promote, encourage, facilitate and coordinate help for Zanzibar and act as a bridge between Zanzibaris living in Canada and Zanzibar. Also, to provide the latest information about Zanzibar to prospective investors, traders, business people, tourists, researchers, students and to all Canadians who originate from Zanzibar. In addition, ZACADIA have direct links to some important institutions (such as banks, schools, college/university, health center, etc.), non-government organization and representatives in Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba) to assess community needs.

Moreover, with increasing impact of climate change like rising of global surface temperatures and sea levels, unreliable and unpredictable rainfall, as well as frequent and intense extreme weather events. Small Islands like Zanzibar are vulnerable to climate change as their economies largely depend on the climate sensitive sectors such as crop farming, livestock production, seaweed farming, fishing and tourism. Women and youth are particularly vulnerable to this case as they have limited livelihood options and limited access to livelihood capital that could help them to cope and adapt to observed and future changes in climate. In realizing this and attain sustainable development goals (SDGs) number 7 and 13, ZACADIA has partnered with Africa Climate Action Initiative (ACAI) to promote climate action initiatives in Zanzibar, Tanzania. As a way to raise awareness on climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies such as uses of solar energy and drip irrigation to reduce deforestation and improve agriculture productivity.

### **ZACADIA Program and activities**

ZACADIA provide community services here in Canada as well as in Zanzibar. In Canada our main activities include counselling youths and young parents, organizing cooking class, community services (clean-up day in Toronto), funeral services, funding raising events, and immigration, legal and housing



services for new migrants from Zanzibar. Conversely, in Zanzibar, our main program and activities include supporting orphans and old peoples, handicap kids. Also, helping poor kids to pay school fees and cloths, building water wells in rural area, donation of used books, computers and furniture to school and colleges, repairing and upgrading health care center and school in rural areas, and also building toilets to mention a few. Our latest service was supporting Zanzibar medical doctors with N-95 masks, gloves and several pairs of personnel protective equipment (PPE) to combat current outbreak of Corona virus (COVID-19).



ZACADIA team distribute books to Institute of Public Administration in Zanzibar



ZACADIA team donate used computer in Zanzibar



ZACADIA team in Canada load used chairs, tables and bicycle for disable kids.



ZACADIA team hand used cloths to community leaders in Zanzibar.