OVERVIEW: Pamoja Tuwalee is a five-year Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program funded by USAID that focuses on supporting the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW) to lead the national response to meet the needs of Most Vulnerable Children (MVC). These efforts also address HIV prevention among youth. The program seeks to improve the wellbeing of 150,000 MVCs and their caregivers in 37,500 households using sustainable approaches such as strengthening the capacity of local government authorities (LGAs) to plan, coordinate, and monitor the MVC response, supporting child protection systems, and increasing youth participation in addressing the obstacles that MVCs face.

IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK: Through the Pamoja Tuwalee program, local structures, including community committees, local government, para-social workers, volunteers, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector, are strengthened to increase the capacity of MVCs and their caretakers to address socioeconomic challenges such as access to critical health and social services, improved food and nutrition, psychosocial support, social protection against Gender Based Violence (GBV), household economic strengthening, education, and vocational training. Pamoja Tuwalee promotes household economic strengthening activities to meet the unique needs of OVC, ensuring sustainability of the program. Africare also works with public and private sector partners to deliver sustainable results beyond the life of the project.

Africare is strengthening the institutional capacity of 22 local government authorities (LGAs) and 17 local CSOs to plan and implement the OVC response, in addition to monitoring and evaluating the interventions in their respective districts. Pamoja Tuwalee partners with UMATI, a national reproductive health organization that works to expand reproductive health and HIV prevention services to children, and the Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA) to lead activities in Iringa and Njombe. Futures Group International offers technical leadership to the project in its Monitoring and Evaluation strategy. Within this group of partners, Africare also provides technical leadership, manages all sub-grants to partners and directly strengthens the capacity of local structures, including LGAs, in planning, advocating for and monitoring OVC interventions.

PAMOJA TUWALEE: AT A GLANCE

PROJECT TITLE: “Pamoja Tuwalee" MVC Support Program

TRANSLATION: “Let us bring up children together”

DONOR: USAID-PEPFAR

PROJECT DURATION: June 2010 - May 2015
STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF YOUTH GROUPS
Between June 2010 and December 2014, Pamoja Tuwalee strengthened the capacity of 50 youth groups with a cumulative membership of 1,250 and engaged them in income generating activities such as beekeeping, tailoring, gardening and local chicken farming.

SENSITIZING THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN (VAC)
During this same period, Pamoja Tuwalee, with help from TARWOC and other sub-grantees, reached 63,041 community members with GBV and VAC messages. A total of 186 GBV/VAC cases have been reported and 114 survivors were referred for post care services.

MOBILIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES (LGAs) TO INVEST IN SUPPORTING MVCs AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS
As of December 2014, 15 LGAs have allocated a cumulative $32,481 towards supporting 11,190 MVCs with services such as food, education, shelter, and start-up capital for their caregivers.

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS*
151,525 THE NUMBER OF MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN PAMOJA TUWALEE HAS REACHED WITH AT LEAST ONE CORE SERVICE.
39,699 THE NUMBER OF CAREGIVERS PAMOJA TUWALEE HAS MOBILIZED TO FORM 1,550 SILC GROUPS AND 875 OTHER INCOME GENERATING GROUPS.
$6,907,469 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAMOJA TUWALEE’S SILC GROUPS HAVE COLLECTIVELY SAVED.
$398,974 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SILC GROUPS HAVE SAVED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE MVC FUNDS. THESE SAVINGS SUPPORT 34,226 MVCs IN SECURING HEALTH INSURANCE CARDS, EDUCATION, FOOD, NUTRITION SERVICES, AND SHELTER.

*PERIOD FROM JUNE 2010 - DECEMBER 2014

Pamoja Tuwalee is implemented in Singida, Iringa, Njombe and Dodoma regions.