

## **CASE DESCRIPTION: EVERYDAY HUMANITARINISM IN TANZANIA**

Humanitarianism has existed as long as we have had crises. However, it is often explored in relation to international politics, where typically people from the Global North provide aid to those facing a crisis in the Global South. This project, Everyday Humanitarianism in Tanzania, looks at humanitarianism beyond the North-South perspective by measuring and explaining the everyday humanitarian actions given and received by Tanzanians.

Tanzania is experiencing an increasing need for humanitarian aid, however an understanding of how Tanzanians act in response to both protracted and acute crises is missing. The project's objective is thus to understand how people outside the formal sector of humanitarian aid help each other in such times of crisis. This gives explicit attention to the agency of Tanzanians as givers who shape relationships, local economies, and politics.

The project uses both qualitative and quantitative approaches that are cutting edge within social sciences, including in depth fieldwork, surveys, and comprehensive survey experiments. A wide range of departments and researchers are involved to cover the scope of the project and to fully understand and statistically explain what motivates people to give humanitarian aid. The partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam builds on years of trust and is critical to all aspects, from the logistics, academic understanding, the deep knowledge of the case, and the implementation of data. A large part of the collaboration is centered around reciprocal capacity building, for example through knowledge sharing and co-authoring publications. The research process uses a decolonized approach that is rewarding across universities and builds an international network of trust and exchange. Moreover, it works toward decolonizing the concept of humanitarianism by recognizing how actions taken by ordinary citizens works as humanitarianism as well.