Success story 1: Data for Development Successfully Undertakes a survey of 719 CSO remotely for the Landscape Analysis of CSOs Study

The Data for Development Team completed a large-scale data collection exercise for the Landscape Analysis of CSOs study between May and August 2021. Working collaboratively with a local research think tank (ESRF) and a team of research assistants, the team received a list of 2,019 organizations of registered CSO organizations in the 11 selected regions of investigation. These were Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Kagera, Mara, Mbeya, Morogoro, Mwanza, Njombe, Shinyanga, and Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba). The survey was sent by e-mail to 1,760 organizations with valid email contacts. A team of research assistants trained by Data for Development assisted with telephonic follow ups. 719 CSOs returned the completed survey achieving a response rate of 41%, for a 95% confidence level with less than a 3% margin of error.

This scale of this remotely conducted self-administered institutional level data collection was the biggest for the activity since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was conducted remotely to ensure safety and protection of assessment and CSOs staff.

The assessment provided information for the Mission to better understand the activities and geographic landscape of CSOs in the targeted regions where it is prioritizing its interventions. It also identified 89 CSOs that demonstrate experience, capacities and systems to manage donor funds, and with experience across technical fields of Economic growth, Health, Education, Democracy and Governance and with a focus on Youth. The survey highlighted organizational capacity gaps and needs, as well as the enabling factors for CSOs work.

Data for Development is pleased to have successfully completed this task to assist the Mission in identifying local organizations that the Mission could partner with as it continues to support Tanzania’s journey to self-reliance.