

# CONTINUITY WITH VISION

THE ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

FOR

PRESIDENT

SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN

*Edited by*

*Maliyamkono T*

*Dimoso P*

*Mason H*

**Published by:**

**TEMA Publishers Co. Limited**



P.O.Box 13615 , DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA

Tel: +255 762 945 722 / 652 518 018

Email: [temapubs@yahoo.com](mailto:temapubs@yahoo.com) and

**SIYAYA Publishing (Pty) Ltd**

343 Lynnwood Road

Lynnwood 0081

Tel: +27 12 460 0984

A grey shield-shaped graphic with a white border. Inside the shield, the word "Chapter" is written in a cursive font, and the number "10" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font below it.

*Chapter*  
**10**

**Improving the Quality of Health Care in  
Rural Tanzania: Requires Working on the  
Unfinished Agenda**

*Mwoya Byaro*  
*Shauri Timothy*  
*Hozen Mayaya*

**Abstract**

**I**n Tanzania, the majority of the population is located in rural area. National Health Policy in the country clearly advocating health for all, this is basically focused on ensuring no one is left behind regardless of any kind of marginalization, including; gender, disability and location (rural-urban). However, shortage and inadequate distribution of skilled human resources remained unfinished agenda that needed to be addressed. So, this chapter presents health system operations and improvement actions in Tanzania, highlights the current health outcomes, as well as discusses status of health care provision in rural communities in relation to the availability health professional in the areas. This chapter concludes that improving quality of health for majority requires provision of a fair balance of health services between rural and urban communities. As of now, the main bottleneck that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has to remove so as to improve the quality of health for majority is to; continue offering financial incentives and increasing health budgets to hire more health professionals in the areas; re-thinking about redistribution of these health professionals to overcome shortage in rural areas; changing the referral system so that all

clinicians, including assistant medical officers, who make up the majority of clinical staff at rural health care facilities, to make referrals; as well as ensuring good communication between the referral facility and the tertiary care hospital in the districts.

**Keywords:** Improving Rural Healthcare, Unfinished Agenda, Rural Health Improvement