Youth Lead is an Irish Aid-funded project whose goal is to scale preparedness for and access to economic opportunity for disadvantaged young Tanzanians.

During the pilot phase, nine Kiongozi Fellows led a research and co-design process to identify meaningful youth engagement approaches and livelihood models.

In the second phase, the partnership is applying these learnings and the principles of positive youth development (PYD) to continue scaling up the Via: Pathways to Work program through the addition of Don Bosco network as a new technical and vocational education and training (TVET) partner.

The Youth Lead program focuses on equipping young people with the life skills, technical training, and career guidance they need to succeed. It also supports systemic changes in Don Bosco policies and practices to ensure the sustainable adoption of gender-sensitive and youth-friendly best practices.

One of the biggest challenges faced by young Tanzanians is the lack of livelihood opportunities to drive inclusive economic growth. Unemployment & Underemployment are major and growing challenges in Tanzania and disproportionately affect young people.

Tanzanian young people face an array of challenges in their transition from school to work, compounded by the fact that the formal private sector in Tanzania creates few jobs. Many vocational training providers offer their students inadequate preparation for the positions that do exist, which means that young peoples’ skills are often insufficient for formal and/or self-employment.

Young women are less likely to access and benefit from technical and vocational education and training (TVET), which some mistake as the domain of men and boys. They are often channeled into occupations which are viewed as more appropriate, but may pay less, and face distinct barriers in securing and maintaining apprenticeships, jobs, and the credit and premises required to start their own businesses.

Don Bosco Dodoma, Iringa and Oysterbay Vocational Training Centres (VTCs)
DON BOSCO GRADUATES RECEIVE HOLISTIC SUPPORT

**MARKET-ALIGNED CAREER GUIDANCE**
- Psychological support
- Career Guidance and Awareness

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**
- Youth Dialogues
- Student Council engagement
- Kijana Ongea Website
- Social media Engagement
- Peer-to-Peer Support

**LIFE SKILLS**
- Ability to learn independently
- Appropriate grooming and dress
- Communication/interpersonal skills
- Conflict Management
- Critical thinking/problem solving
- Managing Emotions
- Responsibility
- Self-Confidence
- Teamwork/cooperation
- Time Management

**GENDER SENSITIVE TRAINING & SERVICES**
- Inclusion-aware pedagogy and service training
- Binti Thamani Campaign
- Social Inclusion Analysis

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**
- Computer Application
- Driving
- Electrical Installation
- Food Production
- Hotel Management
- Motor Vehicle Mechanics
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Secretarial
- Welding