



NATIONAL MUSLIMS COUNCIL OF TANZANIA

BAKWATA Profile

1. HISTORY

The National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) is a well-established faith-based Islamic organization registered since 1968 and a premier Muslim umbrella organization recognized in Tanzania and International.

BAKWATA in promoting unity, peace and harmony work together with other faith groups as well as local and national government organizations to achieve the following programs:

- Use religious teachings to promote sustainable environmental management and sustainable use of natural resources and other environmental issues;
- Mainstream environmental education into the curriculum;
- Use extra curriculum activities to promote environmental protection and promote alternative technology

2. STRATEGY & VISION

A. Vision Statement

- The main objective of BAKWATA is to provide resources and guidance to support the betterment of Muslim in the Country by promoting education as a key to a better life through collaborating with both religious and secular institutions to increase poor Muslims and particularly the youth access to learning institutions to further their studies.
- Initiate and guide an integrated Islamic personality and help Muslims in Tanzania to learn and practice Islam.
- Promote and conduct business related, moral, intellectual, social and cultural programs
- Promote friendly relations between Muslims and non-Muslims.
- To develop Muslim youth to be active participants in society

B. Mission Statement

- To teach and educate Muslims and the youth in particular the proper Islamic education as taught by the Prophet (PBUH) which has seen Islam since then been liked and followed as a religion of peace as it's the meaning of its name.



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- To teach and educate Muslims and the youth on their roles in the community as teachers in madrassas, Imams and leaders.
- To educate the Youth in Islamic and secular education and assist them in those areas.

C. Values

We remain guided by the timeless values and teachings of the Qur'an and the Prophetic Sunnah, most specifically:

- **Sincerity (Ikhlas)** – In responding to poverty and suffering, our efforts are driven by sincerity to God and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.
- **Excellence (Ihsan)** – Our actions in tackling poverty are marked by excellence in our operations and the conduct through which we help the deserving people we serve.
- **Compassion (Rahma)** – We believe the protection and well-being of every life is of paramount importance and we shall join with other humanitarian actors to act as one in responding to suffering brought on by disasters, poverty and injustice.
- **Social Justice (Adl)** – Our work is founded on enabling people and institutions to fulfill the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We work to empower the dispossessed towards realizing their God-given human potential and develop their capabilities and resources.
- **Custodianship (Amana)** – We uphold our duty of custodianship over Earth and its resources, and the trust people place in us as a humanitarian and development practitioner to be transparent and accountable.

D. Services and Goals

- To provide proper Islamic education by following Qur'an, the Holy Book and Sunnah as taught by the Prophet (PBUH) which has seen Islam since then been liked and followed as a religion of peace as it's the meaning of its name.
- To uphold and apply the principles and practices of Islam as revealed to Prophet Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him (PBUH).



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- To preserve and strengthen Islam through education and exhortation toward personal and spiritual development.
- To organize religious, educational and charitable activities for the benefit of Muslims.
- To encourage and work towards the diverse skills-development and leadership programs for community enhancement and empowerment.
- To provide religious guidance and consultation on socio-moral, cultural and economic issues, which affect Muslims and non-Muslim
- To promote the ideal of unity amongst all Muslims, specifically targeting the leadership amongst Muslims.
- To uphold and practice Islamic teachings of peace and harmony within our communities of different religious denominations.

3. SCHEMES

The Council has branch offices all over Tanzania with a network from the national to grassroots level with:

- Has 120 offices served by 700 Sheikhs in 26 regions of the country
- Around 2,800 mosques run under its co-ordination
- It owns around 40 acres of land in each of its 26 regions
- It has 20 secondary schools
- Two teachers' colleges
- Two theological colleges
- A Radio Station
- Newspaper
- supports numerous madras schools centers

4. Workforce

- Under the leadership of Mufti of Tanzania Sheikh Abubakar Ali Zubeir, who has energized the organization by his motto of: “ ” and the Council of Scholars (Baraza la Ulamaa) in cooperation with other organs in the National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) of Imams, the Executive from the ward level to the national level is the working mechanism of the organization..

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5. Associates

- All National Council of Muslims in East Africa, Africa and International Organizations. All faith and non-faith based organizations.