Promoting Accountability at Every Level

TCDC-affiliated CBOs from six regions recently took part in two-day trainings to become familiar with new accountability measures that will improve sustainability.

Accountability is one of the most important elements of sustainability. Sound monitoring, evaluation and financial reporting practices promote responsible resource management and create the feedback necessary for effective program implementation. As a result, TCDC has made this a focal point in its mission to improve the capacity of its community-based organization (CBO) partners at the district level.

TCDC’s latest effort to promote accountability took place in December 2014, with trainings for partners in six regions. A total of 68 representatives from partner organizations in Mtwara, Lindi, Ruvuma, Geita, Kagera and Kigoma regions successfully participated in trainings to orient them to a new online monitoring and evaluation system and promote sound financial management.

The new electronic reporting system simplifies the workload for CBO managers, promotes timely reporting and improves their cohesion with volunteers on the ground. TCDC plans to use the December trainings as models for future trainings as it expands operations into nine new regions in 2015 with support from USAID and Global Fund.

A TCDC facilitator explains an element of the new monitoring and evaluation system during a training session in Geita region. TCDC’s CBO partners took part in a two-day training on the new system, which will correct gaps in data management and improve data submission. This, along with a financial management session that took place at the same time, aims to improve CBO management capacity and accountability.

Representatives from partner organizations in Geita, Kagera and Kigoma pose for a photograph following a training to improve accountability.