

**MISSION:**

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**HISTORY:**

Founded in 1986 and accredited in 1987, Special Olympics Tanzania was introduced by Mr. N'nyapule Madai, after his school term in the USA sponsored through the Kennedy Foundation.

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):**

Registered athletes and participants:	13,854
Coaches:	1,364
Competitions:	195

**GOAL:**

To reach 17,006 athletes and participants by the end of 2015

To reach 1559 Coaches by the end of 2015

To reach 200 competition opportunities by 2015

**SUPPORT:**

Government of Tanzania

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- Seven competitions in Athletics and Football 5-a-side in 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011
- Participated in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- Participated in Africa Unity Cup (Football), South Africa, 2012

**6 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Football (Soccer)
Handball	Volleyball	Swimming
Young Athletes Program (YAP)		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Health Athletes, Youth Activation, Family Health Forum, Unified Sports

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

Tanzania has 120 ethnic tribes and each tribe has its language. But all these 120 tribes speak Swahili, the most common and also the national language of Tanzania. It has also been accepted as one of the official African Union languages. The first language is the tribal, second and official National language is Swahili, then English is the 3<sup>rd</sup> language. English is however used as a medium for communication.

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