



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:

Mr. N’nyapule Madai founded Special Olympics Tanzania in 1987. Madai was presented a JPK scholarship to study in the United States. After two successful years of study at the University of Minnesota, Madai returned home to establish Special Olympics Tanzania in 1987. The first Special Olympics Tanzania National Games were held in 1987, qualifying four Tanzanian athletes to compete at the 1987 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	16,678
Coaches:	298
Competitions:	287

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:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (8 athletes)
- 2012 Special Olympics Africa Unity Cup (Football), South Africa, 2012
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- Seven competitions in Athletics and Football 5-a-side in 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011

5 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Football (Soccer)
Handball	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Health Forum, Health Athletes, Unified Sports, Young Athletes, Youth Activation, 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 3rd language. English is however used as a medium for communication.

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