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## ORAL HEALTH PROJECT in Chake Chake district

**Title:** Oral Health for Pemba Island - Chake Chake District, Zanzibar Archipelago - (United Republic of Tanzania)

**Where:** Chake Chake District, Pemba Island  
(Zanzibar, U.R. Tanzania)

**Project Status:** In progress

**Duration:** 3 years (January 2023- January 2026)

**Total Value:** € 71.370,00 (€ 23.790 each year)

**Funding body:** Public and private donors

**Project partners:** Ivo de Carneri Foundation – Friends of  
the Ivo de Carneri Foundation Committee



### OVERVIEW

Globally, oral health problems remain a major public health concern. And this has not improved over the past 30 years.

Between 1990 and 2015, the increase in the burden of oral diseases increased largely due to epidemiological transition, demographic changes, as well as population expansion, aging, and urbanization. The most prevalent oral diseases, such as caries, periodontitis, tooth loss, oral neoplasms, and traumatic dental injuries, continue to be a major concern in the adult population, accounting for the majority of the oral disease burden, particularly among the most vulnerable and poor populations. However, all of these diseases and disorders are preventable or treatable in their early stages.



### TARGETS

- To spread, as much as possible, the knowledge of oral health and the many related diseases by training local health workers to take care of patients in various centers in Chake Chake district: Clinical Officer, Assistant Medical Officer, and Medical Doctor.
- Once the relevant figures have been trained, the next step will be aimed at building an "Oral Health Education and Promotion" program for the various age groups of the population, starting with the island's schools.
- Next, we will begin the plan to renovate the dental clinic at Chake Chake Hospital and the establishment of a small fluoridated toothpaste production factory.

## BENEFICIARIES

- Health professionals who will be trained in intervention and care techniques: Clinical Officer, Assistant Medical Officer, and Medical Doctor;
- Community educators who will be trained on oral prevention;
- The local community on Pemba Island, particularly in the Chake Chake district, which will thus have access to a well-structured dental hygiene department.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES



- At the Chake Chake district of Pemba Island, Zanzibar Archipelago (U.R. of Tanzania).
- Establishment of a reference team competent in the management of the organization to promote the sustainability of the program and serve as a reference for future training activities;
- Analysis of epidemiological data;
- Promotion of "Oral Health Education and Promotion" programs within schools;
- Finding new and/or working tools and machinery so that even one dental clinic of one of the present hospitals can be adapted to the minimum standards of helping the local population;

## RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

- Local health personnel with appropriate training in dentistry;
- A properly equipped and well-functioning oral hygiene department;
- District population raised awareness of prevention.

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