General objective
Sensitize local and central government to allocate more funds for CA upscaling for ensuring food security by increased production and productivity, and environmental conservation.

- Sensitization workshop for key government actors
- One to one meeting with members of parliament
- Knowledge sharing and learning workshop supported with experience sharing visit
- Inputting the new agriculture policy and develop a case for CA inclusion
- Sharing key message to the members of parliament

Expected results
- Central and local government allocate resources for CA promotion in the upstream areas of the country’s mega hydroelectric dam projects such as Stigler Gorge since CA brings a great opportunity in reducing siltation and subsequent cost of maintenance of dam, in most case very expensive.
- Public private partnership for promotion of sustainable business models such as contract farming and out growers’ schemes. A good example is Quality Food Products of Arusha. In addition, there is a need to promote holistic value chain approach to embrace various actors from farmers, policy makers, extensionists, input suppliers, mechanization service providers and buyers of crops.
- Promote Entrepreneurial CA machinery service provision since there are already a cluster of farmers owning tractors and providing custom hiring ploughing services to farmers. Such groups can be converted to providing CA services if there is demand from farmers sides.
- Purposeful production and conservation of forage crops and multi-purpose trees/shrubs, both within farmland and communal pastureland
- Timely supply of appropriate and affordable inputs including integrated weed management within the CA system
- Establishing a closer link with Ministry of Agriculture and the CA promoters, all stakeholders.
- Collaboration with government and other stakeholders to enable farmers to demand CA services to create a critical mass for private sector to take up CA.
- Government to support private sectors in sustainable financing so that they can provide affordable holistic CA services to farmers.

Conservation Agriculture (CA) brings an opportunity to address these challenges and ensure food security and environmental conservation. Successful scaling up of CA requires developing strong institutional capacity, structured markets, smart subsidy and incentives for farmers, service providers and local CA equipment manufacturers. Agriculture Sector Development Program phase two (ASDP II) recognizes the importance of CA and has allocated TSH 17 Billion for CA knowledge sharing and capacity building, CA inputs including mechanization equipment and financial support. However, the 2018/19 budget did not allocate funds for CA scaling up.

Background
Land degradation due to deforestation (firewood and shifting cultivation), overgrazing and inappropriate tillage systems is affecting livelihood, food security and economy in general. Conservation Agriculture (CA) brings an opportunity to address these challenges and ensure food security and environmental conservation.

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Results
- Government accepted the workshop recommendations and committed to implement them in collaboration with CA implementing stakeholders
- National CA taskforce established and is chaired by the Permanent Secretary of Agriculture. Currently active and playing coordination role.
- Agriculture policy revised and CA included in the policy
- Budget request for CA inclusion in the policy presented to the parliament and waiting for approval on April
- Government committed to produce more cover crops and green manure cover crops to distribute to large number of farmers
- Education committed to mainstream CA in the curriculum in the agriculture colleges and higher learning institutions.

Sensitization workshop for policy makers, Mwanza, Tanzania on March 20, 2018

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Group meeting with members of parliament for increased investment on CA in Tanzania, March 26, 2018

Knowledge sharing for high-level policy makers, July 3, 2019, Dodoma, Tanzania