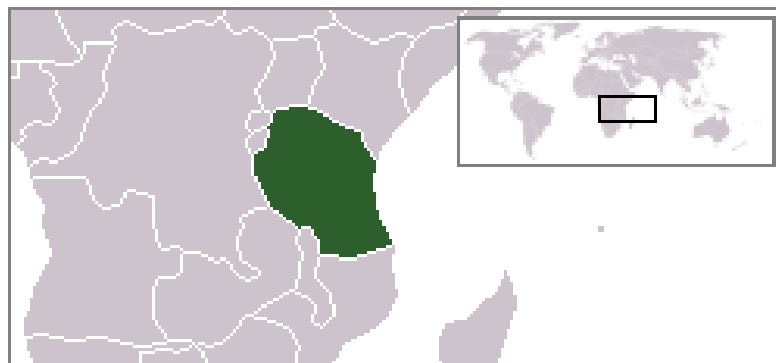


# The Global Pesticides Project (GPP): Trade Union Effort Towards Pesticide Use Reduction and Awareness Raising



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# Who?

Tanzania Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (TPAWU) represents 38,000 workers in plantations, agro processing industries & agricultural co-operatives in Tanzania.

## Other Partners

- The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF)
- LO-TO Sweden
- Agricultural Trade Unions in Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ghana & Malawi.



# Why?

- Initiative between Swedish Agricultural Workers Union, agricultural unions in Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Malawi & Ghana, & the International Union of Food (IUF – Geneva).
- Started in 1998; main activities include
  - Training: identification of pesticides,
  - General education on health & safety,
  - Recording and reporting poisoning accidents,
  - Inclusion of health and safety issues in collective bargaining agreements between unions and companies.

# What?

## Objectives

- Identify all pesticides in Tanzania.
- Phasing out of most hazardous pesticides – class 1a & 1 b, endocrine disruptors & cholinesterase inhibitors.
- Protect worker's health particularly vulnerable groups (pregnant women, spray teams, elderly, etc).
- Environmental protection.

## Conclusions

- Increased awareness amongst agricultural workers esp. pesticides impact on health & environment.
- More poisoning cases reported to national authorities.
- Review of National Legislation with workers' participation.
- Increased recognition of unions & workers in national, regional & international forums.