THE COTTON SECTOR IN TANZANIA

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- COTTON GROWING AREAS
- 1. ECGA – Produces less than one percent and comprises of Iringa, Morogoro, Pwani, Tanga, Kilimanjaro and Manyara
- 2. WCGA – Produces more than 99% consists of Shinyanga, Mwanza, Mara, Tabora, Kagera, Singida and Kigoma

Importance of cotton

- 40% of the population of about 45 million people derive their livelihood directly or indirectly from cotton.
- Cotton is grown in 42 out of 121 districts in 13 out of 21 regions by an estimated 350,000 to 500,000 smallholder farmers.

National Cotton Structure

- The cotton sub-sector is governed by the Cotton Industry Act No.2 of 2001 which provides for establishment of the Cotton Board
- The Tanzania Cotton Board (TCB) is the arm of the government which is charged with the responsibility of regulating the industry
- Tanzania Cotton Association (TCA) is the association of ginners and exporters of cotton.

- TCA serves as an interface between the public and the private sector where issues of mutual interest are discussed to foster development of the cotton industry
- Tanzania Cotton Growers Association (TACOGA) is the association of cotton growers which is there to advance the interests of farmers
- Cotton Development Trust Fund is the stakeholders' funding instrument of all developmental activities.

The Regulatory Functions of the Board

- TCB is a statutory body established under Cotton Industry Act No. 2 of 2001.
- It promotes growth, production, processing and marketing of Tanzanian cotton

Cotton Production Trend

Season	Production (tons)
1999/2000	105,853
2000/2001	123,589
2001/2002	148,142
2002/2003	187,883
2003/2004	138,917
2004/2005	341,789
2005/2006	379,591
2006/2007	130,585
2007/2008	200,662
2008/2009	368,697
2009/2010	267,004
2010/2011	163,644
2011/2012	226,000
2012/2013	350,000 (season underway)

Cotton Lint Exports for 2010/2011 by Destination

Country	Bales	Quantity Exported (Tons)	Value in US$
India	1,955	381	846,540.45
Indonesia	22,049	4,300	6,782,575.66
Vietnam	59,270	11,558	18,519,500.40
Thailand	47,755	9,312	15,433,831.52
Pakistan	323	63	108,528.00
China	14,540	2,835	4,704,481.55
Germany	600	117	301,625.23
Taiwan	4,779	932	1,515,204.65
Malaysia	1,924	375	548,521.80
Bangladesh	13,724	2,676	4,350,631.09
Portugal	4,417	861	1,470,018.81
Holland	50	10	11,900.00
Hong Kong	500	98	162,800.00
Mauritius	980	191	50,201.20
Morocco	212	41	108,528.00
Turkey	2,144	418	703,641.02
Singapore	1,000	195	196,211.00
South Africa	2,000	390	676,112.80
USA	728	142	251,852.50
Japan	94	18	49,770.00
TOTAL	**179,044**	**34,913**	**56,847,500.28**

CHALLANGES

1. Low productivity

Due to under-investment in Research & Development (R & D), poor extension services, low level of input use, rundown processing facilities, inadequate regulatory services, inefficiently run farmer co-operatives and weak co-ordination within the sector following liberalisation, productivity and quality of cotton have declined significantly.

TANZANIA COTTON PRODUCTIVITY AS COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	AREA (Ha)	PRODUCTIVITY (Kg/Ha)
Angola	3,000	296
Ethiopia	85,000	236
Ghana	6,000	333
Kenya	17,000	250
Malawi	60,000	300
Mozambique	128,000	203
Nigeria	250,000	180
South Africa	17,000	1050
Tanzania	460,000	154
Uganda	80,000	335
Zimbabwe	390,000	263
Zambia	262,000	191
Total/Average	1,770.000	221

2. Limited value addition

Over 75 per cent of all cotton lint produced in Tanzania is exported as raw cotton

Much of Tanzania's textile industry was developed in the 1970s as part of a state drive to industrialize the country.

Of the textiles mills in existence about 80% were state owned (in the 1980s these mills consumed about 1/3 of Tanzania produced lint). However after the privatization program of the late 1990s many of these mills closed altogether.

Producers in Tanzania's Textile & Apparel Industry

	Spin	weave	Knit	K-K-K	bed linen	Blanket	bed nets	thread	clothes	made-up	Jobs
New Tabora Textiles	•										245
Jambo Spinning Mills	•										<150
Namera / Nida	•	•		•	•						>1 700
21st Century Textiles	•	•		•	•						1 300
Afritex	•	•		•							<1 000
New Mbeya Textiles	•	•		•	•						775
Mwanza Textiles	•	•		•	•						1 100
Urafiki (TZ-China Friend.)	•	•		•	•						1 200
Karibu Textile Mills				•							>600
African Pride Textile Mills				•							150
Sunflag Tanzania	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		<1 900
Morogoro Canvas Mills	•	•								•	1 300
21st Century Sisal	•	•								•	±400
A to Z Textile Mills			•				•		•		±7 500
Ellen Knitwear			•						•		<100
Kilimanjaro Blanket Corp.						•					100
Blanket & Textile Manu.						•					<100
Kibotrade									•		45
azava Fabric & Production									•		600

Future prospects

- The government in collaboration with stakeholders is working on various initiatives aimed at increasing cotton output through improved yields and revamping the textile industry.
- These include:-
  - • Financing cotton inputs to be centrally purchased by CDTF;
  - • CF roll-out & Scaling up conservation agriculture;
  - • TSDU formation &Attracting foreign and local textile investments eg. Japanese Nitori Co. Ltd etc.
  - • Improving Research and Extension services

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Undertaking campaigns to revamp productivity and re-opening of new areas for increased cotton production

Contracting seed multiplication, processing and distribution of seeds for planting to competent company (Quton Zimbabwe) and,

New initiatives on value addition through Gatsby Charitable Foundation Project of UK

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