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01 Invitation to Submit

The Tengeru Community Development Journal (TCDJ), published by the Tengeru Institute of Community Development (TICD), invites original, rigorous and policy-relevant manuscripts from scholars, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, consultants and postgraduate researchers in Tanzania, Africa and the wider international scholarly community.

TCDJ provides an interdisciplinary forum for research and informed scholarly debate that advances understanding of community development, development planning and the social, economic, institutional and environmental processes shaping communities. The Journal welcomes theoretically grounded, methodologically robust and practice-relevant contributions that can inform scholarship, policy and professional practice.

CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION MODEL

Manuscripts may be submitted at any time during the year. Once an article has successfully completed editorial screening, peer review, revision and production, it is published online without waiting for a fixed issue-release date. This model enables timely dissemination of high-quality research.

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Editorial screening

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Peer review

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Revision

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Production

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02 Scope and Priority Areas

TCDJ welcomes manuscripts within its established scope and encourages interdisciplinary work that connects community development theory with contemporary development challenges. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

01 Community participation, empowerment and community development approaches	02 Poverty reduction, social inclusion, livelihoods and rural-urban transformation
03 Development planning, management, public policy and regional/local development	04 Governance, democratisation, institutions, citizenship and national development frameworks
05 Gender, youth, vulnerable groups, social protection and child protection	06 Community health, public health, sanitation and development-related health concerns
07 Agriculture, food security, nutrition and rural livelihoods	08 Environment, climate change, energy and natural resources management
09 Resource mobilisation, development finance, entrepreneurship and local economic development	10 Population, migration, social services and other cross-cutting development issues

03 Types of Contributions

I Original Research Articles Empirical studies presenting original findings and clear contributions to development knowledge, policy or practice.	II Theoretical or Conceptual Articles Papers that develop, extend, compare or critically interrogate theories, models and conceptual perspectives relevant to the Journal's scope.	III Review Articles Critical, systematic or integrative reviews that synthesise established and emerging knowledge and identify directions for research, policy and practice.
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04 Editorial and Peer-Review Standards

Every submission is first evaluated by the editorial team for fit with the Journal's scope, scholarly quality, originality and readiness for external review. Manuscripts that satisfy the initial assessment proceed to independent peer review. TCDJ uses a double-blind peer-review process, in which the identities of authors and reviewers are concealed from one another to promote impartiality and scholarly integrity.

Authors should therefore prepare submission files in a manner that supports anonymous review, including:

- **A separate title page** containing the article title, author names, institutional affiliations, acknowledgements, declarations where applicable, and full contact details of the corresponding author.
- **An anonymised manuscript** from which names, affiliations and other identifying information have been removed.
- **A manuscript that is original**, has not been published previously, and is not simultaneously under consideration by another journal.

05 Editorial Expectations

The Journal prioritises scholarly rigour, originality, clear contribution, methodological transparency, ethical integrity, relevance to significant development challenges, and — where appropriate — well-grounded implications for policy and professional practice.

RIGOUR

Methodologically transparent and analytically sound

RELEVANCE

Clear contribution to development scholarship and practice

INTEGRITY

Original, ethical and prepared for anonymous review

06 Submission and Author Guidance

Authors are expected to follow the Journal's current instructions for manuscript preparation, referencing, tables, figures and other submission requirements. **TCDJ uses the Harvard referencing style.** Before submission, authors should consult the latest guidance available on the TCD journal webpage.

SUBMIT YOUR MANUSCRIPT

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