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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.

1 Editorial screening › 2 Peer review › 3 Revision › 4 Production › 5 Published online

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 Participatory development and community empowerment

02 Poverty reduction, social inclusion and sustainable livelihoods

03 Development planning, project management, and monitoring and evaluation

04 Governance, public administration and public policy

05 Gender, youth, vulnerable groups and social protection

06 Education and human capital development

07 Rural and urban development

08 Agriculture, food security and nutrition

09 Business management, entrepreneurship, development finance and local economic development

10 Public health and community well-being

11 Environment, climate change, energy and natural resource management

12 Population, migration and social services

13 Indigenous knowledge systems

14 Technological innovation for community development

15 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.

IV Policy Analysis or Review Articles
Papers that assess existing policies or programmes, or set out trade-offs and feasible, evidence-based options for decision-makers.

V Policy Briefs
Short, plain-language summaries of evidence with clear recommendations for decision-makers; subject to editorial review.

VI Methodological Reports
Papers documenting research tools, methods and field approaches in enough detail for others to apply or replicate them.

VII Case Studies and Practice Papers
Structured accounts of community programmes, interventions or field experience that draw out lessons for practice and policy.

VIII Short Communications
Concise reports of preliminary findings, pilot studies or new data of timely relevance to the Journal's scope.

IX Commentaries
Clearly labelled, evidence-informed perspectives on current development issues, debates or policy developments.

X Book Reviews
Critical reviews of recent books relevant to community development, development planning and related disciplines.

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-anonymised 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	RELEVANCE	INTEGRITY
Methodologically transparent and analytically sound	Clear contribution to development scholarship and practice	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 TICD journal webpage.

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