

Box 20.6: Dar Teknohama: a business incubator with a digital mission

The Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi) operates as a company with a focus on supporting digital ventures.

With the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology serving as its guarantor, DTDi is working with local governments to establish similar tech hubs at district level. There are presently six ventures supported by DTDi in Mwanza.

Since 2017, DTDi has collaborated

with mobile operators like Airtel to train hundreds of active and aspiring entrepreneurs in information technology.

In June 2018, the hub launched the Tanzania Digital Youth Empowerment Programme (TADIYE) with support from the Embassy of Denmark, to equip budding young entrepreneurs with digital skills through a mobile app.

The app also hosts the Business Plan Innovation Challenge for young

entrepreneurs aged 15–35, which provides winners with seed funding of TZS 10–20 million (*ca* US\$ 4 000–8 000).

The second round of the challenge saw TZS 320 million (*ca* US\$ 140 000) awarded to 24 entrepreneurs. One winning idea was to produce bags that naturally decompose in the soil within 180 days.

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