

Tanzania requires NGOs to verify their registration status

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Executive summary

Tanzania's Registrar of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) has issued a public notice requesting all NGOs operating in Tanzania to verify their registration during the period of 21 August 2017 and 4 September 2017. Non-compliant NGOs will be removed and de-registered from the registry.

Detailed discussion

Background

The Registrar of NGOs under the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (s Ministry), has issued a public notice requesting all NGOs registered under the Ministry to verify their registration status with the Ministry' office in the five zones within the country (Eastern, Central, Northern, Lake and Southern Highlands) from 21 August to 4 September 2017.

The verification process intends to streamline and improve the database of the Registry of NGOs and to monitor and evaluate their activities in Tanzania.

Documents to be submitted

During the verification process, every NGO is required to submit the following documents:

- i. The original certificate of registration together with its copy
- ii. Verification form (NGO-Form/UHK/2017) available at the website of the Tanzania National NGO Coordination Division (www.tnnc.go.tz)
- iii. All receipts for payments of the NGO's annual fee made to the Registry since its registration
- iv. A letter from the social welfare officer of the region, district, city or municipal council indicating the location of the NGO's offices
- v. Copy of the constitution of the organization certified by the Registrar of NGOs

Non-compliance

All NGOs that do not comply with the verification process in the respective zonal centers within the given time frame will be removed and de-registered from the Registry of NGOs in Tanzania.

No new NGOs will be registered in Tanzania from 21 August 2017 to 30 November 2017.

Action required

NGOs operating in Tanzania should start collecting all documents so that the verification process can be finalized during the respective time frame (i.e., no later than 4 September 2017).

NGOs considering registration in Tanzania should submit the application as soon as possible to avoid delays as no new registration will be made between 21 August 2017 and 30 November 2017.

EY in Tanzania can assist taxpayers with the verification and registration procedure.

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