CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

# INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

## Commercialization of Tanzania's Food Systems to Catalyze Growth and Resilience

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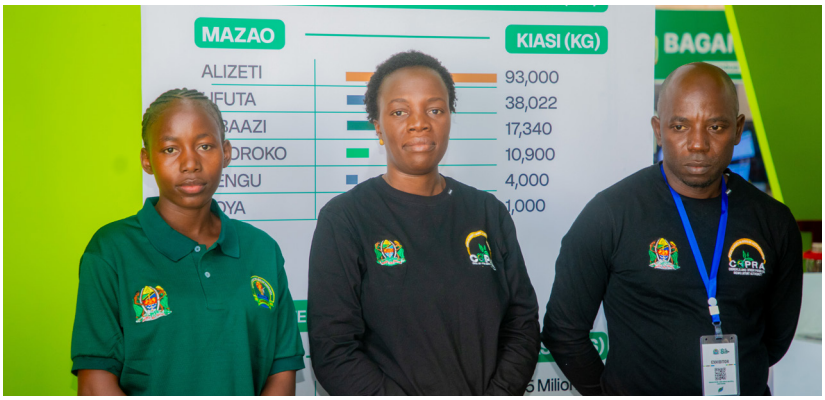
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# 1. INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

The Cereals and Other Produce Regulatory Authority (COPRA) is a government regulatory institution under the Ministry responsible for Agriculture in Tanzania. COPRA works to strengthen the governance and performance of cereals and other produce value chains through regulation, quality assurance, market oversight, registration of relevant value-chain actors and facilities, and the provision of reliable market information.

Through its regulatory and coordination role, COPRA contributes to more orderly and transparent markets, improved compliance with applicable standards and regulations, stronger commercial linkages, and increased competitiveness across Tanzania's cereals and other produce sectors.
















## 2. MANDATE AND REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES

COPRA's mandate is to regulate the marketing and processing of cereals and other produce and to support the development of efficient, transparent and competitive markets. Its responsibilities include:

- Registering and regulating relevant actors, facilities and activities within the cereals and other produce value chains.
- Overseeing compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and requirements for regulated commodities.
- Conducting or coordinating inspection and quality-assurance functions within its remit.
- Collecting, analysing and disseminating market and commodity information to support informed decisions.
- Supporting orderly trade and fair competition through regulatory oversight and stakeholder coordination.
- Working with public institutions and private-sector stakeholders to address constraints affecting commodity markets.



## 3. VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

# Vision

COPRA aspires to lead Tanzania's transition to commercial, inclusive and equitable food systems that deliver shared growth.

# Mission

To catalyse the transformation of cereals and other produce value chains by scaling sustainable agronomic standards, strengthening agro-processing, and enabling access to profitable markets that enhance competitiveness and food security.

# Values

- Innovation and Digitalisation
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Objectivity
- Resilience and Sustainability
- Integrity



## 4. REGULATED CROP CLUSTERS

COPRA Regulates over 120 crops clustered in the following groups.

**Cereals:** Maize, rice, wheat, sorghum, millet, barley e.t.c.

**Oilseeds and Nuts:** Sesame, sunflower, groundnuts, palm.

**Horticultural Crops:** Fruits, vegetables, spices and other horticultural produce.

**Pulses:** Common beans, pigeon peas, green grams, chickpeas and Soybeans

**Roots and Tubers**: Cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and yams.

**Pyrethrum**





## 5. CORE FUNCTIONS AND REGULATORY SERVICES

- Market regulation: Promoting compliance and orderly conduct in the marketing and processing of regulated produce.
- Registration and authorisation: Registering relevant market participants and facilities and administering applicable licences, permits or approvals.
- Quality assurance and inspection: Supporting compliance with relevant quality, handling and regulatory requirements.
- Market intelligence: Collecting and sharing information on commodity availability, stocks, prices and market developments, as applicable.
- Stakeholder coordination: Engaging producers, traders, processors, warehouse operators, exporters, government institutions and other value-chain actors.
- Digital regulatory services: Advancing digital systems that support registration, permits, reporting, monitoring and more accessible regulatory processes.

## 6. CONTRIBUTION TO TANZANIA'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

COPRA contributes to the agricultural economy by strengthening the regulatory conditions under which cereals and other produce are marketed and processed. Predictable oversight and improved market information can help reduce information gaps, support compliance, build confidence among market participants and encourage investment in storage, processing and trade.

By working with relevant public and private institutions, COPRA also supports stronger connections across value chains, the competitiveness of Tanzanian produce, opportunities for value addition and the broader national objectives of food security, import substitution and export growth.



## 7. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS

1. Digital Market Transactions Digital market transactions increased over **200%** from **268,757** to **713,618**, enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of agricultural market services.
2. Value of Produce Traded Agricultural produce worth **TZS 1.40** trillion was traded through the reported digital market system, supporting price transparency and market access.
3. International Market Competitiveness Tanzanian pigeon pea farmers reportedly obtained **76%** of the global market price, highlighting opportunities to strengthen producer returns through international market access.
4. Employment Creation A total of 855 new jobs were reported, comprising **570** for young people and **285** for women, supporting inclusive economic participation.
5. Agricultural Inputs and Productivity Support A total of **4,362** farmers received agricultural inputs, including:

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| **164 tonnes** of oilseed and legume seeds | **9,000 kg** of Pareto seeds | **349,000** tree seedlings |

## 8. STRATEGIC DIRECTION, 2026/27–2030/31

The Corpra Strategic Plan for 2026/27–2030/31 sets out a direction focused on building structured, competitive and inclusive markets and improving the performance of cereals and other produce value chains. Its five strategic pillars are:

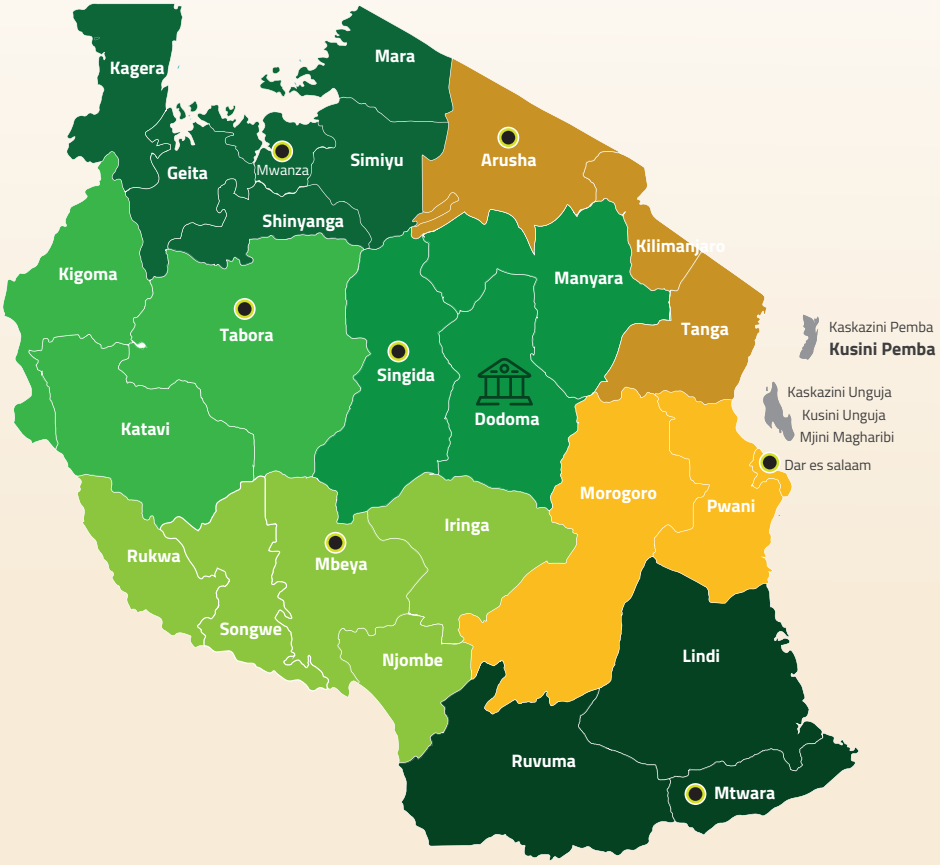



The plan's intended impact is for Tanzania's cereals and other produce markets, particularly import-substitution commodities such as edible oils, wheat and soya, alongside crops with high export potential, to become more structured, competitive and inclusive, supporting stronger and more stable incomes, increased export value and national food security.

## 9. COPRA OPERATES THROUGH ITS HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE LOCATED IN DODOMA AND SEVEN ZONES NAMED:

**Central Zone** - Singida, Manyara & Dodoma, **Western Zone**- Tabora, Katavi, Kigoma & Rukwa, **Lake Zone** - Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Mara & Kagera, **Northern Zone** - Arusha, Kilimanjaro & Arusha, **Eastern Zone** - Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Morogoro, **Southern Zone** - Mtwara, Lindi & Ruvuma and **Southern Highlands Zone** - Mbeya, Songwe, Iringa & Njombe.

This zonal presence supports engagement with stakeholders and the delivery of regulatory functions across the country.




### Map Key

- Central Zone
- Western Zone
- Lake Zone
- Northern Zone
- Eastern Zone
- Southern Zone
- Southern Highland Zone
- Head Quarters
- Zonal Office location

## 10. STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

Effective regulation depends on coordination across the agricultural value chain. COPRA engages relevant ministries and government agencies, local government authorities, producer groups, traders, processors, warehouse operators, exporters, standards and quality institutions, financial service providers, development partners and other stakeholders. Collaboration supports regulatory awareness, compliance, evidence-based decision-making and practical responses to market constraints.



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