



DEVELOPMENT VISION

# MSASANI WARD

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We look forward to sharing with you our development vision towards making Msasani the most progressive, eco-friendly and innovative Ward in Tanzania.

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# Msasani Ward

Msasani is an administrative ward in the Kinondoni District of the Dar es Salaam Region of Tanzania. The ward has over 70,000 residents spread across five local government areas: Masaki, Oyster Bay, Makangira, Mikoroshoni and Bonde la Mpunga. The ward is located north west of Dar es Salaam central business district, it covers the ocean side area from Selander Bridge to Morocco all the way to Mlalakua Bridge.

The ward is geographically a peninsula; both the ward and the peninsula are named after the Msasani village, which used to be the only settlement in the area. The intense urbanization of the area in recent times notwithstanding, it is still essentially a Swahili fishermen's village.

Msasani includes some of the wealthiest areas in the Dar es Salaam Region, Peninsula, Oysterbay and Masaki. These areas contain shops, restaurants, beauty salons, pubs, and other entertainment facilities.

Msasani also has a large portion of squatters like high-density and low-income areas, where majority of the workforce for the affluent areas comes from, these can be found in Makangira, Mikoroshoni and Bonde la Mpunga.

Success and Progress are often defined according to wealth, power, and social status. However, Councillor Neghesti believes that all people, regardless of their circumstances, have worth and dignity and have the potential to live out a creative, productive and valuable future.

Whether we are fully embracing the rapid changes of the 21st century, or whether we are struggling to just survive, everyone has the same basic needs.

The goal is to empower community members to enable them to generate sustainable income, to ultimately strengthen the overall capacity of the community in order to address health and social issues through equitable participation.



Map of the Msasani Ward



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**Alone we can  
do so little,  
together we can  
do so much.**

*Helen Keller*





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**If everyone is  
moving forward  
together, then  
success takes  
care of itself.**

*Henry Ford*

# Meet our Councilman

Luca Neghesti is a businessman, social entrepreneur and politician who lives and works in Msasani, Dar es Salaam.

His motivation to serve comes from growing up in a broken home and being raised by a disabled (suffered polio) single mother along with 2 other siblings. Witnessing the commitment from his mother to help others in need, while struggling daily to make ends meet, instilled a sense of responsibility and an innate drive to succeed but also help others live better and become improved versions of themselves.

Councillor Neghesti was inspired by President Magufuli's Administration with its development efforts, and decided to run for office in the 2020 general elections, after realizing that systemic issues must be addressed from within; he is determined to leverage technology to improve lives on a larger scale.

With a proven track record of strong, ethical and impactful leadership through the various enterprises and community initiatives he headed over the years, Councillor Neghesti has had the honor of being selected as a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, as well as a Choiseul Institute Africa Leaders for Tomorrow.

Being a first-term councillor, Councillor Neghesti strives to work hand in hand with all the Local Government offices and with community members of the Msasani ward to create a thriving, strong and vibrant ward for everyone, focusing on further improving the quality of life.

He hopes to see enhancement of local communities and businesses while maintaining Msasani's natural qualities. Additionally, he would also like to amplify the focus on safe, family-friendly spaces and activities.

# Health & Sanitation



## Equipment & Ambulance For Ward Dispensary

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The Msasani Ward 'Mikoroshoni Dispensary' is the first port of health for medical treatment and maternal needs for the larger Msasani population from the lower income bracket.

The dispensary is in dire need of equipments like an ultrasound machine to better serve the large number of expectant mothers, as well as an ambulance to be used for emergencies when patients need to be transported to the referral regional hospital, and many more items.



## Public Toilets High Traffic Areas

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Clean public toilets are an important component in prevention of pollution and diseases like cholera, that affects and kills the poor. Public toilets are necessary for busy, high traffic areas and at strategic places where people regularly traffic like taxi/bus stands and congested areas like the market to enhance public sanitation.

We have identified locations with highest needs, among them being Macho Bust stand on Kimweri Ave., Masaki Mwisho, Namanga and Morogoro Stores, where we plan on building the said public toilets to remedy the current dire situation of lack of this basic amenities.



## Rain-water Drainage Network

While a large portion of Msasani situated on higher ground, and is composed of upmarket housing such as Oyster Bay and Masaki, an equally large portion of the ward is in flood prone areas; where the residents suffer from lack of proper drainage channels capable of discharging large volumes of water.

Adequate drainage systems play a significant role in sanitation and prevention of flooding related outbreaks such as cholera, dysentery and others, the detrimental impact of such conditions to the living, health and education standards of our children, our communities cannot be overstated and makes this one of the highest priority items.

Councillor Neghesti recognizes this as one of the utmost urgent items to be addressed, and is keen to collaborate with organizations and engage in projects that will develop the necessary water drainage solutions that will significantly reduce or remove this plight all together.



# Education

Councillor Neghesti is a strong believer in the importance of the public-school system and plans on working very hard and investing his efforts to support students, teachers and the entire pedagogy in improving learning outcomes in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that will stimulate their creativity and equip them with the necessary skill-sets to become more productive members of modern society.

*Education is not a way to escape poverty,  
it is a way of fighting it.*

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*Mwl. Julius K. Nyerere*





## Public Schools Renovation

Thanks to a committed workforce of teachers, our public schools are among the top performing in the Dar es Salaam Region. However, we still face infrastructural challenges that not only impact our students' quality of education but potentially their health as well.

While there are ongoing efforts to construct additional classrooms to cater for the ever-growing number of students enrolling in our schools, some of the existing classrooms are in a dire state, and need an urgent uplift in order to meet minimum standards.

The work needed includes replacement of roofing sheets, ceiling boards, tiling of the floors, and refurbishing desks and chairs.

## Innovation Programs

Unlike previous generations, our children, today more than ever need to learn how to understand systems and solve problems. We believe that students should be empowered to create and generate new ideas under the guidance of teachers and industry partners.

Councilman Neghesti is keen to provide the stage wherein students can gain transferable skills such as collaboration, design thinking, problem solving, creativity, design thinking, and communication that they will need to succeed in today and tomorrow's job market.

## Computer Lab In Each School

As the world transforms towards a global digital village, a computer lab is proving to be an essential addition to every school to enhance the scientific, technological and innovation capacity of students.

With a computer lab, students can learn programming, automation and to improve basic computer skills. That will help them later to define their career goals, entrepreneurship, and job opportunities.

For digital literacy and skills development, students need to practice. And to do that effectively they need a computer lab, with competent teachers.

# Environment



## Trees Planting Drives

While trees provide great shade and are wonderful to look at, their importance stems far beyond beauty.

The value and purpose of trees is enormous; and their existence is vital for our survival. Planting of trees is especially important to protect our environment against air pollution and global warming.

We plan on planting at least 5,000 trees across the Msasani Ward which will further beautify the ward and contribute towards fighting the effects of climate change.



## Public Gardens Development

We intend to develop a number of open spaces into public gardens, which will allow for the strengthening of social ties and build a greater feeling of community.

These public gardens can help reduce crime, empower residents while providing green spaces where urban residents can reconnect with nature, play sports and other recreational opportunities.

The development of these spaces will also increase property values and spur local economies.





## Green Initiative

### Electric Bikes & Tuk-Tuks

Msasani Ward wants to lead the efforts towards green and renewable energy by introducing a pilot project whereby local modes of transport widely used such as petrol based motorbikes (boda-bodas) and three-wheelers (tuk-tuks) are replaced by electric ones.

This not only will provide the operators with additional profits by saving on fuel cost, but will also reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change and smog, improving public health and reducing ecological damage.

## Waste Management

### Recycling Program

A large part of the waste generated in the Msasani Ward is wet waste, which can be recycled into compost to be used in the public gardens, as well as sold as a commercial venture.

The plastic waste can also be recycled into different forms, the benefits of this program include protection of the environment, benefits to communities in terms of equity and employment, and support to the local economy because of the jobs, business and revenues it generates.

Above all, it generates the necessary awareness to bring about a paradigm shift, changing the mindset of citizens towards better waste generation habits.

# Economic Empowerment

## Foundational Skills Programs

Foundational skills are the fundamental, portable skills that are essential to conveying and receiving information that is critical to training and workplace success.

Many employers are facing a skills gap: the skills workers possess do not match the skills needed for current and projected jobs. Employers are increasingly encountering a lack of qualified applicants and current employees who possess the necessary foundational skills to perform a job, complete training, and advance within an occupation.

## Food Market Upgrade

The food market in Bonde la Mpunga is the main market used by thousands every day, however it is delapidated and unsafe for its users.

The rehabilitation of the facility will provide access to more affordable food items, it will accommodate additional traders, who have been waiting for the opportunity, it will create more jobs and ultimately boost the local economy



## Entrepreneurial Skills Seminars

Entrepreneurial education and training opportunities play a key role in cultivating future entrepreneurs and in developing the abilities of existing entrepreneurs to grow their business to greater levels of success.

Entrepreneurial seminars are designed as an accelerative introductory course set to cover all key aspects of entrepreneurship.







## Local Government Digital Jobs Portal

Having served the community at Local Government level, Councillor Neghesti understands the key role played by the Serikali ya Mtaa offices when it comes to referral letters for job applications. His vision is to digitize this process, establish a job centre in each Local Government office and connect them to a single database.

Each of the 5 (Masaki, Oyester Bay, Makangira, Mikorshoni, Bonde la Mpunga) Local Government offices is meant to be fitted with at least 1 computer, printer and Internet connectivity.

When job seekers will visit the offices, their information will be verified by the existing mechanisms, after which it will be collected and entered into the central database, making it easier also to issue future referral letters.

Create a job portal website/app where the job seekers' information is uploaded every time they visit the Local Government office, where employers can scroll through real and vetted job seekers residing in the Msasani Ward. At the same time available job openings could be posted on the portal for Msasani residents to apply.

# Mobility & Security



## Roads Maintenance And Upgrade

It is important we repair and upgrade key roads to improve accessibility and mobility in the Ward. Maintained roads also significantly reduce vehicle operating costs, reduce accident rates and their associated human and property costs.



## Bus Stops Infrastructure Upgrade

In order to boost safety and productivity it is key to demarcate official bus stops in the Ward and proceed to upgrade the stopping areas, passengers waiting areas and the surrounding pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks). As well as organize the bikes and tuktuks serving the pedestrians.



## Solar Street Lights & CCTV

Street lighting provides a number of important benefits such as promoting security, increase the quality of life by artificially extending the hours in which it is light so that activity can take place. Street lighting also improves safety for drivers, riders, and pedestrians.



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We plan to arrange the street vendors in a more organized manner in a number of sensitive areas across the Ward, this will be for their own safety, the safety of our residents and the interest of the Ward.

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**It always  
seems impossible  
until it's done.**

*Nelson Mandela*

Msasani is possibly among the most socially polarized wards in the country, with both extremes of wealth and poverty present in it. We are determined to do what is within our reach to change this by improving the quality of life and make the ward more equitable for all members of the Msasani community. We invite you to join our efforts, you can find us at:

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