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Enhancing Maritime Surveillance in Tanzania's Coastal Waters Amidst the Red Sea Crisis

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- **Partnerships:** Prime Minister's Office – Policy, Parliament & Coordination, Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP), Yamaha Motor Co. Ltd
- **Budget:** $2,214,324

The Red Sea is a vital trade route linking East Africa to global markets. Escalating attacks by the Houthi militia has disrupted shipping routes, raising costs and causing delays that ripple across African economies. These disruptions have heightened maritime insecurity, fueling piracy and trafficking in the Western Indian Ocean.

In response, UNDP Tanzania working in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, various stakeholders with funding from the Government of Japan is launching a project to bolster maritime security advanced Japanese technology, including high-speed boats, and targeted training for security personnel.

OBJECTIVES

This initiative seeks to enhance Maritime Safety and Security in Tanzania's coastal waters. This will be done by supporting the government of the United Republic of Tanzania in ensuring prompt detection and real-time response to potential security threats. The project will strive to achieve the following specific objectives:

- Strenghthening maritime surveillance through the acquisition of two high-speed boats and the deployment of advanced forecasting and surveillance systems with real-time data integration
- Targeted training and skill development to strengthen operational readiness and response in coastal areas
- Economic empowerment of coastal women affected by the Red Sea Crisis through capacity building activities and value-addition initiatives to build resilience

OUTPUTS

- Real-time maritime surveillance systems operationalized to detect potential security risks
- Strengthened operational capacity of maritime security personnel
- Increased economic resilience of women in coastal communities

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGs

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