

COUNTRY PROFILE REPORT OF ITJ DIVISION, DGCI&S INDIA-TANZANIA BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS

INTRODUCTION & BRIEF ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

1. The United Republic of Tanzania consists of Tanganyika, on the African mainland, and the nearby islands of Zanzibar and Pemba. Tanganyika lies on the east coast of Africa, bordered by Uganda and Kenya to the north, by Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) to the west and by Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique to the south. Zanzibar and Pemba are in the Indian Ocean, about 40 km (25 miles) off the coast of Tanganyika, north of Dar es Salaam. As per available data from DGCI&S database, India and Tanzania have observable bilateral (goods) trade relations and Tanzania ranked 35th trade partner of India in 2024-25.
2. The IMF Executive Board concluded the 2025 Article IV Consultation and completed the fifth review under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement and the second review under the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) arrangement with Tanzania, allowing for an immediate disbursement of about USD 448.4 million (SDR 326.47 million) under both the ECF and the RSF. Economic conditions have continued to improve, with robust growth and macro-financial stability. Real GDP growth was 5.5 percent in CY24 and is projected to reach 6.0 percent in CY25 and 6½ percent over the medium-term, contingent on decisive reform implementation. Tanzania's economic reform program supported by the ECF arrangement remained broadly on track. The authorities are committed to implementing reforms to preserve macro-financial stability, promote sustainable and inclusive growth, advance structural reforms, and address risks and challenges from climate change, supported by the ECF and RSF arrangements.

A snapshot of Tanzania's selected economic indicators is as under.

Table - 1

Tanzania: Selected Economic Indicators

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	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	Act.	Est.	Proj.
Output			
Real GDP growth (%) ¹	4.9	5.3	5.7
Calendar year real GDP growth (%) ²	5.1	5.5	6.0
Prices			
Inflation - average (%)	4.6	3.1	3.3
Central government finances			
Revenue (% GDP) ³	15.0	15.5	16.3
Expenditure (% GDP)	19.3	18.6	19.7
Fiscal balance (% GDP)	-4.3	-3.2	-3.4
Public debt (% GDP)	45.9	49.2	48.5
Money and credit			

Broad money (% change)	18.8	10.9	11.1
Credit to private sector (% change)	22.2	16.1	12.5
3-month Treasury bill interest rate (%)	6.5	6.8	...
Balance of payments			
Current account (% GDP)	-6.6	-3.5	-2.6
FDI (% GDP)	2.0	2.1	2.1
Reserves (in months of imports)	4.0	3.8	3.8
External public debt (% GDP)	29.7	32.9	32.8
Exchange rate			
REER (% change)	3.3	-10.3	...

Sources: Tanzanian authorities and IMF staff estimates and projections.

¹ All data refer to fiscal years (July-June).

² Fiscal year 2022-23 corresponds to calendar year 2023.

³ Includes grants.

FOREIGN TRADE

3. As per recent available inputs on WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution), the five major merchandise export partners of Tanzania are **India, South Africa, UAE, Switzerland and China**. On the other hand five major import partners of Tanzania are **China, India, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Japan**. Major five exported goods of Tanzania are (i) Gold in unwrought forms non-monetary (ii) Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (iii) Coffee, not roasted or decaffeinated (iv) Sesame seeds and (v) Cashew nuts, fresh or dried. On the other hand major five imported goods of Tanzania are ((i) Petroleum oils, etc, (excl. crude); preparation (ii) Spelt, common wheat and meslin, (iii) Road tractors for semi-trailers (truck tractors) (iv) Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products and (v) Flat rlld prod

4. Tanzania's total exports in 2020 were of the order of USD 6076 million. It scaled up to USD 8702 million in 2024. During the period from 2020 to 2024, Exports from Tanzania increased maximum by 19.63 % in the year 2024 over 2023. During the period from 2020 to 2024, the annual average compound rate of growth of exports was 9.39 %.

5. Tanzania's total imports in 2020 were of the order of USD 8517 million and which touched USD 15684 million in 2024. Imports of Tanzania jumped by 43.97 % in 2022 compared to 2021. During the period from 2020 to 2024, the annual average compound rate of growth of imports was 16.49 %.

6. Tanzania had an overall Balance of Trade deficit from 2020 to 2024. During the period from 2020 to 2024, the annual average compound rate of growth of total volume of trade was 13.70 %.

A snapshot of Tanzania's overall Trade Statistics is presented in **Table 2 and Figure 1** below.

TABLE - 2

TANZANIA'S TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, VOLUME OF TRADE AND BALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN 2020 TO 2024

(Figures in USD Million)

Year	Exports	Percentage Growth in Exports	Imports	Percentage Growth in Imports	Volume of Trade	Percentage Growth in Vol. of Trade	Balance of Trade
2020	6076		8517		14593		-2440
2021	6391	5.17	10873	27.67	17264	18.30	-4482
2022	6825	6.79	15654	43.97	22479	30.21	-8830
2023	7274	6.59	15117	-3.43	22392	-0.39	-7843
2024	8702	19.63	15684	3.75	24386	8.91	-6982
Annual Compound Growth Rate		9.39			16.49		13.70

NOTE : Figures relate to calendar year (January to December)

SOURCE : UN COMTRADE PUBLICATION

Figure - 1



BILATERAL TRADE WITH INDIA

Merchandise Trade

7. India and Tanzania share traditionally close and cordial bilateral relations. According to Indian data during 2024-2025, bilateral trade reached USD 8675.54 million, increased by 9.70 percent over the previous year. Indian exports to Tanzania reached USD 4788.32 million while Indian imports from Tanzania amounted to 3887.22 million in FY 2024-25. In FY 2024-25, for India, Tanzania was the 35th largest trading partner, 36th largest import partner and 27th largest export destination globally. India's exports to Tanzania was only 1.09 % of it's total export value in FY 2024-25. In the same financial year Import from Tanzania was 0.54 % of India's total import value. Almost 0.64 % of India's total international trade value was between India and Tanzania as recorded in FY 2024-25 as per DGCI&S database.

8. Indo- Tanzania total volume of bilateral trade in FY 2020-21 was of the order of USD 2373.94 million. It scaled up to USD 8675.54 million in FY 2024-25. The annual compound growth rate of total volume of trade during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 has been of the order of 38.26 %.

9. It appears from the available figures that between 2020-21 and 2024-25, India had a surplus Balance of Trade with Tanzania. Exports from India to Tanzania increased maximum by 71.04 % in FY 2022-23 over the previous FY. The annual average compound rate of growth of Exports was 35.06%. On the other hand, imports from Tanzania to India remarkably increased by 143.79 % in FY 2021-22 over 2020-21. During the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the annual average compound rate of growth of imports was 42.80 %.

A snapshot of India's merchandise trade statistics w.r.t. Tanzania is presented in **Table 3 & Figure 2**.

TABLE - 3
INDIA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORTS & IMPORTS w.r.t. TANZANIA
FY 2020-21 to 2024-25

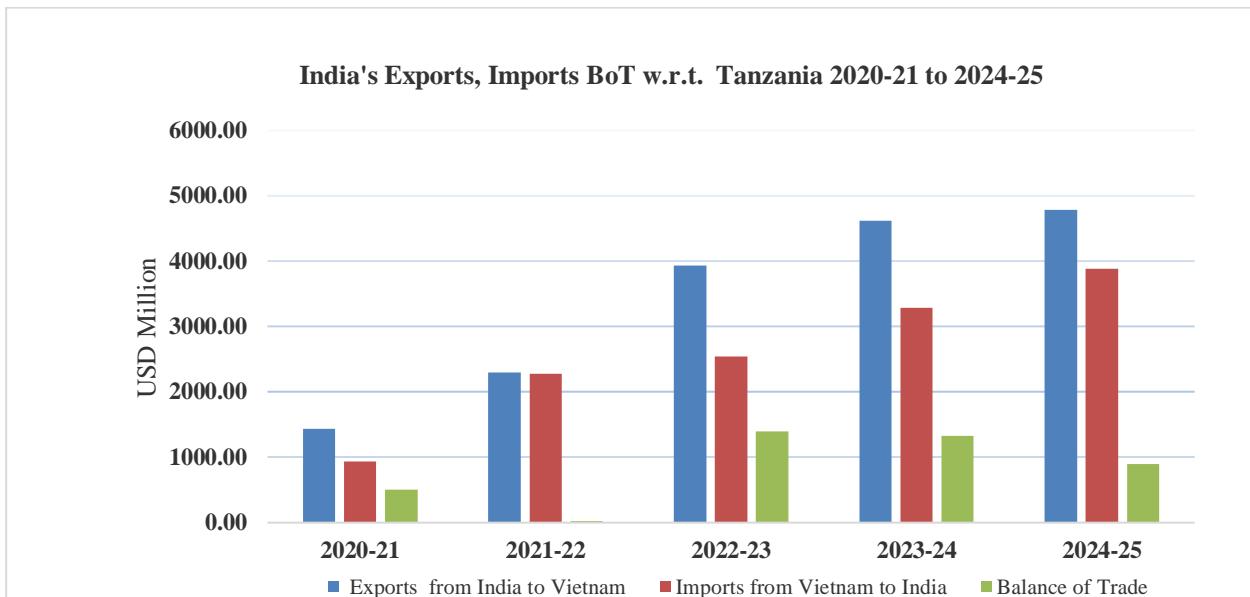
(Value in USD Million)

Year	Exports from India to Tanzania	Percentage Growth in Exports	Imports from Tanzania to India	Percentage Growth in Imports	Volume of Trade	Percentage Growth in Vol. of Trade	Balance of Trade
2020-21	1439.06		934.88		2373.94		504.18
2021-22	2300.88	59.89	2279.18	143.79	4580.06	92.93	21.70
2022-23	3935.49	71.04	2541.31	11.50	6476.80	41.41	1394.18
2023-24	4616.62	17.31	3291.92	29.54	7908.54	22.11	1324.70
2024-25	4788.32	3.72	3887.22	18.08	8675.54	9.70	901.10
Annual Compound Growth Rate		35.06			42.80		38.26

NOTE : Figures relate to Financial Year (April to March)

SOURCE : DGCI&S, M/o C&I

Figure 2



10. Additionally, from Tables 4 & 5 presented below the following are stated:

- a. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, DRUG FORMULATIONS & BIOLOGICALS and SUGAR occupied the top three slots in India's exports to Tanzania in the year 2024-25. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS occupied 59.85 % share of India's total exports to Tanzania in FY 2024-25.
- b. COPPER AND PRODUCTS MADE OF COPR, PULSES and CASHEW were the three major commodities in India's imports list from Tanzania in the year 2024-25, India imported COPPER AND PRODUCTS MADE OF COPR from Tanzania with a share of 48.91 % of total imports from Tanzania recorded in 2024-25.

TABLE -4
INDIA'S MAJOR ITEMS OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO TANZANIA
2020-21 TO 2024-25 AND THEIR GROWTH RATES

Sl . No.	Name of the Merchandise Commodities	Value of Exports					Annual Growth Rates			
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	21-22 over 2020-21	22-23 over 2021-22	23-24 over 2022-23	24-25 over 2023-24
1	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	409.60	850.84	2237.44	2648.97	2865.73	107.72	162.97	18.39	8.18
	Share in total export	28.46	36.98	56.85	57.38	59.85				
2	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	250.48	238.03	240.13	265.39	206.63	-4.97	0.88	10.52	-22.14
	Share in total export	17.41	10.35	6.10	5.75	4.32				
3	SUGAR	28.92	51.45	75.72	163.09	134.55	77.90	47.17	115.39	-17.50
	Share in total export	2.01	2.24	1.92	3.53	2.81				
4	INDL. MACHNRY FOR DAIRY ETC	54.23	111.06	149.14	145.50	130.57	104.79	34.29	-2.44	-10.26
	Share in total export	3.77	4.83	3.79	3.15	2.73				
5	PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL	36.27	61.37	78.76	139.52	98.57	69.20	28.34	77.15	-29.35
	Share in total export	2.52	2.67	2.00	3.02	2.06				
6	SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	86.92	-100.00			869100.00
	Share in total export	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.82				
7	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS	25.25	50.19	69.23	70.66	76.03	98.77	37.94	2.07	7.60
	Share in total export	1.75	2.18	1.76	1.53	1.59				
8	MOTOR VEHICLE/CARS	31.95	46.24	51.92	54.48	66.04	44.73	12.28	4.93	21.22
	Share in total export	2.22	2.01	1.32	1.18	1.38				
9	ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENTS	15.53	50.84	67.42	65.02	59.49	227.37	32.61	-3.56	-8.51
	Share in total export	1.08	2.21	1.71	1.41	1.24				
10	PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND PRODUCT	19.74	33.24	53.60	57.91	56.08	68.39	61.25	8.04	-3.16
	Share in total export	1.37	1.44	1.36	1.25	1.17				
	Total export to TANZANIA	1439.06	2300.88	3935.49	4616.62	4788.32	59.89	71.04	17.31	3.72

NOTE : Figures relate to each Financial Year (April to March)

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TABLE -5
INDIA'S MAJOR ITEMS OF MERCHANDISE IMPORTS FROM TANZANIA
2020-21 TO 2024-25 AND THEIR GROWTH RATES

Sl. No.	Name of the Merchandise Commodities	Value of Imports					Annual Growth Rates			
		2020- 21	2021- 22	2022- 23	2023- 24	2024- 25	21-22 over 2020- 21	22-23 over 2021- 22	23-24 over 2022- 23	24-25 over 2023- 24
1	COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	406.47	1078.24	1253.06	1467.38	1901.31	165.27	16.21	17.10	29.57
	Share in total imports	43.48	47.31	49.31	44.58	48.91				
2	PULSES	194.24	263.02	106.64	287.63	353.03	35.41	-59.46	169.72	22.74
	Share in total imports	20.78	11.54	4.20	8.74	9.08				
3	CASHEW	105.57	135.93	121.80	184.96	345.86	28.76	-10.40	51.86	86.99
	Share in total imports.	11.29	5.96	4.79	5.62	8.90				
4	BULK MINERALS AND ORES	2.91	4.55	3.13	74.67	276.70	56.36	-31.21	2285.62	270.56
	Share in total import	0.31	0.20	0.12	2.27	7.12				
5	GOLD AND OTH PRECS METL JWLERY	0.00	0.00	0.00	107.16	196.74				83.59
	Share in total import	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.26	5.06				
6	GOLD	151.48	571.32	897.38	946.62	156.69	277.16	57.07	5.49	-83.45
	Share in total import	16.20	25.07	35.31	28.76	4.03				
7	COAL,COKE AND BRIQUITTES ETC	0.00	13.67	8.42	29.15	61.72		-38.41	246.20	111.73
	Share in total import	0.00	0.60	0.33	0.89	1.59				
8	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	3.41	2.90	27.87	23.26	59.70	-14.96	861.03	-16.54	156.66
	Share in total import	0.36	0.13	1.10	0.71	1.54				
9	LEAD AND PRODUCTS MADE OF LEAD	10.48	22.44	25.88	33.64	35.75	114.12	15.33	29.98	6.27
	Share in total import	1.12	0.98	1.02	1.02	0.92				
10	PLYWOOD AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	13.93	18.29	19.35	20.31	30.89	31.30	5.80	4.96	52.09
	Share in total import	1.49	0.80	0.76	0.62	0.79				
	Total import from TANZANIA	934.88	2279.18	2541.31	3291.92	3887.22	143.79	11.50	29.54	18.08

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