



From the Editor: Welcome to the inaugural issue of TaTEDO-SESO News, reporting verified results, partnerships and field lessons from our work in clean cooking, sustainable energy and policy advocacy. Feedback: energy@tatedo.or.tz.

Top News

Transforming Awareness to Adoption: How SESCO and TaTEDO-SESO are Accelerating Tanzania's Clean Cooking Transition

By TaTEDO-SESO Communications Office | 30 June 2026

Reaching households with eCooking, requires to make informed energy choices for adoption to happen. This is not a one-time event; it is a sustained commitment. During May and June 2026, SESCO (Sustainable Energy Services Company Limited) and TaTEDO-Sustainable Energy Services Organization (TaTEDO-SESO) demonstrated exactly that commitment through an intensive series of consumer outreach campaigns, public exhibitions, live cooking demonstrations, and high-level stakeholder engagements across multiple regions of Tanzania, which is key for accelerating the transition to clean cooking.

Working in close partnership with TANESCO (Tanzania Electric Supply Company) and the Rural Energy Agency (REA), the campaign reached hundreds of households, professionals, government officials, and development partners. [Continue Reading \(www.tatedo.or.tz\)](http://www.tatedo.or.tz)



Awards and National Recognition



National Environment Award to TaTEDO-SESO

Hon. Emmanuel Nchimbi, Vice President of Tanzania, presented to TaTEDO-SESO a national award for three decades of contribution to environmental conservation and clean cooking promotion, in Dodoma, Tanzania, June 2026.



EnDev Award for Outstanding Commitment

SESCOM received the 2026 EnDev Award for Outstanding Commitment, High Performance and Leadership in Advancing eCooking in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The award was presented by Eng Innocent Luoga, Commissioner for Electricity and Renewable Energy from the Ministry of Energy, in 15 June 2026. The event was attended by GIZ, SDC, the German Embassy, the World Bank, MECS and TANESCO.

Key Institutional Partners

- ◆ Ministry of Energy (MoE)
- ◆ Ministry of Finance (MoF)
- ◆ Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT)
- ◆ PMO Regional Administration and Local Governments (RALG)
- ◆ Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)
- ◆ Tanzania Forest Services
- ◆ Rural Energy Agency (REA)
- ◆ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ◆ World Wide Fund (WWF)
- ◆ Tanzania Business Women Association (TABWA)
- ◆ Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREA)
- ◆ Sustainable Energy Forum (SEF)
- ◆ UKAIDs through MECS and JustGESI Programmes
- ◆ EnDev / GIZ & SDC
- ◆ European Union /United Nations Capital Dev Fund (EU/UNCDF)
- ◆ District Councils of Hai, Moshi, Rombo, Ubungu, Chamwino, etc

Voices from the Field

"I never imagined cooking pilau electrically could be this fast. I am now planning to purchase my own EPC."

(Female visitor, Civil Service Week Exhibition, Dodoma)

"As District Commissioner, I can see how this technology will change lives in newly electrified villages. I will champion it."

(District Commissioner, Rombo District, Kilimanjaro)

From the Beneficiaries

Rombo District, Kilimanjaro: after switching from charcoal to an Electric Pressure Cooker under SESCO's financing models,, one household reported saving an estimated TZS 45,000 per month, reduced cooking time and no indoor smoke.

Impact Snapshot (Up to June 2026)

Cumulative Achievements, 1992 – June 2026

30,000 +

Electric Pressure Cookers

3,232,760+

Improved Cookstoves

21

Mini-grids Installed

314+

Solar Energy Systems Installed

268,800 ha +

Forest Areas Conserved

372+

Village Communities Reached

Source: TaTEDO-SESO Monitoring and Annual Reports.

Message from the CEO

"June 2026 showed that Tanzania is ready for large-scale clean cooking adoption. Our mission extends beyond distributing technologies: we are building sustainable markets, strengthening local enterprises, supporting national energy policy, empowering women and youth, and contributing to Tanzania's climate commitments and the SDGs. This quarter's awards, endorsements and thousands of first-time users are not endpoints, they are the foundation of a market that will grow on its own logic."

Eng. Estomih N. Sawe, Chief Executive Officer, TaTEDO-SESO

Did You Know?

- ◆ Over 30,000 EPCs have been distributed to date through TaTEDO-SESO and SESCO initiatives.
- ◆ Experience from recent campaigns suggests eCooking can cut household cooking time by up to 50%, freeing women's productive time.
- ◆ Households switching from charcoal to electricity report cost savings of 30–50% on cooking energy.
- ◆ SESCO's different financing models, allow households to acquire an EPC with reduced upfront payment.

Policy Milestone: Government MoU Signed

11 June 2026, Dar es Salaam

Hon. Deogratius John Ndejemb, Minister of Energy, presided over the signing of Memoranda of Understanding formalising an eCooking appliance loan-financing scheme. The framework aligns government policy with different financing models pioneered by SESCO, addressing the upfront cost barrier that has historically constrained household adoption.

"This step expands the use of electricity from cooking to transport, with the goal of improving citizens' lives, reducing the cost of living, and stimulating national economic growth."

(Hon. Deogratius John Ndejemb, Minister of Energy, 11 June 2026)

What the Campaign Proved ?

- ◆ **Live** cooking demonstrations outperform every other sales and awareness tool
- ◆ **Newly** electrified villages are the most receptive and ready eCooking market
- ◆ **Government**-partnered platforms deliver unmatched credibility and foothall
- ◆ **Civil** service training turns government staff into eCooking advocates
- ◆ **Agent** recruitment embedded in public events generates immediate commercial returns

Photo Exposition



Her Excellency Marianne Young, British Ambassador to Tanzania, and Her Excellency Ronald Tran Ba Huy, WFP Country Director, take part in a live Electric Pressure Cooker demonstration at Likwati Primary School, Temeke, Dar es Salaam, June 2026, organised by TaTEDO-SESO.



Representatives of partner energy organisations view a demonstration of electric three-wheelers at TaTEDO-SESO offices, Dar es Salaam, June 2026, part of TaTEDO-SESO's productive-use-of-energy programme



An Institutional Improved Cookstove is demonstrated to community members at Masasi Folk Development College, Masasi District, Mtwara Region, June 2026.

Main Stories

TaTEDO-SESO Annual General Meeting 2025: Charting an Ambitious Path for Growth

Annual General Meeting, 2025

Members reviewed TaTEDO-SESO's 2025 implementation report, noting substantial progress in the delivery of sustainable energy services nationwide. Working with national and international partners, including the European Union, WWF, SIDA, WRI, MECS, UKRI and TANESCO, the organisation implemented initiatives spanning clean cooking, sustainable charcoal value chains, forest conservation, productive use of energy, gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), and community empowerment.



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Advancing Inclusive eCooking: JustGESI Team Visits TaTEDO-SESO/SESCOM

Learning visit, 22 April 2026, Dar es Salaam

Under the Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Social Inclusion for a Just Energy Transition project (JustGESI), TaTEDO-SESO and SESCO hosted participants from institutions in the UK, Malawi, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Kenya. The visiting team is working on Work Package 1 of the project, which examines GESI barriers to eCooking access and designs seed-funding initiatives to support women and marginalised groups.



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Restoring Forests, Transforming Livelihoods in Pwani Region

Integrated Sustainable Charcoal Value Chain Promotion Project | Funded by the European Union

Under the EU-funded Integrated Sustainable Charcoal Value Chain Promotion Project, implemented by TaTEDO-SESO with the District Councils of Bagamoyo, Kisarawe, Mkuranga, Kibiti and Rufiji, communities are adopting improved forest management, sustainable harvesting techniques, alternative income sources, and gender-inclusive business models.



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TaTEDO-SESO in a Nutshell

Established: 1990 | **Experience:** 35+ years | **Offices:** Dar es Salaam (HQ), Dodoma, Moshi | **Social Enterprise:** SESCO Ltd. (SEECO / FRUKICO brands)

A sustainable energy services development organisation based in Dar es Salaam, with more than 35 years of experience developing sustainable energy services nationwide.

Vision: A country where all have access to sustainable energy services while conserving the environment, creating wealth, and combating climate change

Mission: To facilitate and empower stakeholders to unlock barriers along sustainable energy value chain by providing support services and fostering enabling environment for enhanced access to sustainable energy services for environmental conservation, wealth creation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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