

SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX 1**Table S1.** Composition, function and role of committees and boards within the Tanzanian health system (10).

Composition	Function and role
The CHSB* consists of 11 members: four non-vote members (DMO*, RHMT*, a planning officer and a representative from the hospital) and seven vote members including four elected community members of whom at least two should be female. Other three members are two representatives from private service providers and the chairperson of social services committee of the council. Qualification is secondary education and above and aged 25–70 years	Identify, mobilise and solicit financial resources. Ensure delivery of healthcare services Discuss and approve health plans, budget and reports from the CHMT. Support CHMT in managing and administering health resources. Promote community involvement through sensitization.
The hospital governing committee is established at the hospital and consists of 11 members: seven vote members (three service users, two from health centre and dispensary committees, one member from private for profit and one from NGO*) and four non-vote members (a representative of the District Executive Director (DED), a medical officer in charge, nursing officer in charge, and a representative of the District Medical Officer [DMO]) -Qualification is secondary education and above and aged 21 years and above.	Oversee management of resources at the hospital. Discuss and pass proposals and budgets for the hospital and submit to the council through CHSB. Discuss implementation report from hospital management team. Inform communities on hospital plans and its implementation.
Health centre committees are composed of nine members: seven vote members (three service users, one from dispensary committee, and three from private providers and NGOs) and two non-vote members: head of the facility and one from WDC. Qualification is primary education and above and age at least 21 years.	Discuss and pass health centre plans and budgets. Identify and solicit financial resources for running health centre. Ensure delivery of healthcare services.
Dispensary committees are composed of eight members: five vote members (three service users and two from private providers) and three non-vote members (one from WDC, one from a village government and one head of the dispensary). Qualification is secondary education and above and aged 25–70 years.	Discuss and pass dispensary plans and budgets. Identify and solicit funds. Ensure delivery of appropriate services.

*CHSB, Council Health Service Board; DMO, District Medical Officer; RHMT, Regional Health Management Team; CHMT, Council Health Management Team; NGO, non-governmental organization; WDC, Ward Development Committee.