



**PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**TANZANIA RURAL AND URBAN ROADS AGENCY**

**USE OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE MATERIALS TO  
SUPPORT COST  
EFFECTIVE IN CONSTRUCTION  
OF STONE ARCH BRIDGES AND STONE PAVED  
ROADS**

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# 1. Introduction

## Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA)

Established under “the Executive Agencies Act, CAP 245; Establishment Order, 2017 GN No. 211 of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017,  
Mandated to manage 144,429.77Km of roads.

### VISION

To be a leading institution in the management of rural and urban roads network

### MISSION

To plan, design, construct and maintain rural and urban roads network in a **cost effective manner** for sustainable social economic development.

# 1. Introduction Cont...

## **COST EFFECTIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION METHODS**

The overriding objective of TARURA is to provide sustainable and cost-effective maintenance and development of Rural and Urban Roads network to support socio economic development in Tanzania **using Low cost and locally available construction materials**

## **2. EXPERIENCE IN USING COBBLE STONES**

TARURA started using Cobble stones in 2017/2018.

- In Singida, Kilimanjaro, Iringa, Tabora, Arusha, Morogoro, Mbeya, Ruvuma, Coast (Pwani), Mara, Rukwa and Kigoma Regions.
- In Mwanza, Rukwa and Kigoma stone paved roads has been constructed with 100 years life span. 23.18km completed

## 2. Experience Cont ....

### Cost Comparison between construction using local materials (stones) and other construction technologies

SN	Council name	Type of construction	Average cost TSHS. '000'000			
			Cobblestone	Double surface dressing	Asphalt concrete	Reinforced concrete
1.	Mkalama District Council	Construction of Msingi stone arch bridge 45m long	300.72	-	-	1,300
2.	Mwanza City Council	Construction of road per km	390	550	1300	
3.	Kigoma Municipal Council	Construction of road per km	350	550	1400	
4.	Kigoma District Council	Construction of 72 different stone arch bridges	1,477	-	-	7,279



## 2. Experience Cont.....

### Advantages of Stone Arch Bridges

- Locally available resources are used – stone
- Labour intensive (More than 500 people employed),
- Low construction costs. (5 to 6 times less the cost of reinforced concrete)
- Environmentally friendly (lower carbon footprint, less transport costs)
- Stones cannot be stolen and resold
- Construction cost for concrete bridges require more capital

### Advantages of Stone Paved Roads

- Limit the speed up to 40km/h
- Locally available resources are used – stone, sand
- Labour intensive (More than 2000 people employed),
- Easy to repair
- High resistance to fuel and oil spillage.
- Low maintenance costs - No maintenance long period
- Can be opened to traffic immediate upon completion.
- Environmentally friendly. and
- Provision of more benefits in terms of economic and social services.



## 2. Experience in Using Stones Cont...

# OVERALL Progress report as of MAY 2023

**TANZANIAN - STONE ARCH BRIDGES REPORT MAY 2023**

No.	NAME OF REGION	COMPLETED BRIDGES	COST USING BRICKS (MIL)	COST USING STONE (MIL)	REINFORCED CONCRETE (MIL)	SAVING (%)	ONGOING BRIDGES	COST USING STONE (MIL)	REINFORCED CONCRETE (MIL)	SAVING (%)
1	KIGOMA	103		2,338	11,638	80	8	4,156	20,229	79
2	SINGIDA	24		2,022	6,254	68	2	129	220	42
3	TABORA	5		1,124	3,532	68	0	-	0	-
4	KILIMANJARO	10		611	2,883	79	0	611	2,883	79
5	MBEYA	2		439	1,150	62	0	-	0	-
6	MOROGORO	2		152	481	68	1	65	230	72
7	ARUSHA	6		212	948	78	0	-	0	-
8	IRINGA	13		926	3,537	74	11	910	2,615	65
		2	38	211	430	91	0	-	0	-
9	RUKWA	3		383	3,380	89	6	413	2,939	86
10	PWANI (COAST)	1		75	350	79	0	-	0	-
11	RUVUMA	3		431	1,216	65	0	-	0	-
12	MARA						2	326	1,099	70
	TOTAL	174	38	8,924	35,800	75	30	6,611	30,215	78



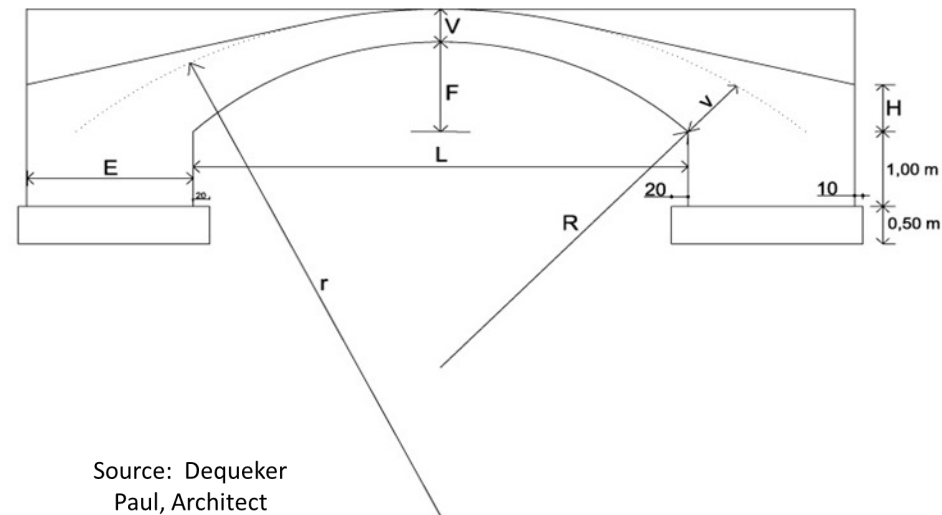
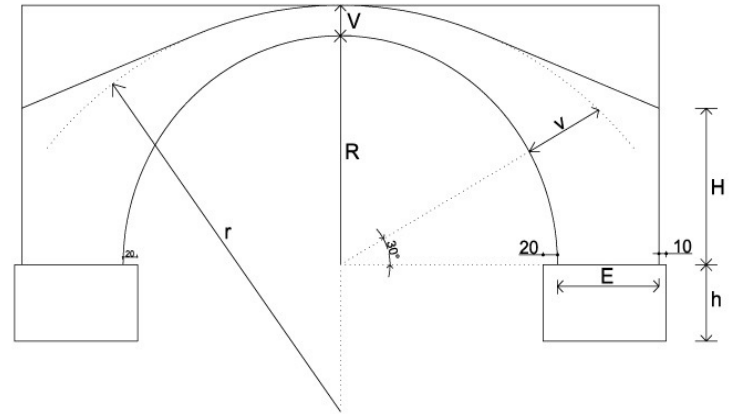
# OVERALL Progress report as of MAY 2023

TANZANIAN - STONE PAVED ROADS REPORT MAY 2023									
No.	NAME OF REGION	COMPLETED ROAD LENGTH (KM)	COST USING STONES (MIL)	COST USING DSD (MIL)	COST USING ASPHAT CONCRETE (MIL)	ONGOING ROAD LENGTH	COST USING STONES (MIL)	COST USING DSD (MIL)	COST USING ASPHAT CONCRETE (MIL)
1	KIGOMA	3.83	1,340.50	2,106.50	5,553.50				
2	MWANZA	19.00	6,650.70	10,451.10	27,552.90				
3	RUKWA	0.35	122.50	192.50	507.50				
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23.18</b>	<b>8,113.70</b>	<b>12,750.10</b>	<b>33,613.90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

# 3. DESIGN PROCEDURES

## a. Preliminary assessment

- ❖ Taking GPS Coordinated
- ❖ Hydrology (Flood, discharge, river profile, risk of erosion, etc)
- ❖ Site characteristics – Soil type, river bank condition. Sub-soil - test pits to assess bearing capacity
- ❖ Economic & social importance – road to market, school, hospital
- ❖ Two types used to decide – Roman and segmental arches



Source: Dequeker  
Paul, Architect



### 3. Design Procedures

#### b. Geotechnical investigation

#### c. Hydrology And Hydraulic Analysis

Method used to assess and to determine the peak discharge ( $Q$  m<sup>3</sup>/s Maximum are;

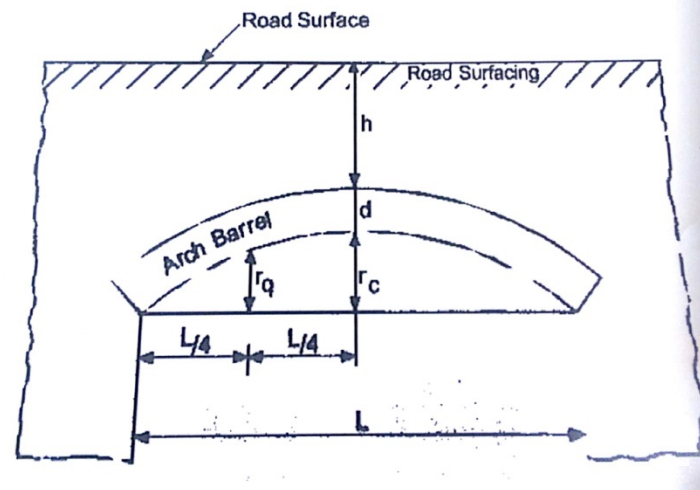
- Rational method (For small catchment area up to 10km<sup>2</sup>)
- Transport and Road Research Laboratory (TRRL) East African Flood Model (EAFM) (For larger catchment areas from above 10km<sup>2</sup>)

#### d. Loading and strength analysis

- MEXE method (Military Engineering Experimental Establishment, UK)

Archie-M and RING Software

GEOMETRIC FEATURES OF MASONRY ARCH





## 4. Socio - Economic Impact



- Economic – Access to market and storage  
Agriculture produce maize, sunflower, rice, cassava, banana etc  
Price
- Socially – Access to schools, Hospital, Dispensary, churches, mosque  
Reduces death rate

# 5. PROJECT ROLL-OUT ACROSS TANZANIA

## **Actions taken to date:**

- a). TARURA presented the program on the ARMFA EA Focal Group Technical Workshop 17th – 19th September 2019, Zanzibar
- b). TARURA presented the program on Annual Engineers Day conducted from 3-5 February 2020 Mwanza
- c). TARURA presented the program on Annual Engineers Day conducted from 01 – 03 Sept. 2021, JKCC – DODOMA
- d). TARURA presented the program on Annual Engineers Day conducted from 22 – 23 Sept. 2022, JKCC – DODOMA
- e). According to the assessment conducted in November 2021 by Dr. Adrienn Tomor, our bridges are built to a very high standard can stay for more than 100 years.

- To incorporate in donor funded project  
**RISE project – 32 stone arch bridges**
  - ❖ Ruvuma Region
    - Madaba District – 15m span – 1NO
  - ❖ Morogoro Region
    - Mrimba District – 15m span – 1No
    - Morogoro District – 30m span – 1No
    - Gairo District – 25m span – 1No
  - ❖ Manyara Region
    - Kiteto District – 30m span – 1No

- To incorporate in donor funded project - **Cont.**

- ❖ Dodoma Region

- Mpwapwa District – 30m span – 1NO

- ❖ Mara Region

- Serengeti District – 30m span – 1No

- ❖ Rukwa Region

- Karambo District – 50m span – 1No

- Sumbawanga – 20m span – 1No

- ❖ Tabora Region

- Sikonge District – 5m span @ – 8Nos Culvert

- To incorporate in donor funded project - **Cont.**
  - ❖ Arusha Region
    - Longido District– 5m span @ – 4Nos Culvert
  - ❖ Tanga Region
    - Korogwe TC – 10m span – 1No
    - Korogwe DC – 20M span – 1No
    - Bumbuli District – 20m span – 1No
    - Muheza District – 6m span – 1No
  - ❖ Katavi Region
    - Tanganyika District – 20m span – 1No
  - ❖ Tabora Region
    - Sikonge District – 5m span @ – 8Nos Culvert



- To incorporate in donor funded project – **Cont.**

## ❖ Simiyu Region

- Maswa District
  - 12m span – 1No
  - 33m span – 1No
  - 25m span – 1No
- Meatu District – 52m span – 1No
- Bariadi District – 25m span – 1No
- Itilima District – 32m span – 1No
- Busega District – 75m span – 1No

TACTIC projects – 15 stone arch bridges

UNDER DISCUSSION

Inhouse projects – 80 stone arch Bridges

**2023/2024 – output 127 SONE ARCH BRIDGES**

# **TARURA PLAN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023**

- Tshs. 2,062,800,000 committed in 2018 for construction of 100 bridges in Kigoma region by June 2023, to date 103 completed and 8 ongoing
- Tshs. 687,600,000 committed for capacity building in the financial year 2022/2023
  - ✓ 5 regions (5 demo bridges will be constructed, 1 per selected region)
  - ✓ Training for masons and engineers / center of excellence Kigoma

## **International**

- Network UCL (University College of London) – Agreed exchange programme.

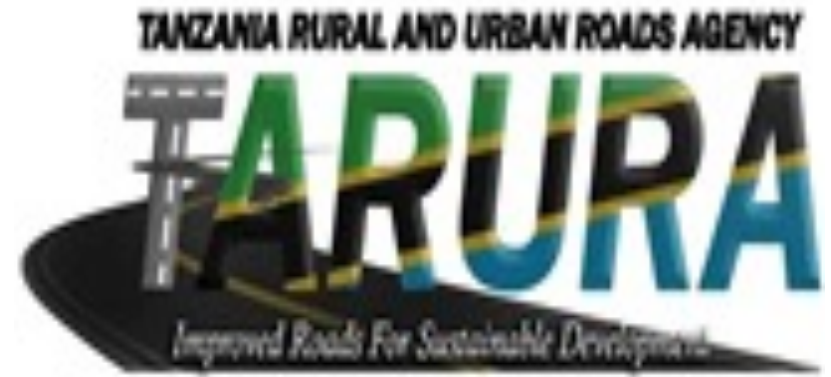
## **6. CHALLENGES AND THE WAYFORWARD**

### **CHALLENGES**

1. Lack of Stone masons

### **WAYFORWARD**

1. To conduct Training in collaborating with VETA



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KUFIKA KUSIKOFIKIKA**

**AHSANTENI KWA  
KUNISIKILIZA**





Rubumba



Kidahwe



Lugufu



Mkwanga

## Stone Arch Bridges Kigoma Region



Msingi bridge 45m span –  
Mkalama District



Miganga bridge 28m  
long – Mkalama District



Mwangeza – Ikolo – Endasik  
Bridge 30m long Singida



Nyabigufa stone arch  
bridge 32m long Kigoma





**Chankabwimba stone arch bridge 25.3m long Kigoma**



**Igambiro – Igombe Stone Arch Bridge 32m long Tabora**



**Kazima – Inara Stone Arch Bridge 16.4m Long TABORA**



**Nyabula Stone Arch Bridge 15m Long Iringa**



# PHILLIPS BRICK ARCH BRIDGE 10M LONG IRINGA





# MWANZA STONE PAVED ROADS



**Barabara ya BUGANDO 2.5km**



**Barabara ya Ibungilo 800m**



**Barabara ya Karume - Kifua Wazi 1km**



**Barabara ya Mwenge 650m**