Dar Es Salaam (Jan. 22) – Executive Director of Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT), Rev. Dr. Peter Bujari, has announced that they have joined ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership, becoming the 13th partner in the group whose membership already stretches across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. Bujari will join his first Leadership Group meeting to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, January 31 to February 1, 2018. The Leadership Group is the governing body of ACTION, made up of the heads of each member institution.

“It’s a great privilege to join the ACTION partnership,” Bujari said. “We will help to build the global network of champions, responsive institutions, and engaged communities needed to sustain political will and political action on global health. Here in Tanzania, we will support the Government’s overall goal of reaching all households with essential health and social services.”

ACTION Global Health Advocacy priorities mirrors those of HDT in Tanzania. Priorities are End the Epidemics, Healthy Start, Equitable and Sustainable Systems. To make impact on these areas HDT and ACTION partners advocacy will target three areas namely Resources, Policies and Accountability.

“It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome HDT to ACTION,” said Leadership Group Chair and Executive Director of KANCO, Allan Ragi. “As we advance our work in Tanzania, we very much look forward to working with HDT on health issues across ACTION priority areas.”

Ragi said HDT’s mission is strongly aligned with the advocacy work of ACTION, and that they are particularly well positioned to complement ongoing work in in Tanzania and East Africa overall, and contribute to ACTION’s global goals, including advocating for investments in effective health services for the poorest and most underserved people, and pushing for policy changes toward improved outcomes in child health, nutrition, infectious disease treatment, and sustainable health systems.

ACTION is a partnership of 13 locally rooted organizations around the world that advocate together to build political will and increase investments for global health. We work as equal partners to bring together efforts across borders to increase investments and build political support for global health. Over the last six years alone, ACTION partners have helped bring $9.8 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria; $5 billion for Gavi, the Vaccines Alliance, to support poor countries in immunizing half a billion children in 2015; and $3 billion for the long-neglected fight against undernutrition since 2013.

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In Tanzania this partnership will support the Government of Tanzania initiative to achieve overall goal of Health Sector Strategic Framework of reaching all households with essential health and social services.

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