

## **Micheveni FM, Zanzibar**

Micheveni FM was installed in 2009. In a Box Innovations supplied the equipment, under a UNESCO project managed by the UNESCO Office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. According to the Executive Secretary of the Zanzibar Broadcasting Commission, at that time the residents of the Micheveni area were living in very difficult conditions. They were on food aid from the Government; they were among the lowest in immunisation levels making them vulnerable to disease. The typical home was a mud hut.

The Micheveni community radio, since its inception, broadcast programmes to reverse this situation. There were programmes on agriculture, health, environment in addition to entertainment.

The result of these programmes had been very dramatic. The Executive Secretary, explained that in 2011, the food aid could be cut off as the local food production had increased and became self-sufficient in food. Immunisations levels are now among the highest in the region. He also said that brick houses are being built showing an improvement in the quality of their lives.

