



## Tanzania impresses UN chief Ban Ki Moon

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United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has said Tanzania has made significant headway in spearheading the green revolution and boosting primary school enrolment.

In a just-released report on the organisation's activities, tabled to ongoing session of the UN General Assembly, the UN chief said Tanzania had made encouraging progress alongside Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda.

"I am particularly impressed by the achievements of African states for launching green revolution and raising agricultural productivity," he noted in the 70-page report.

The UN boss also said Tanzania was one among African countries whose Millennium villages initiatives have shown that community leadership and integrated strategies to make Millennium Development Goals work can produce dramatic results.

Tanzania's Millennium villages are located at Mbola in Uyui District on the mainland and Micheweni on Pemba Island.

However, Ban Ki Moon expressed concern over reluctance by developed countries to meet their obligation of raising their official development aid to Africa by 2010.

He said that, despite the commitment to the continent, there has since 2004 been a noticeable rise only with regard to debt relief and humanitarian aid.

The UN chief said that no country in sub-Saharan Africa has received the promised resources to implement the national development strategies meant to help achieve the MDGs.

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