

When interviewed about his priorities for Tarime, Dr. Akiri said, "Church growth through intensive evangelism and bible based teaching for all shall be a top priority for us in Tarime. We shall also focus on empowerment/capacity building for clergy both in terms of training and improvement of living standards. Peace building programmes among the Wakuria clans shall also be our priority, as well as community development programmes for all the people living within the Diocese of Tarime, namely Tarime district, regardless of their religious or political affiliation". He adds, "In a young diocese such as Tarime with very little human and financial resources at our disposal, we are well aware that we would not achieve much without the support of the local and international partners. I therefore invite all individuals, parishes, dioceses and organizations to join us in Tarime, by sending us any resources (human and financial). My promise to any potential partner is that whatever resources we get shall be utilized well and faithfully, with impact and tangible results at the core of our activities. We shall plan well before we embark on any actual programmes, be they for evangelism, empowerment, and community development programmes. There is no doubt that the challenges ahead are enormous. However, as ever the Lord God will be our guide and our strength"