

ANKER LIVING WAGE REFERENCE VALUE UPDATE 2023¹

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LIVING WAGE
JUNE 2023 TZS 462,868 (199 USD)

This report updates the Anker Living Wage Reference Value for urban Tanzania to 2023. The living wage reference value was originally estimated at TZS 425,608 in 2020². The updated value takes into account the inflation accumulated in the country from June 2020 to June 2023 (12.04%)³. The value updated to 2023 is TZS 462,868 (199 USD), and comprises a net living wage of TZS 404,855 (USD 174) and social security and income tax payments for TZS 58,013 (USD 25). Without accounting for inflation, the living income estimated in 2020 would not be sufficient for families to have a basic but decent standard of living in 2023, because the purchasing power of the living income would have decreased.

Table 1. Anker Living Wage Reference Value for urban Tanzania, 2020, 2022 and 2023 (in TZS and USD)

	Original estimate 2020		June 2022		June 2023	
	TZS	USD	TZS	USD	TZS	USD
Anker Living Wage Reference Value (1)	361,338	158	390,947	168	404,855	174
Social Security Contributions and Income Tax (2)	64,270	28	55,124	24	58,013	25
Anker Gross Living Wage Reference Value (1)+(2)	425,608	186	446,071	192	462,868	199
Exchange Rate	2,292 ^a		2,329 ^b		2,323 ^c	
Inflation since June 2020			8.19%		12.04%	

Notes: USD values are indicative only, since exchange rates are volatile.

^a Exchange rate taken from the original report.

^b Average exchange rate from 2022 update report (May 2022 to July 2022).

^c Average exchange rate for June 2023.

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² Smith, Prates, Anker and Anker (2020). Anker Living Wage Reference Value – Urban Tanzania, 2020.

³Tanzania CPI used in the estimation: <https://data.imf.org/regular.aspx?key=61015892> and <https://www.nbs.go.tz/index.php/en/consumer-price-index-cpi>