

## Abbreviations

MCH	Maternal and child health
TBA	Traditional birth attendant
TSH	Tanzanian shilling
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund (formerly United Nations Fund for Population Activities)
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization

### A Note on the Buying Power of the Tanzanian Shilling

When I began my fieldwork in July 1992, one U.S. dollar was equivalent to 385 Tanzanian shillings. By the end of my fieldwork two years later in July 1994, one U.S. dollar bought 500 Tanzanian shillings. The official government minimum wage in 1992 was 5,000 TSH per month. In the last six months of my fieldwork, this minimum wage was doubled to 10,000 TSH.

To give a sense of how some of the health-care costs listed throughout this book translate into local economic terms, below I provide a list of the approximate costs of some basic food and nonfood items. Prices of some of the food items fluctuated from 1992 through 1994 according to their availability and quality.

Kilo of meat	350–400 TSH
Kilo of beans	150–200 TSH
One chicken	300–600 TSH
Kilo of peanuts	200–300 TSH
Kilo of corn or millet flour	150–200 TSH
Kilo of rice	200–300 TSH
Meal at local food establishment	200–400 TSH

Liter of milk	50–100 TSH
Bottled beer	300–400 TSH
Bottled soft drink	150–200 TSH
Liter of kerosine	150–200 TSH
Liter of gasoline	190–320 TSH
Bus fare of one-hour trip	400–500 TSH
Bicycle	25,000–30,000 TSH