



TANZANIA



Abeid Amani Karume (AAKIA), Pemba, Nungwi

Key figures

 Technical service agreement (TSA) period
10 years

 Start of TSA
2021

The Zanzibar archipelago is served by two airports: Abeid Amani Karume (AAKIA) International Airport, on the main island of Unguja, and Pemba Domestic Airport, on the secondary island of the same name. To the north of Unguja is Nungwi Airport, an airfield currently used by a private company for tandem parachute jumps.

The airports are managed by the Zanzibar Airports Authority (ZAA), a government agency under the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport.

Today, AAKIA and Pemba serve over 32 destinations and 17 countries, via 26 airlines. They welcomed over two million passengers in 2024. Tourism remains at the heart of the archipelago's economy. Traffic is highly seasonal, with a peak from July to October, while domestic traffic with the mainland accounts for a significant proportion of business (34%).



Key assets

- Most of Zanzibar's economic activity is generated by services (nearly 50%), in particular tourism (30% of GDP and 30,000 jobs), agriculture (35%) and industry (15%)
- France, Poland, Germany and Italy are Zanzibar's main tourist markets
- In addition to tourism, Zanzibar is keen to expand into IT services

Airport infrastructure

	AAKIA	PEMBA
Runway dimension	3,022 x 45 m	1,525 x 45 m
Pavement type	bitumen	bitumen
Number of terminals	3	1
Handling capacity	3,200,000 passengers/year	260,000 passengers/year
Number of parking spaces	393	70

The Nungwi airfield has one open space used as a departure area and a compacted gravel runway measuring 2,000 x 30 m

EGIS KNOW-HOW

Egis and its partner African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM), via a joint subsidiary (SEGAP), are supporting the Zanzibar Airport Authority in the development and management of AAKIA and Pemba airports, through a technical assistance contract.

A team of experienced executives has been put in place to play a key role in the deployment of ZAA's strategic plan. They are providing:

- assistance with overall performance (operational, technical, financial)
- compliance support for operations
- maintenance and technical services
- business development support
- staff skills enhancement
- new infrastructure development.



Recent achievements

AAKIA

- A new 21,153 m² passenger terminal (Terminal 3) for international traffic was inaugurated in 2020 at Abeid Amani Karume Airport, comprising six aircraft stands, four walkways and 27 check-in counters
- Construction and expansion of Terminal 2
- Construction of a business centre
- Refurbishment of Terminal 1 and conversion into a VIP terminal
- Construction of new offices for the public operator ZAA
- Construction of two JETA1 and AVGAS fuelling stations
- Construction of a General aviation departure Terminal
- Upgrading the approach lightning system from SALS to CAT I
- Implementation of CMMS
- Implementation of AIRLINK operational resources management

PEMBA

- Extension of runway
- Refurbishment and extension of terminal
- Creation of new aircraft stands (code C)

NUNGWI

- Project underway to transform the airfield

Future projects and investments

AAKIA

- Construction of Terminal Building 4
- Creation of a bridge connecting Terminal Building 2 and 3
- Construction of a new ICAO-compliant fire station to replace the two existing stations
- Relocation of the control tower
- Construction of a fourth fuelling station
- Upgrading / refurbishment of apron and taxiways
- Upgrading of the airport's perimeter wall to ICAO standards

- Construction of one JETA1 and AVGAS fuelling stations

PEMBA

- Refurbishment and extension of movement area
- Refurbishment and extension of terminal
- Creation of new aircraft stands (code C)

Key figures

2019

1,609,235

2021

1,358,492

2022

1,835,916

2023

2,045,624

2024

2,463,234

66,393

46,120

57,207

58,936

69,638

2,538

2,655

2,880

3,838

4,566

PASSENGERS

MOVEMENTS

FREIGHT
(TONNES)

Priorities

- Modernise airport infrastructure and structure the operation of all activities
- Provide high quality safety and security services in line with international standards
- Develop traffic and passenger services

Awards & certifications



2023: ASQ Award (Airport Service Quality), best airport under 2 million passengers in Africa

Optimising operational processes

- Optimisation of flight slot allocation based on infrastructure capacity
- Review and validation of regulatory documentation (aerodrome manual, procedures and emergency plan)
- Optimisation of standard operating procedures (creation of an internal communication network, role and missions of operational teams)
- Structuring the safety management system and creation of an animal control department
- Regular inspections of aeronautical pavements
- Creation and implementation of a global maintenance strategy (corrective and preventive actions)