

# TUWAPENDE WATOTO



## Dear Friends and Donors,

In August, Philipp Rahm a reporter from TELE TOP (a private Swiss television station) visited us. He spent two weeks at the orphanage and quickly became a popular member of our Tuwapende Watoto family. He was able to impressively record short reports about the orphanage, the school, the nursery school, the road to school and the vocational school for the TOP FOKUS programs. The informative reports about our activities in Tanzania as well as a 30-minute documentary can be viewed on our new homepage or on [www.toponline.ch](http://www.toponline.ch). On behalf of the board of trustees and all those involved, I would like to thank the management of TELE TOP, all employees, in particular Philipp Rahm, for the opportunity to present the sustainable development of our projects to a broad audience free of charge.

## Orphanage Report

- Prisca successfully completed her business studies. We are very happy that we were able to help Prisca to successfully finish these studies.
- Emmanuel finished his fourth secondary school grade at the beginning of November with the National Exam. This final exam is very important for his future plans. He has always been a reliable and diligent student and we are now waiting eagerly for his exam results.
- Also this year, three of our Tuwapende Watoto children completed the National Exam and finished the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Kelvina and Zawadi passed the interview at Baobab Secondary School and Julius was accepted at Ghome Secondary School. All three will complete a preliminary course for the first secondary school year for two months, starting in January 2019.
- Eliza, Vanessa, Aisha and Gabriel are preparing for the 4th grade national exam, which will take place at the end of November. The children were well prepared at school and at home. The older siblings and our volunteers helped them with their studying.
- The grid fence surrounding our orphanage area is in poor condition. Repairing this fence is costly and not a permanent solution. The board of trustees decided to replace the fence step by step with a wall. This will enhance the safety for our children, employees and visitors.



The primary school Tuwapende Watoto from a bird's eye view, in the background are the buildings of the orphanage.





In an impressive way, the nursery pupils talked about the different food in Tanzania and their nutritional values.



The nursery students delighted the audience with a great feeling for the music and successful dancing.

- The water supply in the orphanage once again caused a lot of issues this year. We had the underground water tank repaired, the inner walls sealed and the water pumps replaced. Again and again we had to dig for broken water pipes. We are very grateful to the company PLASCO LTD from Dar es Salaam for their generosity to replace all water pipes in the orphanage area for free. We sincerely thank them for this great and much appreciated support.
- The additional house with separate rooms and toilet facilities for the older girls and boys, which is locally called „dormitory“, will soon be finished. During the December holidays, the Tuwapende Watoto children who attend secondary school will be able to move into their new bedrooms. We would like to thank all participants of the Tuwapende Golf Charity Trophy and other private donors, who enabled us to build this building. We succeeded in creating a functional building in which our teenagers and young adults will feel at home.

### School

- Again in July, the popular football tournament of the help2kids foundation took place. This year our teams were well equipped. We would like to thank Sophia, the Gregory family and Geni Müller for the new soccer jerseys. Our teachers and the students were very enthusiastic! The two teams played very well, the girls finished third in the tournament and the boys lost only in the final. We are proud of our dedicated teams and the teachers who accompanied the children during the preparations and on the tournament day.
- On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September the 7<sup>th</sup> grade National Exams took place. These examinations involve a lot of organization for the head teacher and a good cooperation with the Department of Education is required. I am very glad that our head teacher, Emmaculate Mleke, masters this work perfectly and is well networked. We can all be very proud of the exam results. Our students completed very good exams. This shows us once again that we are heading in the right direction and that our children, without physical violence, are well prepared by our teachers and our head teacher for the National Exam and for the other schools. Our school ranked 614 out of 6,726 schools in the nationwide National Exams and is once again the best school in the district.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the school organized a big school festival for the fifth time. Approximately 1200 guests attended this successful celebration. In different subjects learned school material was presented and explained to parents and visitors. Later, all stages from nursery school to seventh grade class entertained the audience with dance, songs and theater, before the guests of honor handed the certificates and awards to the seventh grade students. Also the children of the „Pre Unit Class“ received a certificate, which entitles them to start the first primary school class in January 2019. All visitors were allowed to enjoy a festive meal at the end. I congratulate all employees and apprentices on this exemplary organization.
- For the students of the fourth grade, the National Exam will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a tough year for the fourth graders. They had fewer vacations and attended classes on Saturday mornings. They are now well prepared for the exams. We wish them good luck!
- The Tuwapende Watoto Nursery School and Primary School have become well known throughout the Dar es Salaam area in recent years. In Bunju B and the neighboring villages we can observe a large construction activity. Especially many families move to our area. We do not have enough classrooms to meet the huge demand for vacancies in our classes. The head teacher, Emmaculate Mleke, would be very happy if we were able to accommodate more children and thus also to train more children from needy families. On our school premises there is the possibility to build another school building. The Board of Trustees decided to create the required classrooms to teach three classes per year in the future. We are in the planning stage with our architect and will start building additional classrooms next year.



The children have pen pals with students from Switzerland:  
With great joy, they return letters from Swiss school classes.



The graduates showed happily their rehearsed dance.



Grade one students are very proud to show their English skills to parents  
and visitors.



66 nursery students and 33 primary school grade 7 students received their  
certificate.



Secondary school graduation form four for Emmanuel took place on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of September 2018. Together with mama Selina he was very glad about his  
certificate.



Philipp Rahm, the reporter from TELE TOP, connected to our orphans very  
quickly. Thanks to his initiative, we were able to present our foundation  
to the viewers of TELE TOP free of charge.



The football tournament from the foundation help2kids:  
Our girls proudly wore the new Tuwapende Watoto football dresses  
and earned the third final rank.



Football tournament from the foundation hel2kids:  
The boys were very excited about the new football uniform and  
reached the final match.

### Vocational School

- Again and again, volunteers with professional experience support us during a volunteer assignment. Reinhold Dänzer, a trained baker, accompanied the baker's teacher and the apprentices during his six-week stay. Based on locally available ingredients, he created new bakery products, taught efficient work, the calculation of prices for external orders, etc. He also prepared the delivery for the Swiss Embassy on 1<sup>st</sup> August together with the apprentices. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, we were allowed to bake bread rolls, party breads and biscuits for the Swiss National Holiday celebration in the Swiss residence. Ambassador Florence Tinguely-Mattli is convinced of our primary and vocational school. Philipp Rahm, reporter for TELE TOP, was allowed to interview her. The interview was broadcast on August 14<sup>th</sup> during the TV show TOP TALK on TELE TOP.
- Bänz Gartenmann, a trained chef, was also able to make a big difference to our baker and food production apprentices. Together, they cooked wonderful meals with local products and the apprentices learned to decorate and present the dishes.
- We look forward to further support from professionals who would like to pass on their knowledge and experience in our various apprenticeships.
- We are pleased to hear stories like the one of our gardener apprentice Yusuf, who completed his gardening apprenticeship last December and has now found employment with an international company. He can use his great knowledge as a consultant. We are all very proud of him.
- In June and July, our second-year apprentices did an internship. We received good reports from the internships. Two gardener apprentices were even allowed to travel to Moshi and work on a large project supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The responsible persons were very satisfied with the work of our apprentices and invited them after completing their apprenticeship for another internship.
- Once again we had to wait a long time for the building permit and unfortunately could not start building the next building until October. Next year, we will be offering two-year apprenticeships for computer scientists, plumbers and hairdressers.
- We decided to build a small shop on our campus. In the future, we want to offer baked goods, vegetables, fruits, bags, etc. in a small shop, in order to generate our own income and to prepare the apprentices for an independent future. By running the shop, they will learn a lot about customer-oriented production, determining product prices, assuming personal responsibility, promoting quality, cleanliness and punctuality.
- Advertising for the 2019 apprenticeships is currently in the spotlight. We are in good spirits to be able to record rising numbers of apprentices in the coming year.
- All classes are currently working on the preparation for the National Exam, which will take place in December. It is not just about practical knowledge – subjects such as mathematics, English, and accounting are also examined.

### Golf tournament 2019

Stéphane Rapin from the Payerne Golf Club will host our popular Tuwapende Golf Charity Trophy for the tenth time on Monday, May 6, 2019. We are very much looking forward to this anniversary and are extremely grateful to Stéphane for his generosity and kindness.





Our highly motivated bakery apprentices and their teacher bake 1<sup>st</sup> of August bread rolls, party breads and biscuits for the guests of the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam.



The horticulture apprentices diligently prepare for the National Examination after completing a highly successful internship in Moshi, in the north of Tanzania.



Yusuf, one of our former horticultures apprentices, proudly explained his work in a greenhouse he had built.



Our volunteers teach French for the bakers/food production apprentices. This improves the chance for a good job for the learners.



Beautifully prepared and nicely presented, Riz Casimir and beef stew with homemade croquettes and ratatouille as directed by our volunteer Bänz Gartenmann.



Our volunteer Reinhold Dänzer, together with our bakery apprentices, created new baked goods with local ingredients, taught how to work efficiently and how to calculate sales prices, etc.



Our additional house for the big Tuwapende Watoto children will be ready for occupation in December 2018.



We thank all volunteers for their tireless efforts for the benefit of the children of the orphanage and the school.

### Friends' Association Tuwapende Watoto Germany

After a long time, we could finally establish the Friend's association Tuwapende Watoto Germany e.V. (registered society) and we received the official registration. We are very pleased that it will soon be possible to donate in Germany to Tuwapende Watoto's projects in Tanzania. We will publish information about the account details on our website.

### Many thanks

During the school celebration in September, the guests of honor and numerous parents thanked the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation for the profound education of their children, the support from Switzerland and the good infrastructure. I would like to share these acknowledgements with all our donors. Without you, it would not be possible to run our popular school. We would like to sincerely thank our numerous private donors, the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation, the Dr. Rau Foundation, the Wyler-Anderson Foundation and IMS Sport AG. Thanks to you we can support children and young adults and provide them with a good education.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the ambassadors, the children and the staff in Tanzania, I would like to sincerely thank you for the trust you have placed in us. Your donations are used economically, rationally and purposefully.



We wish you and your families all the best for the upcoming Advent and Christmas holidays and the coming year.

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With kind regards,

Ruth Bütikofer, president of the board of trustees

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