

# TUWAPENDE WATOTO

## Dear Friends and Donors of the Foundation Tuwapende Watoto,

The corona virus Sars-CoV-2 was also introduced by travellers in Tanzania. We can only guess what this will mean for the poor country with its often-precarious sanitary installations and for the poorly fed children and adults.

The schools have been closed since mid-March, education about the pandemic is in progress. Hand disinfectants are now available everywhere. At our nursery, primary school, and vocational school, the children and young adults were very well informed on how to protect themselves and their families from the corona virus. Our teachers prepared workbooks for all classes so that all pupils are supported during this time off school.

It was suddenly quieter on the otherwise busy roads in Dar es Salaam and its surroundings. Many people are now staying at home with their children. Also, in Tanzania, many shops are suffering from the pandemic. Many people can afford healthy meals anymore. After the crisis, even fewer children will have the opportunity to attend school.

We decided to pay all employees their normal salary on time until further notice. We will also show understanding for those parents who cannot pay the school fees for their children at the agreed time. After the Corona pandemic, we want all children of the nursery and primary school as well as the young adults of the vocational school to be able to attend classes again and enjoy everyday school life.



It was a great honor to welcome Mr. Peter Marti, President of Dr. Rau Foundation, mid-February 2020 in Bunju B. During the tour through all facilities, Mr. Marti could convince himself of our aid organization. The children thanked Mr. Marti for the generous support during a warm-hearted celebration.

## Orphanage

- Currently 29 orphans and three mamas live in our orphanage. The children are lovingly cared for, supported and fed healthily by our mamas. 18 children attend our nursery and primary school, nine teenagers are at external secondary schools and two are studying at the university in Dar es Salaam.
- In the last six months we were also able to benefit from volunteer work. In the children's home, volunteers supported the mamas from morning to night and in the nursery and primary school the teachers were relieved and individual children were supported.
- In November 2019, Didier completed the fourth secondary school class with the National Examination with a good grade. We are all very happy for Didier, he can now attend the fifth and sixth secondary school class at Baobab Secondary School and graduate in two years.



On the occasion of a school project, Olivia Gregory from England designed and organized a flag for our school with our logo and motto. Olivia personally handed over the flag in February 2020. We would like to thank Olivia Gregory and her parents.



Common walks, get homework done, assistance in the kitchen, in nursery and primary school as well as in vocational school! Many thanks to all volunteers for their valued commitment.

- Also in November, Peter, Christopher, and Luqman successfully passed the national exams of the fourth primary school grade. Thanks to a good preparation at school and at home and a good portion of ambition, the three boys wrote very good exams.
- Emanuel will finish secondary school in mid 2021 and we are convinced that his current performance will enable him to make his desired leap to university.
- Bahati is 18 years old and writes: *I am attending the fourth grade of Baobab Secondary School and preparing for the business high school. I love my subjects and work hard for them. At my school, the exams are very demanding. This is good, it helps me to pass the national exams at the end of the year. Due to the Corona virus pandemic, the schools are currently closed and we are all at home. I miss my school and the teaching of the subjects I like very much. I use the time at home to study. I hope that the pandemic will be over soon and that I can attend classes again and continue working on the projects. After my studies of economics I would like to open my own business or work as an accountant.*
- In January 2020 we were able to connect the children's home and the school to the public water supply. We really appreciate this milestone! It is a great relief to have enough clean water available. Running water makes everyday life much easier for the mothers in the children's home and the staff of the school kitchen. Rainwater is still collected and used, mainly for cleaning the buildings and watering the plants.

## Nursery school and primary school

- We owe the recognition of our school not least to the very good performance of our students at the national exams. In November 2019, our two fourth classes achieved an excellent result. For the average of all subjects, 37 children received the grade A, 21 children the grade B and 2 children the grade C, on the scale A to D. I would like to thank the headmistress and the teachers, who prepared the children conscientiously and seriously for the exams. According to our school motto: „Education for a bright future“.
- Our new primary school building with eight additional classrooms, a teacher's room and a multi-purpose room could be handed over to the school at the beginning of the year. We are very pleased with our new school building with a good infrastructure, which helps us to offer optimal teaching and to accept more children at our school.
- In January 2020 we started with 697 students in nursery and primary school and now teach the first and second grade with three parallel classes. Gradually we will have more grades with three parallel classes.
- Our headmistress, Emmaculate, is in contact with 17 children from families in need of support, who can also count on the help of Tuwapende Watoto during secondary school. She hands out money for transport, food, uniform and school material. She is in contact with the headmasters of the secondary schools and visits them personally if necessary. It is important to us that these young people finish secondary school after four years and that they can complete a vocational training at our vocational school.
- Five young employees of netpulse AG from Winterthur joined our team to teach computer science to children in a developing country. In cooperation with Lukas Nauer, manager and owner of netpulse AG, and our Tuwapende Watoto ambassador Jo Zahner, an outreach in Tanzania in mid-November was organized for Sophia, Nina, Fabienne, Stefanie and Marcel and guest rooms were





In November, the Tuwapende Watoto family celebrated the confirmation of Kevin. He joined Tuwapende Watoto as a three years old boy. The Mamas are proud of their son. He became a helpful and hardworking boy.



Thanks to our new school building, we can now accept more children in our school and gradually divide the students into three classes per year. Sincere thanks are given to our donors for the favorable new building.

reserved in the children's home. Together with our computer science teacher they created a timetable for the fifth and sixth grades, a total of 132 students. The employees of netpulse AG not only have a broad knowledge of computer science, they also knew how to put together an intensive course full of playful work on the laptops. We are very grateful to them for the great commitment and the great responsibility they took on every day. Our students raved about these unique and interesting computer science lessons. Our headmistress and the computer science teacher were also enthusiastic. A big thanks goes to Lukas Nauer, netpulse AG, who generously financed the flight to Dar es Salaam for his employees and granted paid holidays for a large part of the week.

#### **A thank you from our headmistress Emmaculate Mleke:**

*Dear Friends and Donors of Tuwapende Watoto,*

*We are very happy for your support! Thanks to your donations, pupils between the ages of 3 and 14 will receive a good nursery and primary school education, which they would not be able to receive without the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation.*

*You enable us to teach at a well organized school with an exemplary infrastructure. We are all proud to work at this school.*

*During their education at Tuwapende Watoto Vocational School, young adults acquire many skills and learn to deal with the difficulties in life. We are all very grateful!*

#### **Vocational school**

- Every year, the Swiss Embassy in Dar es Salaam organizes a St. Nicholas celebration on 6th of December for the Swiss inhabitants of Tanzania. Also, last December our apprentices were allowed to bake Grättibäntze (a Swiss specialty), Christmas cookies and butter plaits for this occasion. We were also allowed to take orders from guests in advance and make them available for sale. Thanks to the good quality of our products we were able to acquire a new important customer on this occasion. The general manager of Swiss International Airlines in Dar es Salaam entrusted us with two major orders for the employees and the best customers of Swiss. The team in our bakery was rightly proud of their work. The production of butter pastries with the hot temperatures in December is difficult and requires additional operations.
- The vocational school ended the school year on 8th of December 2019 with an impressive and colorful school closing ceremony. Eight electrician apprentices, three of them women, eleven baker apprentices (all women) and eight tailor apprentices (all women) happily received their apprenticeship certificate. The very good results of the national exams of our apprentices make us very happy and show us that we are on the right track. We are convinced that our well-trained specialists will find an interesting and secure employment. We will support them in their job search and remain in contact with them.
- More and more inhabitants of the area know our vocational school. We also use digital media and methods to make our offer more widely known. Nevertheless, we will have to continue our efforts over the next few years to achieve optimum utilization of the individual apprenticeships. In February, 117 apprentices in the first and second year of training started their apprenticeships as tailors, bakers / food production, electronic engineers, electricians, computer scientists, hairdressers and plumbers.
- In order to be able to guarantee the training of our apprentices and the deliveries of the bakery, we must be able to rely on a stable power





Five employees of netpulse AG decided to teach Computer Science to children in a developing country. The students worked very concentrated on their assignments.



The children, the headmistress and the teachers were thrilled by the unique immersion course. To express their gratitude to Sophia, Nina, Fabienne, Stefanie and Marcel they handed over a painting from the Tinga Tinga cooperative in Dar es Salaam during a small farewell ceremony.

supply. Unfortunately, the state of Tanzania does not have a reliable electricity network. Therefore we decided to purchase our own transformer. The transformer was installed in mid-March 2020 and guarantees us a stable power supply. This way we ensure that our apprentices are not disturbed by power failures in their lessons and during their practical activities.

- We are planning a solar technology course for our electrician and electronic engineer apprentices. As a first step we will train our electrician and electronic teachers. The course includes the production and assembly of simple solar panels, which will be of enormous help for families in rural areas. We are in contact with the Solafrica Foundation, which set up a solar technology training in Kenya. They are interested in supporting us in this project.
- Families who live in the vicinity of our vocational school visit our shop regularly. At the moment, there is great interest in our fresh bread and the Mandazi, a form of fried bread, as well as in our self-grown vegetables. Our birthday cakes are also very popular, they are baked to order. Gradually we will expand our offer.

## Golf tournament 2020

Due to the Corona pandemic we had to cancel this year's Tuwapende Golf Charity Trophy. We are delighted to invite you, dear golfers, to our next tournament in Payerne in May 2021.

## Förderverein e.V. Tuwapende Watoto Germany

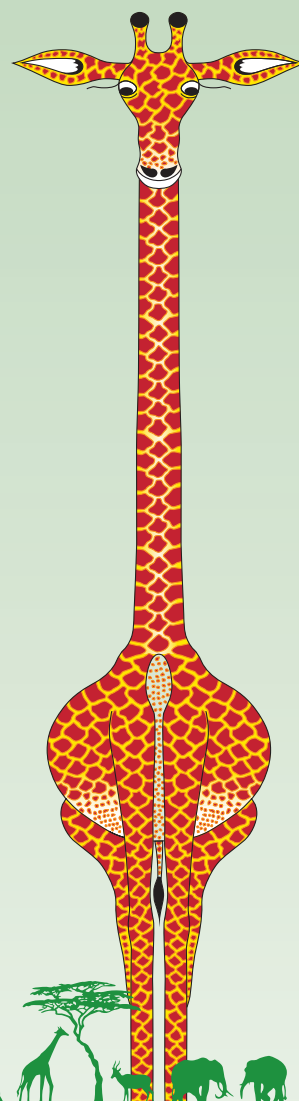
*We are pleased to be able to report a little from Germany. Now that all bureaucratic hurdles have been cleared and we have established an internal structure, we are pleased to be able to register the first donations on our association account. Since we are, unlike in Switzerland, organized as an association, friends of Tuwapende Watoto can become supporting members and of course be informed about new developments. In the future we would like to move closer together and take part in events together in order to make more and more people aware of Tuwapende Watoto and we are looking forward to ideas and suggestions! Of course we are limited in our scope of action due to the current situation, but we will always plan with a sense of proportion into the future. If you would like to contact us, receive more information about our activities or have any questions, please send us an e-mail to: [twdeutschland.info@gmail.com](mailto:twdeutschland.info@gmail.com).*

*We are looking forward to hearing from you!*

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*Ann-Kristin Schulz, president of the association*







Graduation at the vocational school: Guests of honor, family members and neighbors listen carefully to the presentation of the tailor apprentice.



Graduation at the vocational school: The electrician apprentices proudly demonstrate their water pump station.

### The current situation

Thanks to the possibilities of digital communication I am in contact almost daily with the manageress of the children's home, the headmistress of the school, the coordinator of the vocational school, the NGO members, the architect etc. Our headmistress represents me at important meetings. We do not yet know exactly how the area of Bunju B will be affected by the Corona virus. However, a wave of even greater poverty has already begun. Hotels without tourists are laying off their employees, who now have to survive this crisis without work, without earnings and without health insurance. Many families will suffer even more in this difficult economic situation and will not be able to buy enough food and medicine. The families supported by us can continue to count on us in this extraordinary time.

We have the painful duty to inform you about the passing away of our longtime NGO member Samwel Dyelu. He died on April 18th at the age of 62 years from the consequences of an operation. Samwel Dyelu had been working for the Foundation for about 10 years. With his personality, his skills and his network, he helped the Foundation with strategic and operational decisions. We could always rely on his good knowledge and relationships. With Samwel Dyelu we are losing a lovable and exemplary Foundation board member. He leaves a big gap in Tuwapende Watoto Tanzania.

### Many thanks

The aim of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation is to provide children in the children's home with good education and a safe home, to help children from families in need and to support young adults at vocational school and to accompany them on their way to independence in the long term. We are able to do this thanks to the long-standing and much appreciated support of our numerous private donors, the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation, the Dr. Rau Foundation, the Wyler Anderson Foundation, the Gertrude Hirzel Foundation, the Rotary Club Zurich-Airport, IMS Sport AG, netpulse AG, the Lions Club Meiringen Brienz and the association „Bildung gegen Armut“. Thank you very much for your great and invaluable help.

The Foundation Board is also very grateful for the great support of the Tuwapende Watoto ambassadors. Every year they spend many days of volunteer work in Switzerland and Tanzania in order to help our Foundation.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the ambassadors, the children and the staff in Tanzania, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the trust you have placed in us. Your donations will be used economically, rationally and purposefully.

With kind regards,

Ruth Bütikofer, president of the board of trustees

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