

TUWAPENDE WATOTO

The Tuwapende Watoto Foundation provides a bright future for disadvantaged children. Tuwapende Watoto means „we love children“. Following this philosophy, Tanzanian employees affectionately support the orphaned and abandoned children and accompany them on their way to independence.

It is our goal for our children to receive a good education, great schooling and to improve their quality of life sustainably.

The children's foundation was founded in 2005. Since 2010 the orphans live in buildings owned by the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation.

In order to provide orphans and neighborhood children the best education possible, the foundation runs its own day care, nursery and primary school as well as a vocational and education training center right next to the children's home.

More information about the foundation is available on: www.tuwapende-watoto.org



Education for a bright future

The Children's Home provides children with a loving home and allows them to grow up in a well-functioning community. With health prevention education and sustainability projects like our own solar system for power supply, a vegetable garden, fruit trees and chicken, the foundation improves the lives of the children and promotes their social and ecological expertise.



Since 2010, the foundation has run a Montessori nursery and since 2011 a primary school for children from the orphanage and from the surrounding villages right next to the children's home. As of January 2020, about 700 pupils are taught in our nursery and primary school. Around 20% are children from families who require financial support. We provide them an optimal education for a minor contribution to the school fees. We also set value of arts curriculum and sport and started teaching French from grade three.

Since January 2016, we take care of children from one and a half to three years old in our day care class. Also in the beginning of 2016 we opened a vocational education and training center. We help the primary and secondary school graduates by promoting their manual skills, instruct the technical understanding and convey general knowledge. Currently, we offer the following two-year apprenticeships with a dual education system: tailor, baker, gardener, electrician, electronics technician, hairdresser, computer scientist and plumber. We have the availability to train approximately 200 teenagers and young adults from our orphanage and the surrounding villages.

We currently have 90 employees. All are Tanzanian citizens with a state-approved diploma to conduct a day care center, a Montessori nursery, a primary school and a vocational education and training center and an orphanage.

Foundation Tuwapende Watoto

Tuwapende Watoto is a registered, charitable foundation based in Switzerland and a registered NGO in Tanzania. All foundation members and ambassadors are volunteer workers. Travelling costs are self-financed by the volunteers. Thanks to mainly voluntary work and an efficient organizational structure 99% (1% for administration costs for postage, audit and foundation supervision) of the donations are guaranteed to reach the children in Tanzania. The donations can be deducted from taxes throughout Switzerland.

Foundation Switzerland

The members of the Swiss foundation board are responsible for fundraising, strategic decisions, budget and cost controlling and support the operational work on site.

President

Ruth Buetikofer, retired head teacher / teacher and Swissair / Swiss flight attendant and instructor

Members

Stefan Kirchhofer; lic.iur. Partner of the ADROIT lawyers Zurich

Christina Gartenmann; pharmacist with postgraduate degree in business administration

International NGO in Tanzania

The board of Tuwapende Watoto Tanzania consists of the members Ruth Buetikofer (President), Margaret A. Mkandawire and Exavery Makwi, Christina Gartenmann and Beat Buetikofer. Mrs. Mkandawire worked as a director of a governmental orphanage in Dar es Salaam until her retirement. Mr. E. Makwi is a lawyer and director of credit at CRDB Bank in Dar es Salaam. The board members in Tanzania are responsible for the operational management and implementation of strategic decisions.

Ambassadors

To assist and support the foundation and to expand awareness of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation in the public the ambassadors Anna Angst (founding member), Kurt Angst, Chantal Detta, Alexa Smith, Caroline Rominger, Beat Buetikofer, Fabian Buetikofer, Jo Zahner, Fred Tschanz and Daniel Probst devote a large part of their spare time in order to ensure the further development of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation.

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How you can support Tuwapende Watoto

Thanks to your generous donations, Tuwapende Watoto is able to sustainably ensure the education of vulnerable children in Tanzania. The foundation guarantees a thorough use of your donation. Two newsletters a year as well as the annual financial statement inform all donors of the children's development and the running of the primary and vocational school. These and more information are available on www.tuwapende-watoto.org.

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