

TUWAPENDE WATOTO



Dear Friends and Donors of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation

On the occasion of the UN Summit in New York in the summer of 2022, information was provided about the immense numbers of children, adolescents, and young adults worldwide without school education. In Tanzania, for example, 22% of the population is out of school. I am happy that the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation is addressing this problem and offering many children, adolescents, and young adults in Bunju B and the surrounding villages a chance for a good education. Education is the basis for an independent life and a functioning society. UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay writes, „Without education, there is no development and no peace.”

The economy in Tanzania did not have much time to recover after the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the effects of the war in Ukraine are striking mercilessly for not only poor populations but the middle class as well. Many suffer from high inflation, massively increased prices of food and gasoline, and other cost increases. Our affordable school costs help families to have their children educated at our school even during this crisis.



The children's home

We are proud of the 29 children and young people entrusted to us at the Tuwapende Watoto Children's Home.

- Nevius completed his bachelor's studies with high scores on his final exam at the Institute of Finance and Management in August. He has applied to various banks and companies and was offered a position as an intern with the company „Dexter Insurance” in Dar es Salaam at the beginning of November.
- Jackson and Emmanuel finished their second and first respectively years at the university in Dar es Salaam with successful exams and started the new semester in September.
- Didier passed a good Matura examination in May 2022 and was able to apply for a place at one of the universities in Dar es Salaam. He started his studies at the T.I.A., Tanzanian Institute of Accountancy, at the beginning of October.
- Successful completion of the National Examination in the fourth grade of secondary school enables young people to attend college or vocational school or to graduate with two more years of secondary school (fifth and sixth grade) with the Matura.
- Martha decided to attend the Royal Montessori International College after fourth secondary school and started her two-year training as a nursery school teacher at the beginning of September.
- Nancy and Maria have attended fifth grade in secondary school at Baobab Secondary School since June.
- On October 15, Kelvina and Zawadi celebrated their graduation from the fourth grade at Baobab Secondary School. The girls enjoyed their big day with their mamas and siblings from the Tuwapende Watoto family. Following the graduation ceremony, the nationwide National Exam started on November 14 and lasted for two weeks.



- Julius celebrated with his mamas and siblings after the fourth grade at Ghome Secondary School. Julius wishes to start an education at our vocational school at the beginning of 2023.
- Peter, Luqman, and Christopher wrote the seventh-grade national exam on October 5 and 6 and graduated from primary school on October 16.
- Khadija, Vanessa, and Brighton are eligible to attend first grade beginning in January 2023. They celebrated their transition to primary school on October 16.



Nursery school and elementary school „Education for a bright future“.

Education is the key to success.

Since there was a census in Tanzania in August, the long vacation was moved from July to August. As a result, the second semester did not begin until September 5. The students could hardly wait for school to start!



My husband Beat, our foundation board member Christina Gartenmann and I were on site for two weeks in October. We are always delighted to see how happy the children are in nursery school and primary school and how well all the staff work together.

- On October 5 and 6, the national seventh-grade examinations were held throughout Tanzania. Our seventh-grade students were very well prepared by our teachers and they passed the exams with a lot of confidence. To prevent any misbehavior of the teachers, the school administration, and the children, the exams are always handed over to the school principal by the police at 5:00 am. Examination experts closely monitor the conduct of the examination days. In the evening, the exams are collected by the police. No one except the principal is allowed to enter the school premises.
- The 91 fourth-grade students took their National Exam on October 26 and 27, 2022, and they were also very well prepared for the exams. The good performance in the comparative exams with the schools in the Dar es Salaam district of Kinondoni also gave the children a lot of confidence.
- The annual school closing ceremony started on Sunday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m. with interesting presentations of the 6th grades in the subjects of science and professional skills. The traditional event was held for the eleventh time for the nursery school and the ninth time for the primary school. The 36 girls and the 30 boys in the seventh grade ended the primary school with this event. We are all proud that we were able to support these children from nursery school to the end of primary school and prepare them for a secondary school in the best possible way. The 39 girls and the 33 boys of the Pre-Unit were admitted to the primary school and they will start the first grade in January 2023. We look forward to accompanying these children on their academic journey over the next seven years. The parents and the guests enjoyed the music and dance performances of the children and the happy and satisfied mood of all participants.
- We were very touched by the gratitude of the parents of our students. The school closing ceremony came to an end with the distribution of certificates and awards for good performance and a sumptuous lunch. I took the opportunity to thank parents for their trust and the staff for their commitment. The collaboration between the employees, the two schools, and the children's home is unique. The 99 employees feel like one Tuwapende Watoto family. A big thank you was also due to our principal, Emmaculate Mleke, who leads our team with much feeling, great knowledge, and much love for the children entrusted to us.





- In total, we support around 15% of our students. Each school year, we help children from needy families with reduced school fees. The eleven children who finished primary school are supported further during secondary school, college, or at our vocational school. In the Pre-Unit, we support 12 children from families in need.

Vocational school

Report by Jo Zahner, Ambassador of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation

In June, our ambassador Jo Zahner visited former students of Tuwapende Watoto's Vocational Training Center and their employers. In the discussions, we received very positive feedback and a lot of goodwill toward our vocational school. The employers particularly emphasized the professional demeanor and character of the young people. They are disciplined, reliable, willing to learn and grow, and possess critical thinking skills essential to thriving in the professional world.

The former students emphasized the positive environment at the vocational school. The teachers and trainees feel like a family.

In Tanzania, 850,000 young women and men enter the labor market each year. This labor supply is matched by 40,000 formal jobs. With the training at the vocational school, we enable young people to have more success in the labor market thanks to the know-how gained and the expanded general education.



- Our electronic and electrician apprentices enjoy a varied training program. They receive assignments to install solar systems, perform maintenance work and repair numerous devices.
- Accurate work was necessary! The bicycle mechanic apprentices and their teacher built a climbing frame for the Tuwapende Watoto children's home based on Beat's drawing. The joy of the children is enormous! The climbing frame was donated by our volunteer Beate Kaschel.
- The education officer of the district Mabwepande invited our vocational school to the open day for adult education on October 12th. We gladly took this opportunity to inform about what our vocational school has to offer.



- We are planning a graduation party for the learners together with an „Open Day“ at the beginning of December.
- On December 13, 44 second-year apprentices will take the National Examination in the following apprenticeships: tailor, baker/cook, electrician, electronics technician, hairdresser, computer scientist, and plumber, thus completing their two-year apprenticeship.
- For the next year we expect further growth in the number of apprentices.

E-learning solar course

Through Beat's renewed contact with the Solafrica Foundation, their employee Mr. Wolfgang Schneider is now available to us for the E-learning solar course. The E-learning solar source is an online course that will be conducted at Tuwapende Watoto Vocational School. The course is hosted on Solafrica's digital learning platform, which learners can access with their devices (smartphones, tablets, PCs).



All apprentices whose curriculum includes basic training in electronics and electrics can participate in this course. Vocational apprenticeships include electronics technician, electrician, plumber, bicycle mechanic, and computer scientist. The practical part of the training takes place on Saturdays, under the supervision of the electronics teacher Smart (Leonard). These courses take place outside of normal school hours. For students who do not have access to electronic devices at home, computers or tablets are provided in the computer science workshop.

Our electronics teacher Smart (Leonard) planned the course together with Wolfgang Schneider. They communicated via video conferencing and emails several times a week and guaranteed that the course would run smoothly. Eligible for the first course were the teachers and learners of our vocational school. Four teachers and 48 learners participated in the course, which lasted from the

beginning of October to the end of November 2022. The course was free of charge for all participants. For the next course in 2023, our learners, former learners, and learners from other schools will be invited.

Wolfgang Schneider was very pleased to accompany the training with our very interested teachers and learners. He visited our vocational school at the end of October.

The e-learning solar course will help our learners excel in their careers. The use of solar energy has been in demand for a long time. Therefore, there will be many opportunities for a trained person to find a job.

Internship at Ikoma Wild Camp, Serengeti, from April 2 to August 2, 2022

My name is Ruth Ronald Shao, I am an apprentice at Tuwapende Watoto Vocational School.

I am attending a vocational apprenticeship baker/cook level 3.

I was looking forward to the internship to put into practice the material I learned in class from level 1 to level 3. I had my expectations for the internship. My main concern was learning to prepare meals in a different work environment. I expected to learn different things such as preparing different drinks and meals, greeting and serving customers nicely and politely, communicating with guests in a polite language, and organizing the flow of the kitchen in a meaningful way. During my internship, I was able to gain more experience through my daily tasks. I was able to apply everything I learned in class and learn more.

Just before I finish my apprenticeship, I can very well imagine myself working in food production in restaurants, bakeries, or hotels. Later I would like to open and manage my restaurant with my savings. I would like to offer employment to young citizens who have difficulties earning a living.

Ruth Ronald Shao

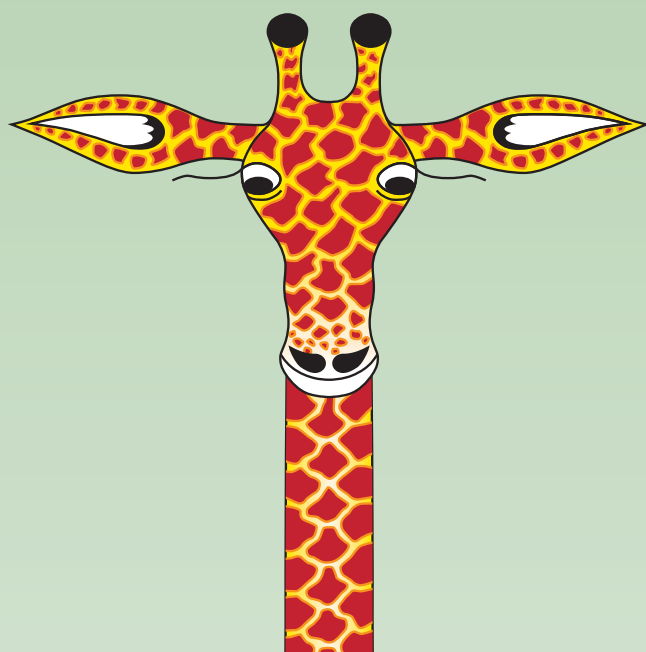
School uniform



With Wahda Hamis Juma, who completed her training as a tailor at our vocational school, we found a good employee to produce our school uniforms ourselves. Thanks to the support of the Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, we were able to successfully implement the idea of having our workshop for the production of our uniforms. At a later stage, we will expand our offer and hire an additional tailor.

Additional building for the nursery school and daycare center

The processing of the property title deed for the two properties acquired in 2020 took a little longer than planned. As a result, we received the building permit late. Since August, work has now been underway on the wall that surrounds the two lots. The excavation of the building with nine classrooms could be started in mid-October. We expect the building to be handed over to the nursery and daycare center at the beginning of August 2023.



Jo Zahner in an interview with Samson Ndosi, Managing Director at Fundi@Work, Dar es Salaam

Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy May 9, 2022

On May 9, 2022, we welcomed 106 cheerful participants on the beautiful golf course of Payerne. We all enjoyed the warm spring sun and the good mood. We are very grateful to the golfers for their trust in our activities in Tanzania. The proceeds of the tournament are a significant amount, which we use for the construction of the nursery school and the daycare center. As in the last twelve years, the green fees were donated to us by Stéphane Rapin, the director of the Payerne Golf Course. We sincerely thank Stéphane for his generous support and partnership.

EDU Mustache - Who are we?

It all started with a visit to Tuwapende Watoto in Tanzania. For two weeks Devin and I were allowed to stay at the children's home and experienced the warmth of everyone. The experience was so impressive for both of us that we decided to give something back. Back in Switzerland, we, two primary school teachers, founded the label EDU Mustache together with a professional colleague named Luciano. The idea was this: To create a web store and generate a school week with every product sold. In this way, 12.50 CHF of the sales price goes to the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation. The products range from clothes and books to environmentally friendly laundry strips. We started in spring 2021 and could collect 800 school weeks with all donors until today. The whole thing is great fun. Even more so when we know who the money directly benefits. Or also that all the people around the Tuwapende Watoto family are there for the children with full hearts and souls. Thank you for allowing us to play a part in this! We sincerely hope to visit the children again soon! If you have a great product or idea, please feel free to contact us at: info@edu-mustache.ch.

Dani Schäli

Sincere thanks

We are very grateful that we can count on your donations even in difficult times. Your help is of great importance to us. In the name of the foundation board, all parents, our school children, the learners, and the Tuwapende Watoto family, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the long-time and numerous private donors, the associations, and organizations, the Dr. Rau Foundation and IMS Sports AG. This much-appreciated support allows us to lovingly care for and well-educate the children and young adults of the Tuwapende Watoto family and to support the students from needy families.

Thanks to the very generous support of the Foundation for Swissair Staff Foundation for Children in Need, the Tibetania Foundation, the Foundation Gertrude Hirzel, the Tarom Foundation, the Golf de Payerne, Association „Bildung gegen Armut“ (Education against Poverty), the Kiwanis Club Interlaken, the Odd Fellows Baden and the Frauenfeld 2 Hours Run, we were able to start the construction of the extension of the nursery school and the daycare center. The great support of the Wyler-Andersson Foundation enabled us to purchase seven industrial sewing machines and four industrial testing devices for electricians and electronic technicians for the vocational school.

Patrick Stumm, a photographer, living in Zurich, spent a week with us at his own expense in Bunju B. He lived in the Tuwapende Watoto Children's Home and visited the nursery school, primary school, and vocational school. We are delighted with his skill, his eye for the subject, the excellent quality of his photos, and his way of bringing a person into focus. We would like to thank Patrick for his great support. We are very pleased to be able to use his photos for our presentations, information, applications, and reports, as well as for this newsletter.

We sincerely thank our volunteers for their loving and much-appreciated support in the children's home, nursery school, primary school, and vocational school.

Our NGO members, the foundation board members, and the Tuwapende Watoto ambassadors give numerous hours of volunteer work to our foundation every year. We greatly appreciate their great commitment and valuable help. On behalf of the Foundation Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for their admirable support.

Dear donors, thank you very much for the trust you have placed in us. We will continue to use your donations purposefully, respectfully, and wisely. We wish you and your families a merry Christmas time and all the best for the coming year.

Kind regards

Ruth Bütikofer, President of the Foundation Board

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