



# TUWAPENDE WATOTO

## Dear Friends and Donors of the Foundation Tuwapende Watoto

In April 2023, Tanzania's newspaper The Citizen quoted Vice President Philip Mpango as presenting the vision of national development. He emphasized the need to place particular importance on scientific, technical, and vocational education and research. We are pleased to operate in an environment that is also considered important by the government.

Youth unemployment, as in all African countries, is one of the biggest challenges facing the Republic of Tanzania. According to UNICEF, only 4% of all youth have the opportunity to receive vocational training.

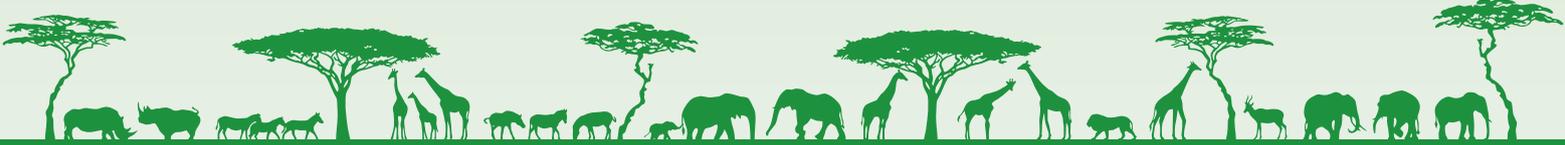
With our vocational school, we enable many young people in our region to successfully complete a vocational apprenticeship. In this way, we help numerous young adults to lead independent life and support the state of Tanzania in its development.

## Children's home: increase of five children

- In February, we welcomed three three-year-old children to our children's home: Rebecca and the twins Khadija and Hamisi. They spent their first years of life with the Sisters of Baldegg at the Msimbazi Center in Dar es Salaam. The nuns take care of infants and toddlers.
- Rebecca's sister is called Daniela and lived in a children's home in the neighboring village. We were happy to accept nine-year-old Daniela into our Tuwapende Watoto family. We are happy that the two sisters can now grow up together.



- In April we also welcomed a four-year-old girl named Michelle.
- The children enjoy loving care and grow up in a protected and safe community. They receive education in our nursery and primary school. We support the children until they have learned a profession or completed their studies.



- Our 16-year-old Gabriel’s hearing is limited. Growing up with a disability in Tanzania presents challenges. He was examined in several hospitals and also attended a speech therapy class. It was difficult for Gabriel to follow the lessons in private boarding secondary school and he was not independent enough to wear and adjust his hearing aids correctly. He now attends our repetition class at the secondary school. In this small class, he can follow the lessons very well. He lives in our children’s home and no longer has to fight bullying. The teachers are understanding in case he doesn’t understand something. I have never seen him so happy!
- In Tanzania, the national exam of the fourth secondary school is very important. The results determine the possibilities of the next educational steps. The average of Julius’ fourth secondary school results was not good enough for him to attend high school. He is now doing the ICT apprenticeship in our vocational school and lives at home in the children’s home. He likes it, he is motivated and he is happy with his decision.
- Peter, Luqman, and Christopher were very well prepared by our teachers for the seventh-grade national exam and for the entrance exams for the private secondary schools. All three boys were admitted to Baobab Secondary School and started their first secondary school year there in January 2023.

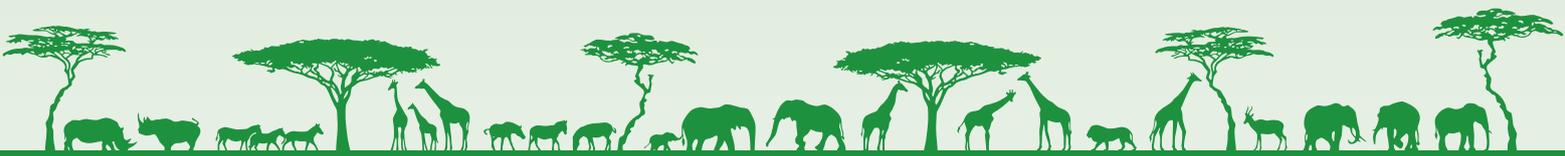
**Nursery school and primary school „Education for a bright future“.**

Education is the key to success.

- Currently, 808 children attend our nursery school and primary school. We have been one of the best schools in Tanzania for years and guarantee all primary school graduates transfer to secondary school. Unlike many primary schools in the region, we teach without the use of physical punishment, which is much appreciated by the parents. They are grateful to have learned about this method of education from our school and look forward to implementing education without violence in their private lives as well.
- The results of the National Exams of the seventh grades in October were very gratifying, with 38 A’s, 25 B’s, and 3 C’s.
- Fourth-grade exam results were even better with 79 A’s, 11 B’s, and 1 C. We are proud of our students and thankful for the very dedicated teachers and exemplary principals.



- The well-rehearsed organization of our school, the effective infrastructure, with enough classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and play-grounds, are highly appreciated by our staff and the students. This is also specifically mentioned during the visits of the inspectors of the Ministry of Education and recorded in their reports. It was worthwhile to invest in good and sustainable building quality and to realize the expansion of the school. We are grateful that this was possible thanks to the support of our donors, foundations, and associations.
- Good nutrition for our students is also important to us. We cook healthy meals with fresh vegetables grown at our vocational school. We know that many children receive little or no food in the evening.
- We finance school fees, food, and transportation for about 15% of the children in nursery school and primary school. This is also highly appreciated by the inspectors of the Ministry of Education.
- Pupils who lose a parent and whose families suddenly find themselves in financial difficulties are supported by us so that the children can continue to attend classes at our school.



- The number of young people from families in need of support, whom we also support during secondary school after primary school, is steadily increasing. At present, there are 40 pupils. They receive the amount for school materials, public transport, meals, and uniforms every six months. We also continue to help young people during their vocational school education.

### Report by Marium Chande:

*My name is Marium Chande. I am 19 years old, a Tanzanian young adult. I live in Bunju TBA in Dar es Salaam. I am the second born in our family of four children.*

*I have been supported by Tuwapende Watoto since 2010 when I was a nursery student through grade-seven. Then I passed well on my standard seven exams then I was selected to join secondary school at Mabwe secondary school. I graduated from secondary school in 2021.*

*I did well in secondary school exams because I had the best quality education from Tuwapende Watoto schools. Here in Tanzania, it is very hard to have high marks in the public schools. Private schools like Tuwapende Watoto are the one that provides good quality education. At the beginning of 2023, I received another chance to be supported to start an apprenticeship for electronics at Tuwapende Watoto vocational training center. My parents could not afford to support my education because I grew up in a poor family and my father was sick for many years. My mother can barely afford the food and the other few domestic needs.*

*I am studying very hard so I can achieve great things in my life and help my family. In electronics, I learn a lot of great things, especially about new electronic technologies. I am very motivated with electronics I believe it will open a lot of doors of achievement in my life.*

*I am glad that I am supported by Tuwapende Watoto because my family has a lot of financial difficulties. Also, I want to say thanks to the entire management of the Tuwapende Watoto Foundation, donors, and all of my teachers for their massive support. With the support from Tuwapende Watoto, I am grateful and delighted that my steps are in my destiny. I am looking forward to becoming a very successful electronics artisan.*

*Yours, Marium Chande*



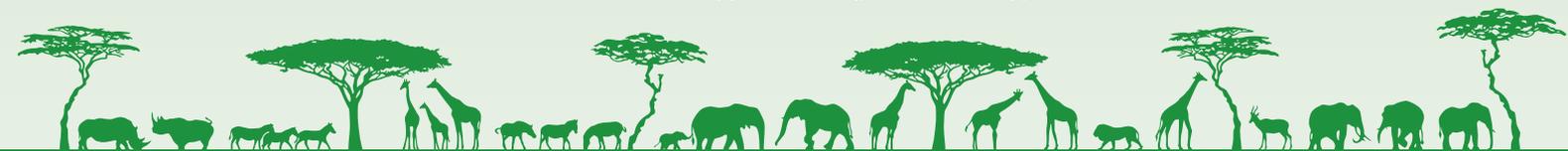
### New building for the nursery school and day care center

- In the fall of 2022, all the necessary documents were in place and we were finally able to begin construction in November on the planned building with eight classrooms, a large multipurpose room, four offices, and four storage or preparation rooms, as well as the necessary wet rooms. We expect to hand over the building to the nursery school and daycare center in early November 2023.
- We are also paying attention to good construction quality and meeting deadlines for this building. We are currently planning the environmental works, the school bus parking lot, the playground, and the furniture.



### Vocational school

- The need for well-trained specialists is great in Tanzania. Our modern, well-equipped vocational school with its dual education system makes a major contribution to this. We are challenged to inspire more young people for this valuable education.
- Of our graduates from the National Examination last December, 41 successfully completed their training, and two students have to repeat the examinations at the end of the year. We offer them an intensive retake course for this purpose.
- The good offer of our vocational school is becoming more and more known. We are pleased to report that the number of students has increased. We currently teach 153 students in eight vocational classes. Registrations are currently being taken for the third year, which will begin in June.
- Also, 18 external students attended our PC courses in the first quarter.
- For some vocational apprenticeships, we had to set up an inventory of workshops for a larger number of learners.
- It is very gratifying that we have a large class in the tailoring apprenticeship. We needed additional industrial sewing machines as a result.
- We are the only vocational school that offers a two-year apprenticeship for Hairdressing and Beauty. At all the other schools, the courses only last six or twelve months. We had to work hard for our apprentices to give them the opportunity to take the national exams. It was nice





that we also had an increase in this apprenticeship. We supplemented our salon with additional inventory in order to have enough training places for all apprentices.

- The curriculum changes in the Tanzanian vocational school regulations require forward-looking adaptations to our infrastructure. My husband Beat and the electronics teacher Leonard evaluated the necessary PLC devices (programmable logic controller). A programmable logic controller is a device used to train our apprentices to digitally control or regulate machines and equipment. PLC programming is an important task in designing and implementing dynamic control applications. This know-how is urgently needed in Tanzania to bring the local industry up to the current international standard and thus make Tanzania attractive to international investors. This should succeed in securing adequate employment for the many well-trained people.
- The two-wheeler mechanics workshop received an additional motorcycle and a bajaj (three-wheeled vehicle) for teaching purposes. We are confident that we can fulfill the curriculum content for motorcycle mechanics with the available machines and equipment. We ensure that the apprentices are well-prepared for a successful future as motorcycle mechanics.
- Thanks to the Wyler-Andersson Foundation, we were able to purchase the necessary machines and tools and adapt the infrastructure.
- At our vocational school, we also support young people and young adults from families affected by poverty with reduced school fees or full support. Again and again, it happens that students would have to stop their education without our help, be it due to family reasons, deaths in the family, financial problems, etc. We are very grateful for the support of our NGO member Margaret Mkandawire. Together with the affected learners, she looks for a solution in each case and prepares a personal financial plan. It is remarkable that teachers and also our head mistress accommodate learners of our vocational school free of charge.
- The supported students commit themselves to help outside of school hours with work in the bakery, in the vegetable garden, or with cleaning.



#### **Methodology Didactics Course**, organized by Vocational Education Training Center Authority (VETA)

The two teachers Athumani (electrician) and Herbert (plumber) attended the Methodology Didactics Course in Dar es Salaam and came back enthusiastic. They learned a lot which will be of great importance to our vocational school. An internal course with all teachers is planned. They will have the opportunity to present a summary of what they have learned.

#### **Seminar on career guidance**

On April 28, we had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Elisia Mandara in our vocational school for a presentation for the second-year apprentices. The following topics were presented and discussed: Helping with career development, identifying one's skills, finding out interests and needs, gaining knowledge about the world of work (i.e. employment, self-employment, and volunteering), evaluating one's skills and interests, finding sources of career information, determining next steps.

## Secondary School Repetition Classes

11 students from outside schools repeat secondary school with us to take the National Second and Fourth Secondary School Exams.

## Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy April 24, 2023

For the 13<sup>th</sup> time, we had the pleasure to organize our Tuwapende Charity Golf Trophy on April 24, 2023, on the beautiful golf course of Payerne and welcomed 94 good-humored participants. With great weather luck, we spent a beautiful afternoon and evening with many interesting conversations and valuable meetings. We would like to thank the golfers for their trust in our activities in Tanzania. The proceeds of the tournament are again an important amount for our foundation. We will use it for the construction of the nursery school and the daycare center. As in the last 12 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. We also had the pleasure to welcome Patrick Stumm, a photographer from Zurich, to Payerne. He accompanied us during the event and took professional pictures during the tournament.

## Many thanks

We are privileged to receive great gratitude for all our activities in the field. Be it words of appreciation from authorities and parents, comments from grateful children, young people, and students, etc. All our employees are happy to contribute to the success of our schools and our children's home. The well-being of children, adolescents, and young adults is the priority for everyone involved.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our employees on site. We greatly appreciate their exemplary commitment. Our head mistress is well-connected and leads our schools with great skill and pedagogical knowledge. We are always informed about the schools, the children's homes, and the ongoing projects.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, all parents, our school children, the learners, and the Tuwapende Watoto family, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many private donors of many years, the associations and organizations, the Dr. Rau Foundation and EDU-Mustache. 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 poverty-stricken families.

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On behalf of the Foundation Board, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our NGO and Foundation Board members, the Tuwapende Watoto Ambassadors, and the volunteers for the many hours of volunteer work they do for the benefit of our foundation. We greatly appreciate their admirable efforts and valuable support.

Dear donors, your help allows us to achieve great things in small ways. I would like to express my sincere thanks for the trust you have placed in us. Your donations will continue to be used for their intended purpose, respectfully and sparingly.



Kind regards

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President of the Foundation Board



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