Welcome to the very first edition of what we will hope will be a monthly update about our projects and work in Tanzania. We hope you enjoy it, and please forward it to any family, friends and colleagues who you feel may be interested - and if you haven't subscribed yet, you can do so here, at our website.

We are also delighted to announce that our brand new website is now live! It has many more project updates, and will continue to have more content added...have a look and let us know what you think! Is there anything else you would like to see? We would love to hear your opinions! And please, come and follow us on all of our social media platforms - Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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**Hellos and Goodbyes.**

This month we are delighted to welcome new local reps Bertha in Muleba, and Hamza in Singida, as well as Nathan who is helping with fundraising, new Project Officer Sally, and Cathie who has created the new website, manages social media and has designed this newsletter! Check out their profiles here.

We also say goodbye to Kevin who is retiring as a TDT project officer this month after many years of sterling service to Tanzania – we wish him well.

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**Introducing our New Monthly Photo Competition!**
We are delighted to introduce a new monthly photo competition where our local representatives in Tanzania will take photographs of their brilliant projects every month. At the end of the month we will choose our winners, before announcing them on the second Wednesday of every month. You can see them on our website here, and comment on your favourite. If you're on any social media make sure you're following us to see some of the fantastic photographs that we receive...we've had some beautiful ones come in this month!

...Here's one from our

primary school at Kagondo village, Bukoba in Kagera region, where the children celebrating their new water pipeline bringing clean, healthy water to the school, just as a little taster!

representative Robert Kasaaju at Rwoga

Our Projects
Moving our committee meetings online means we can now meet everything month and work more closely with our wonder local reps on the ground.

This month we agreed to fund a project at Ikondo secondary school to enable them to extend their chicken project and set up a school farm. The proceeds of these will allow them to support girls who are unable to pay for food for the hostel that we funded there, as well as for students to learn about entrepreneurship and bookkeeping. The project will be led by our local rep and teacher there Ngailla Alpha who set up a school enterprise group that won an award in the School Enterprise competition last year.

We are also hoping that this project will allow Ikondo to set up a small revolving fund for uniforms and chairs and desks. Currently over 100 students who were selected for Form One there have not started as their families cannot afford the uniform, desk and chair that they have to purchase. Ikondo hopes that allowing such families to pay this back in instalments will help.

We also funded a solar pump for Panzuo Secondary school so that the girls in the hostel will not have to walk 3 kilometres to bring water to the school each day.
For our Christmas Campaign we have so far raised almost £6000, nearly enough to fund 4 boreholes and rope pumps. The CBO set up by our representative for Kigoma, Benedicto Hosea has so far constructed the first two, at Titye and Ntamya Secondary Schools. In each case these save the students from walking up to 3km for water from the river. If you would like to help us reach more schools you can still do so here.

Events
We also had an extremely interesting webinar on "What next for Tanzania’s development", and you can see Chambi’s slides and watch a recording on our website’s events section here. We will be organising more webinars very soon so watch this space, and if you have any ideas for future topics please contact us.

Thank you for reading, and if you would like to know more about any aspect of our work, or to get involved in our entirely volunteer run organisation please get in touch!

Thank you!

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