WHO WE ARE

Tanzania Development Trust is a registered UK charity founded in 1975 by the Britain Tanzania Society (BTS). This was originally made up of friends of Mwalimu Nyerere, Tanzania’s first president, but has since expanded to include anyone with an interest in Tanzania.

We raise and disperse money for small development projects within rural Tanzania. We deliberately focus on very small projects in the poorest parts of Tanzania, where few other international organisations work. Our overall mission is to help others to help themselves.

TDT is staffed entirely by volunteers, both in the UK and Tanzania, meaning all donations go directly to projects.

In 2022-2023 we funded 36 core projects amounting to approx. £170,000 and benefitting over 110,000 people, in our priority areas of clean water, girls’ education, sustainable agriculture and small income generating projects.

Student at Tumaini Open School garden.
In Kigoma our local rep Benedicto Hosea completed 31 more boreholes and rope pumps bringing clean water to over 24,800 people. He has also trained many other groups to use the same cheap but labour-intensive method to hand drill, and to weld rope pumps that can easily be maintained locally.

We have also improved 23 traditional springs in Kagera and provided a tank at the new Mkonona Secondary school in Mtwara, benefiting an additional 24,000 people.

It costs only £1500 to fund a borehole and rope pump, benefitting up to 1200 people.
EDUCATION

We funded a hostel at **Mkonona Secondary School** in Mtwara and beds at the hostel at **Kinembeu School** in Singida.

We supported access to water in many schools, and funded income generating projects such as **chickens**, **school farms** and a **uniform shop**.

*Enjoying school porridge for the first time!*

Many rural schools offer no food to their pupils, so hunger greatly impacts learning. We funded a **School feeding Program** in **6 schools** in Shinyanga enabling them to grow sorghum for porridge, **benefitting over 5000** children at a cost of only **60p** per child, per year.

*Students at Ikondo doing History exams outside due to a shortage of desks.*
Tumaini Open School offering alternative education pathways for girls excluded from education due to pregnancy moved into their purpose-built buildings in Tabora. In addition to studying for exams, they will also participate in programs to boost self esteem and leadership, as well as IT and business skills.

Grace*, who was raped walking to school and became a mother at 16.

*name changed to protect her identity
This year we have funded 9 small income generating projects benefitting 5000 people.

One such project is vocational training for deaf youth in Matumbulu, Dodoma. Government schools are generally not set up for deaf students, and over half of deaf people in Tanzania are illiterate.

At Matumbulu deaf students learn sign language and tailoring and welding to enable them to become self sufficient.

I am Noel, 31 yrs old and deaf... I failed to continue with my secondary studies so had nothing to do at home.. I graduated from Matumbulu deaf vocational training centre in welding and now I am doing welding at my home village, Mvumi, have got married and we are expecting a baby late this year. I can now make money to satisfy my family needs as a father of the family. I hope to do more.
INCOME GENERATION

Other projects include pass a pig and goat projects in which vulnerable families are given an animal and then pass on some of the offspring to others; agricultural ones, where women’s groups can increase their income and family’s nutrition with better access to water, seeds and relevant training.

We have also funded groups to create youth employment in carpentry and soap making and empower women in agricultural processing.

Support from TDT enabled us to buy a grinding mill. We used the increased profit to buy seeds and grow vegetables and ensure our children can get school uniforms and go to school.

“Herrieth, Kagera”

Taking crops to market.
We began our 2nd collaborative integrated village development project with EuCanAid at Mdughuyu, a very remote village in Singida.

This will include new classrooms and teachers’ houses for the primary school, a borehole, a clinic, as well as income generating projects.

This is a very remote village with many challenges.

So far, we have completed a kitchen at the primary school so students can have food there for the first time and laid the foundations for the classrooms.

Waiting for lunch at the new kitchen.
PARTNERSHIPS

In collaboration with Tools for Self Reliance Cymru we delivered high quality refurbished tools to 7 youth groups.

With Friends of Tanzania in USA we organised joint events and funding for boreholes and Tumaini Open School.

As girls in rural areas lack many role models we started the Tanzania branch of Inspiring Girls, where successful Tanzanian young women talk about the challenges they have overcome and offer advice. These zoom talks are recorded, uploaded to our YouTube channel and shared on teachers’ WhatsApp groups and social media.

All of the schools we work with can benefit from school leadership training from our partnership with PiXL International. This is enhanced by access to digital resources and low-cost connectivity from African Child Projects.

In Kigoma our local partner MVG is working with PlantVillage to improve agriculture via Integrated Pest Management using AI and improving soil health with biochar.

We are always keen to work with other organisations and individuals that share our values and passion.
We have a **Board of Trustees**, appointed by the Britain Tanzania Society. They are Tanzania or UK based professionals with strong connections to Tanzania. They have a wide range of skills, and a strong commitment to Tanzania’s future development.

They are supported by **fifteen project officers** and other committee members in the UK, plus seventeen local representatives based in the different parts of Tanzania where we operate. All work for us on a voluntary basis.

Project requests originate from varied sources, including our website, from visits, by word of mouth, or from NGOs in Tanzania or the UK. All start with a formal application form, available on our website, [tanzdevtrust.org](http://tanzdevtrust.org).
After an initial screening, requests for funding are assigned to Project Officers, who work together with the local representatives to obtain further information. Projects are visited, evaluated and identities checked. We also get clear evidence of community participation and approval from local government officials before any grants are approved. Larger projects may be funded through staged payments linked to performance milestones. Projects are monitored during implementation phase and beyond, and assessment made of their impact after they have been completed. At all stages, this is recorded in a web-based project database.

Whilst most of our projects are small enough to be funded by TDT alone, we also co-fund projects with other small charities, such as Africa Palms, Bees Abroad, EuCanAid, Friends of Tanzania, and with many individual donors.
WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

We are dependent on donations from a relatively small number of individuals and Trusts.

Our income is insufficient for the number of projects we would like to fund. Many projects have to be delayed, put on hold, or can only be part funded because of lack of cash. For example, we have successfully funded many water wells so that villages and schools have access to clean water rather than relying on dirty streams. Girls’ hostels in government secondary schools to spare girls from walking up to 4 hours a day and want to replicate these in other locations.

Because we don’t have an office or staff costs, we don’t need to keep large reserves. We don’t delay in putting donors’ money to work, and only keep reserves when money is ring-fenced for a particular project.

However, there is a need to increase donations from individuals, trusts and companies in order to be able to achieve more. Can you help us do this?
The 36 projects we funded in 2022-3 fall into our three priority groups, education, clean water, and small income generating projects. However, many of these projects have multiple benefits within the communities they serve and contribute to the growth of the local economy in more than one way.

An important by-product of our work is the development of leadership skills within rural communities, helping them to become more self-sufficient. We try to raise the aspirations of younger Tanzanians, particularly girls, by providing access to life-changing opportunities. We ensure our projects are sustainable by using appropriate technology that can be maintained locally.
WHAT ARE OUR TARGETS FOR THE FUTURE?

We occupy a neglected niche in the international aid market – small-scale assistance to very poor communities, often in remote rural areas – and would like to expand in scale (more projects) rather than scope (different types of projects).

Our aim is to significantly increase amount of funding we can provide within the next five years. This year we received money from fourteen trusts and hundreds of other individual donors.

WHY NOT BECOME A DONOR?

Our projects are of a small enough size that donors can – on their own – cover all or part of the costs of specific projects, and be closely associated with their development.

Alternatively, they can donate to the much larger pool of resources used to finance the project pipeline. Construction and staffing costs are very low in Tanzania, so a small amount of cash goes a very long way.
WHAT MONEY WILL BUY: TANZANIA IN 2023?

Clean Water
one borehole and rope pump
£1500

Education
one School Feeding Programme benefitting over 500 children
£350 per year

Income Generation
one pregnant pig
£150
Tanzania is one of the world’s poorest countries, with an average per capita GDP in 2022 of only US$ 1200. In the UK the figure was US$ 48,890.

The two governments spend 3.5% and 5.2% of GDP respectively on education.

Almost 70% of Tanzanians live in rural areas, where access to public services is difficult.

Life expectancy in Tanzania is only 65 years compared with 81 years in the UK.

Carrying water to school, Kagera.

Although Tanzania is starting-off near the bottom of the development curve, it has a socially cohesive society with a strong ethos of community self-help. The present government has embarked upon a substantial programme of reforms, and most of its development indicators are showing positive improvements.

But it can’t do everything alone. External assistance is needed to accelerate the development process and get people out of poverty as quickly as possible.

That’s why Tanzania needs your help.

WHY TANZANIA?

Although 90% of Tanzanian children go to primary school, attendance rates are poor and only 9% go on to secondary school.

Only 50% of the population has access to clean water.

Playground, Mdughuyu, Singida

Tanzania Development Trust provides an effective way of channelling donations to the small grass-roots organisations that really need them:

**WHY US?**

1. **We specialise in a single country**, and have an unrivalled knowledge of Tanzania, and a track record of more than 45 years of identifying and funding successful projects, and working alongside like-minded donors and organisations there.

2. We focus on **small projects** that can be completed quickly, and bring large benefits to local communities.

3. **All projects are subject to proper monitoring and evaluation** to ensure sustainability and development for the whole community.

4. Our staff are all volunteers, dedicated to helping Tanzania, and our very small overhead costs are paid for by BTS.

5. **We provide support to the local community leaders** initiating the projects, to develop their own leadership capabilities and ensure that the projects are completed on time and in budget.

6. **Registration as a UK charity** (No. 270462) allows UK donors to obtain tax relief via Gift Aid, increasing the size of their donations by 25%.
HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

To find out more about us please go to our:

- **Web Site:** [tanzdevtrust.org](http://tanzdevtrust.org)
- **Facebook:** tanzdevtrust
- **Twitter:** @tanzdevtrust
- **Instagram:** @tanzaniadevelopmenttrust
- **YouTube:** @tanzdevtrust

If you would like to talk to us about projects, donations, volunteering or anything else, please contact: **Janet Chapman, Chair**

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**Farmers, Kigoma.**

**Thank you** to everyone who has helped us, and **please support us** if you can!

Our parent organisation the **Britain Tanzania Society** welcomes everyone interested in learning more about Tanzania and hosts a range of webinars. It also produces a quarterly journal about Tanzania, **Tanzanian Affairs.**