



*Bumper harvest, Kigoma.*



**Tanzania**  

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**Development Trust**

# Annual Report 2024

# WHO WE ARE



*Students at Shunguliba secondary school planting avocado trees.*

**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This was originally made up of friends of Mwalimu Nyerere, Tanzania's first president, but has since expanded to include anyone with an interest in Tanzania.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 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.**

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In 2023-2024 we funded **44** core projects amounting to approx. **£235,000** and benefitting over **110,000** people, in our priority areas of **clean water, girls' education, and small income generating projects.**

# WHY US?

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

**01** 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.

**02**

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

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

**04**

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

**05**

**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.

**06**

**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%.

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# WATER

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

This year we funded **34 low cost boreholes**, as well as **2 commercial deeper ones; 23 spring improvement sites; 4 school rainwater harvesting installations** and **2 irrigation projects**.

This means over 77,000 people no longer have to carry water long distances from dirty ponds and streams shared with animals.



*Girls at Nkundutsi school*

“Now water is no longer a problem, and we no longer waste time searching for water. Instead, we spend most of our time studying. The school should expect good performance than never before because we do not have a water shortage. Thanks to our sponsors, TDT.”

*John Bwami, student from Kitahana secondary school*

# EDUCATION

This year we supported **5 schools** with **hostels** and **classrooms**, as well as **2 safe houses** for girls refusing **Female Genital Mutilation**, a school for girls **excluded from education due to pregnancy**, **entrepreneurship training** and **vocational training for deaf students**.



*Fibi, a student in MVG's entrepreneurship programme in Kigoma.*



*Deaf students learning how to play table tennis.*

“

I used to think getting married was my only route out of poverty. But entrepreneurship training has built my confidence and now I am starting a tailoring business.

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*Fibi, a form one drop out*

# EDUCATION – TUMAINI OPEN SCHOOL

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**Tumaini Open School** offers alternative education pathways for girls **excluded from education due to pregnancy**. In addition to studying for traditional exams, they will also participate in programmes to boost self esteem and leadership, as well as IT and business skills.



*Hollo telling her story on local radio to empower other young mothers*

“ The second chance Tumaini School gave to me was like being raised from the dead. It has restored my whole life; my education goals, my confidence as a girl and mother, my capacity to respond to life challenges, my assertiveness, everything.

Thank you Tumaini!

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*Hollo, who became a mother aged 15, now doing a diploma in Community Development*



*Teen mothers at Tumaini building their IT skills.*

# INCOME GENERATION



*Collecting waste to make biochar in Kigoma.*

**This year we have funded 11 small income generating projects benefitting over 900 people.**

One such project is TOMA which creates youth employment to make charcoal for cooking from waste agricultural materials, so protecting local trees.



Making charcoal has given me a steady income so I can support my family's basic needs, and our project reduces waste and promotes local reforestation and protects our environment.

*Jovin, charcoal maker*



# INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Awaiting quote

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> collaborative integrated village development project with **EuCanAid** at **Mdughuyu**, a very remote village in Singida is progressing well.

The new borehole now provides water for **3,224 villagers**. Before this, the villagers had to travel **14km** to the next village to get water after their **source dried up** in **2022**. The water is being used by the **school**, furthering our mission to provide all **children** with the resources they need to **excel** academically.

We have also completed **2 new classrooms and teachers' houses for the primary school, Amand a clinic** in this very remote village with many challenges..





## PARTNERSHIPS

Our local volunteers live in the communities we support and know them well, and work in partnership with local officials.

In collaboration with **Tools for Self Reliance Cymru** we deliver high quality refurbished tools.

With **Friends of Tanzania in USA** we have 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. We also work with **My Little Zen** who deliver free yoga lessons online.

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**.



*Practising numeracy skills with discarded bottle tops*

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** made from agricultural waste.

**We are always keen to work with other organisations and individuals that share our values and passion.**

# HOW ARE WE ORGANISED?

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We have a **Board of Trustees**, who 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)**

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

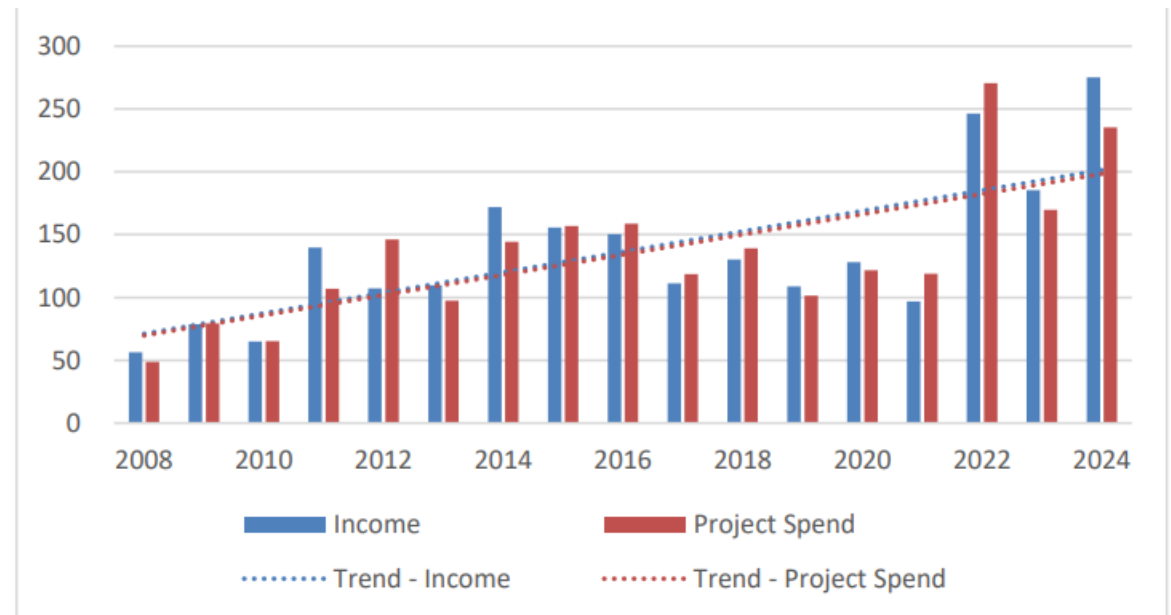
We are dependent on donations from individuals and Trusts.

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 spare girls from walking up to **4 hours a day** and we 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, and **every pound donated is spent on projects**. 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?**

## TDT Fundraising and Project Spend (£k)



# WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2023-24?

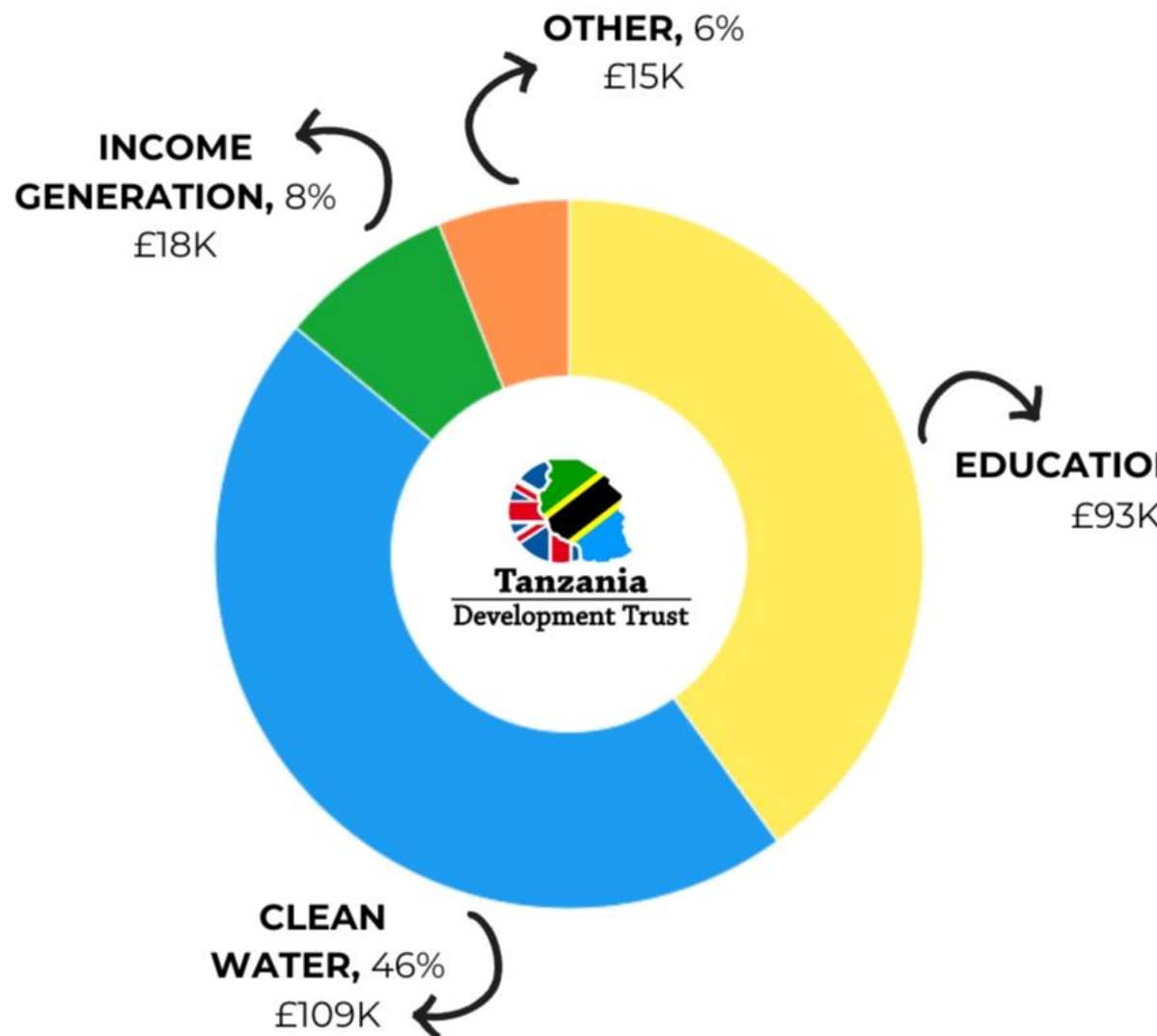
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Most of the **44 projects** we funded in 2023-4 fall into our **three priority groups, education, clean water, and small income generating projects.**

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. Our local volunteers are embedded in the communities we support and know their needs and challenges.

We receive applications from many more project than we can fund, and so want to significantly increase the amount of projects we can fund over the next 5 years. **Can you help us do this?**

**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 if they wish.

## WHY NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN A PROJECT YOURSELF?



*Vaccination as part of a pass the goat project, Kagera.*

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I love the fact that 100% of my donation goes directly to projects and I know exactly what it funds.

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# WHAT YOUR MONEY BUYS IN TANZANIA



## *Clean Water*

one borehole and rope pump

£1500



## *Education*

one School Feeding Programme  
benefitting over 500 children

£1500



## *Income Generation*

one pregnant pig

£200

# WHY TANZANIA?



*Collecting water in Kigoma.*

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 rural population has access to **clean water\***.

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.**

\*Source: World Bank, World development Indicators, 2015



*Improved spring, Kagera*

## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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



# THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many organisations that have supported us this year



*Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity*



The Joseph Bailey Obering Foundation

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The Bower Trust



Wilmslow Wells for Africa



Rhododendron Trust

The Hilden Charitable Fund



Kwanda

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KITCHEN TABLE CHARITIES TRUST

And thank you even more to the individual donors who have helped to make so many Tanzanian dreams come true!