



**TANZANIA**  
Development Trust

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**





*High Commissioner and Chair Janet Chapman at our 50th Celebration Party in June*

# OUR MISSION

Founded in 1975 by the Britain–Tanzania Society, Tanzania Development Trust has spent five decades supporting **small, community-led projects** in some of the poorest and most remote parts of rural Tanzania — areas where few other international organisations work.

Our approach is simple: **help communities identify their priorities, support them to deliver practical solutions, and ensure the benefits last.** Our work focuses on three priority areas

Clean water  
Girls' education  
Small income-generating activities

**In 2024-2025 we funded 107 core projects amounting to approx. £255,000 and benefitting over 110,000 people, in our priority areas of clean water, girls' education, sustainable agriculture and small income-generating projects.**





# 50 YEARS OF IMPACT

In June, we gathered at St James's Piccadilly in London to celebrate an incredible **50 years of TDT**. The event brought together trustees, volunteers, partners, and friends. Guest of honour **H.E. Mbelwa Kairuki, Tanzania's High Commissioner to the UK**, praised TDT's record of over 680 community-led projects, from clean water and girls' hostels to digital mapping and school support — all delivered not as charity, but as solidarity in action.

He highlighted the enduring “people-to-people” bonds between the UK and Tanzania, and how our future goals align with Tanzania's Vision 2050 and UK global priorities.

This golden anniversary celebrated not just our past achievements, but the partnerships that will carry us forward into the next 50 years  
– **bolder, broader, and brighter.**



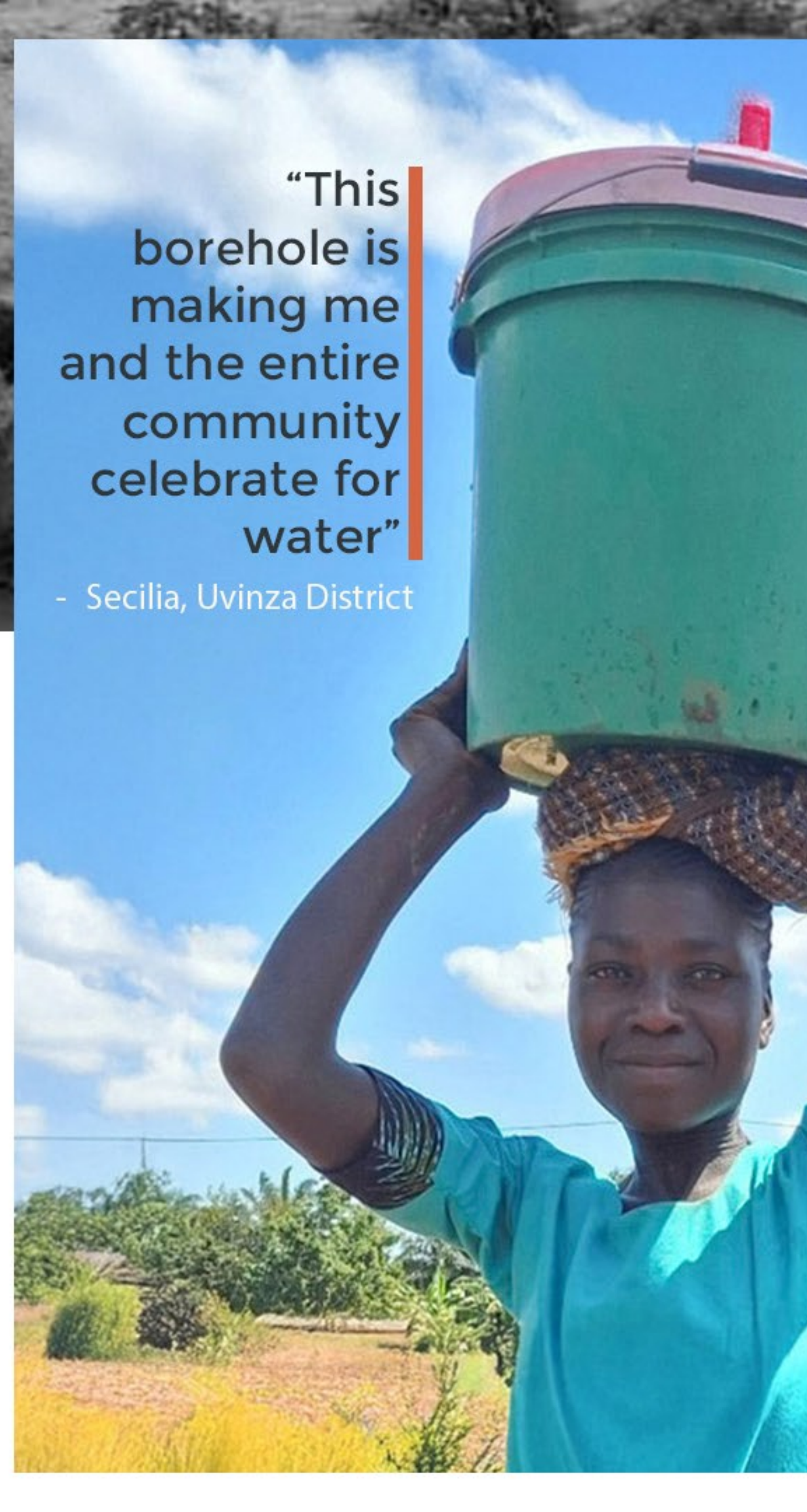




# WATER

This year we funded **22 low cost boreholes**, as well as **four commercial drilled deeper ones**; **32 spring improvement sites**; **two school rainwater harvesting installations** and an **irrigation project**.

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



“This borehole is making me and the entire community celebrate for water”

- Secilia, Uvinza District





Children from Nyaruhande B Primary School used to face a long 2km walk back to school carrying the water they had collected from the pond each day.

Now, thanks to funding from Kwanda and the hard work of our Local Representative, Benedicto Hosea, and his organisation Mboni ya Vijana, they have a reliable, safe water source right on site.

It's a simple change that makes a profound difference—not only improving health, but freeing up time and energy for learning.



# EDUCATION

This year we supported **13 schools with hostels, technology,** and **school farms**, as well as **two safe houses** for girls refusing **Female Genital Mutilation**.

We were especially pleased to supply beds and mattresses for schoolgirls at Masuguru Hostel, close to the Mozambique border bridge. They used the hostel to avoid long and sometimes dangerous walks to and from school, but until now had been forced to sleep on the floor.

We also funded farms for nine schools in Shinyanga to grow sorghum for porridge.



*Shinyanga students celebrating receiving the sorghum seeds.*

*Girls from Masuguru hostel*







“The second chance  
Tumaini  
School gave  
to me...has  
restored my  
whole life”  
- Hollo, Student at  
Tumaini Open School

# TUMAINI OPEN SCHOOL

Tumaini Open School offers alternative education pathways for girls excluded from state education due to pregnancy.

In addition to studying for national exams, they also participate in programs to **boost self esteem and leadership**, as well as IT and business skills.

In 2025, the school welcomed 55 girls, each one seeking a **second chance** at education in a **stigma-free environment**.

Phase 1 of the **new dormitory** is now complete, but we are still in need of funds to **complete the roof and furnish the space**.



*A science lesson for  
teen mothers at  
Tumaini School.*



EDUCATION



# MATUMBULU & KIGWE

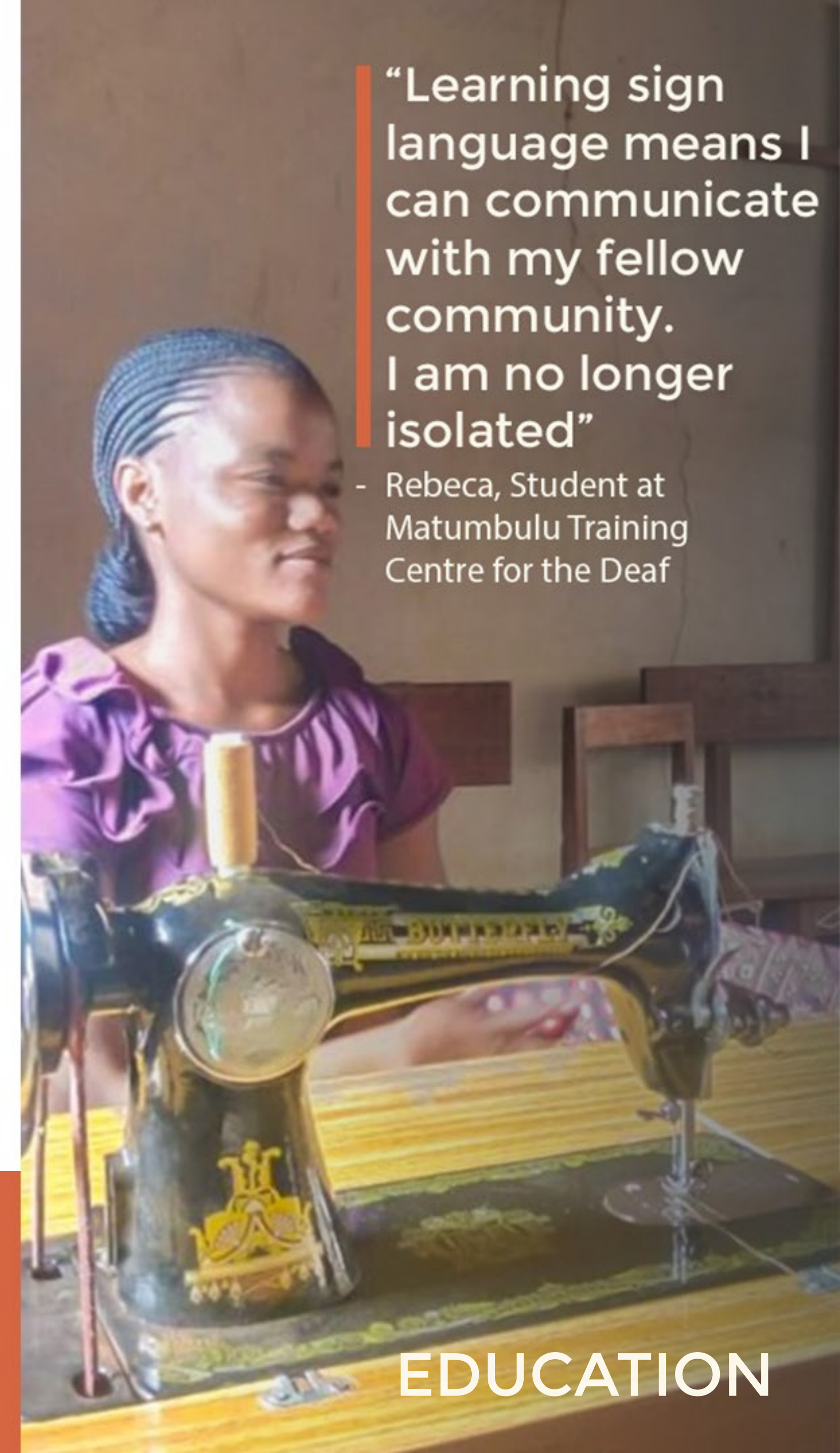
Matumbulu Vocational Training Centre and Kigwe School are beacons of hope to the **deaf community in Dodoma**. Not only do they offer lessons in **Tanzanian Sign Language**, but they teach **welding, carpentry, tailoring** and other **essential vocational skills**, fostering independence, confidence and a **sense of belonging** among the students.

This year we were particularly pleased to fund the purchase of a laptop, TV and Wi-Fi bundles to allow the **23 students to access digital learning** resources, as well as the chance for some entertainment in their free time.



“Learning sign language means I can communicate with my fellow community. I am no longer isolated”

- Rebeca, Student at Matumbulu Training Centre for the Deaf



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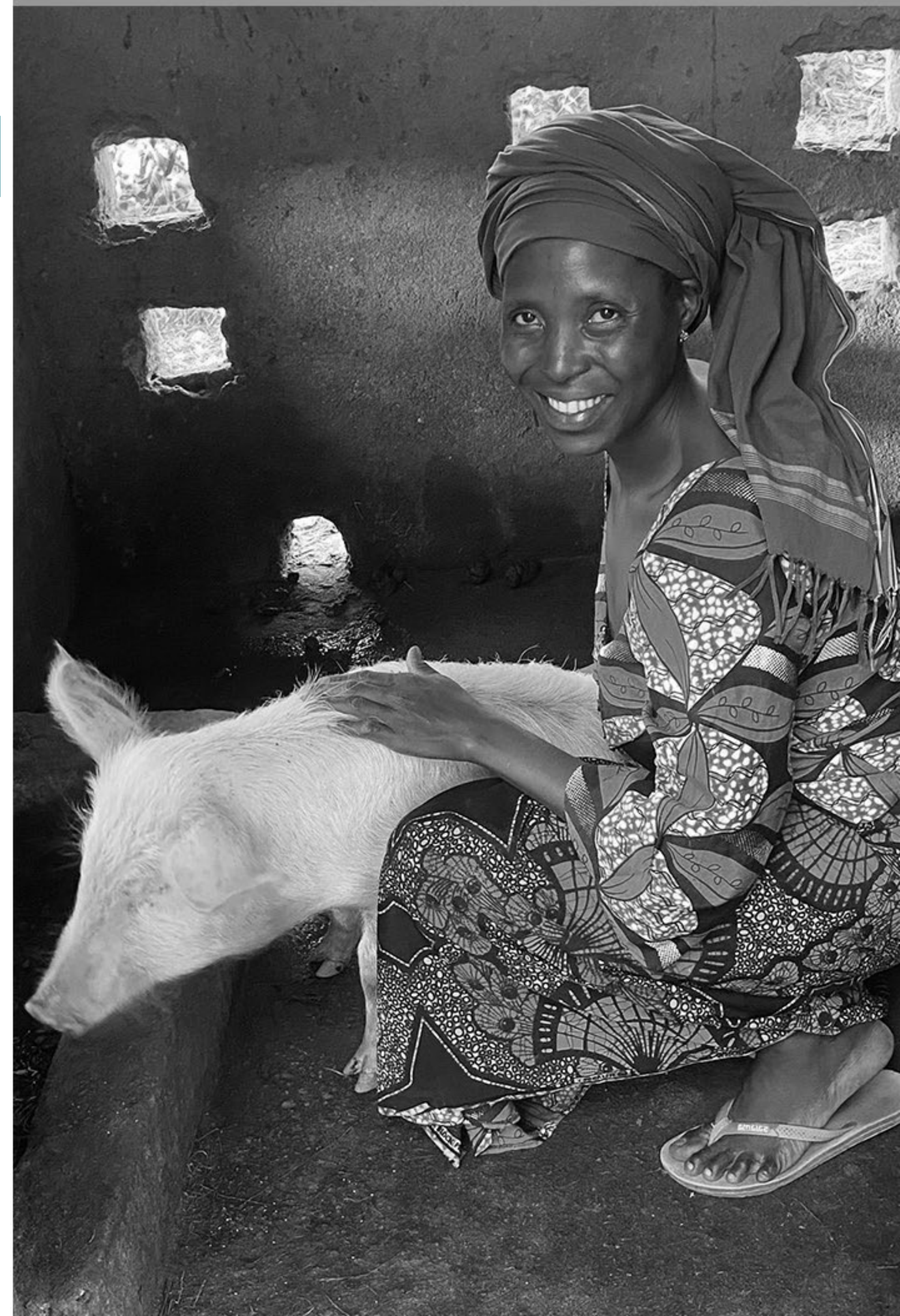


# INCOME GENERATION

This year we have funded **13 small income-generating projects** benefitting over 1100 people. Not only are these projects designed to be **sustainable**, but they boost self confidence and resilience among entire villages, helping the recipients and their wider families **out of income poverty**.



*The TOCHI Pass-A-Goat project. The first kid is passed to another recipient, ensuring an ongoing cycle throughout the community.*





“Entrepreneurship  
training has built  
my confidence  
and now I am  
starting  
a tailoring  
business”

- Fibi, Form 1 dropout



INCOME GENERATION



# MDUGHUYU

## INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT 2023-25

Our integrated village development project with EuCanAid in **Mdughuyu**, Singida Region, entered its third year in 2024–25, with **major progress in health, education, water, and food security**.

In October 2024, the **new dispensary** was pressed into urgent service during a cholera outbreak, treating up to 50 patients. Since then, it has been connected to the village borehole via over one kilometre of trenching and pipework, supplying **clean, tested water to a 10,000-litre tank**. Four permanent toilets for staff and patients have also been completed, replacing the temporary facilities used during the emergency.

AN INTEGRATED VILLAGE PROJECT  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EUCANAID







*A student receiving a meal  
from the new school kitchen*

At **Mdughuyu Primary School**, a three-unit teachers' house with piped water is under construction to improve retention and punctuality. A **school vegetable garden**, supported by district agricultural officers, is being developed to boost nutrition for 400 pupils and provide practical learning, with crops such as papaya, citrus, cabbage, and chaya trees.

Looking ahead, priorities include connecting water to the **school toilets**, completing the **teachers' houses**, and fully establishing the garden. The community is also exploring **income-generation projects** such as rice milling and grading, fish farming, and a power tiller, while aiming to host ward-wide "study camps" before final exams.

***Mdughuyu has a population of around 4000 and is 94km from the nearest town, Singida. Before our intervention, the nearest dispensary was 37km away and, in the dry season, families had to walk 14km to purchase water from an open pond.***

**MDUGHUYU**



# PARTNERSHIPS

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

With **Friends of Tanzania** in the USA, we organised joint funding for Tumaini Open School.

We are also working with **Tools for Solidarity** in Belfast to set up a hub for refurbished tools in Dodoma.

Girls in rural areas lack many role models, which prompted us to launch the Tanzanian branch of **Inspiring Girls**, where successful Tanzanian young women talk about the challenges they have overcome and offer advice to the next generation.





“With help from generous donors like you, I was able to start my studies”

- Samwely, Student at Kigwe Deaf School



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

In Kigoma our local partner, Mboni ya Vijana Group, is working with **Segal Family Foundation** and improving agriculture via Integrated Pest Management using AI and improving soil health with **biochar**.



Partners in Education  
International

**PARTNERSHIPS**



# WHO WE ARE & WHY IT WORKS

For over 50 years, Tanzania Development Trust has channelled donations directly to grassroots organisations in Tanzania, maximising impact and sustainability.

**DEEP LOCAL KNOWLEDGE:** Working solely in Tanzania for over 50 years.

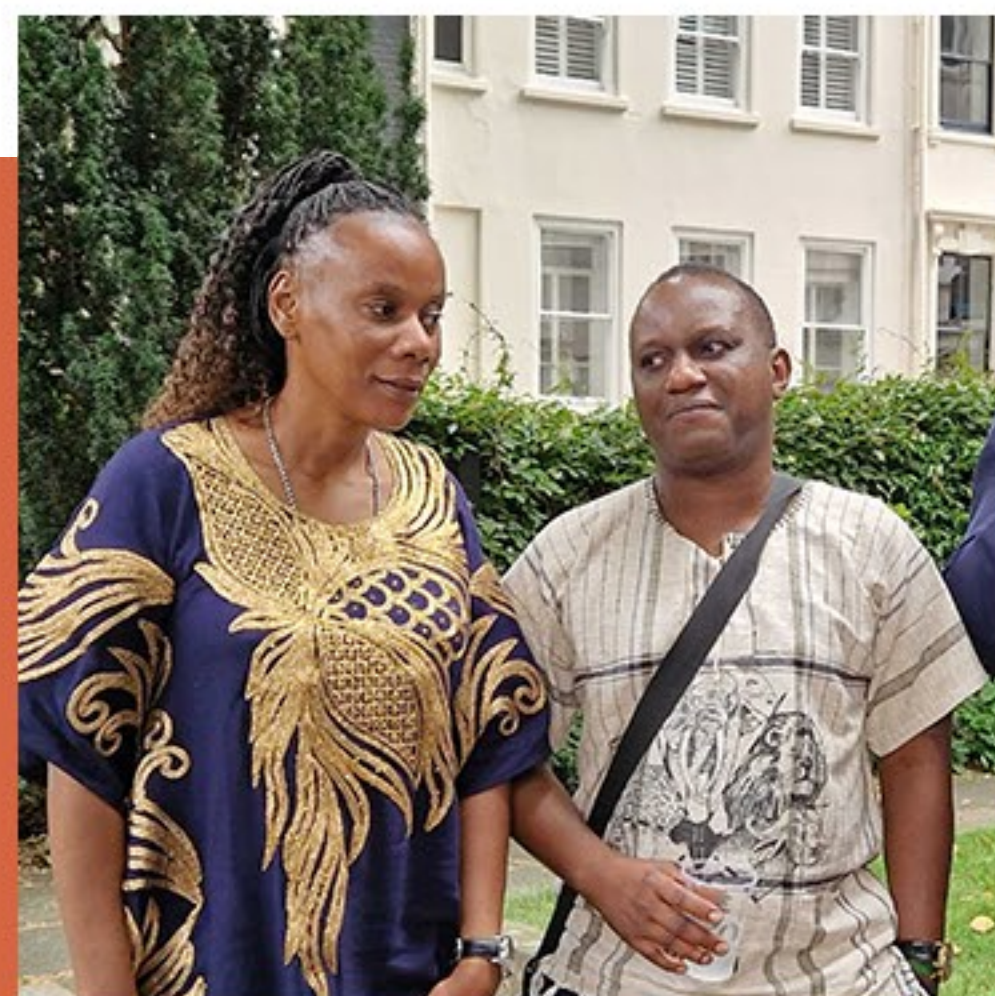
**COMMUNITY-LED, RAPID IMPACT:** Small projects with quick turnaround.

**STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY:** Rigorous monitoring & evaluation.

**VOLUNTEER-RUN:** Maximising the impact of every donation.

**GIFT AID BOOST:** +25% for UK-based donors

Our team comprises 15 Project Officers and other UK-based committee members, 18 Local Representatives, and many others specialising in social media, fundraising, research and more.





# OUR FUNDING PROCESS



Every project starts with a **community-led proposal** and is assessed to ensure it meets our criteria, avoids duplication, and delivers sustainable impact.



## PROJECT SCREENING

Projects must be rural and community-led. Priority is given to proposals focused on water, education, or small income generating activities.



## LOCAL ASSESSMENT

Every project is assigned to a Project Officer, who works with the Local Rep to ensure the proposal is viable, verify any existing infrastructure or local contributions, and confirm local government approval.



## COMMITTEE REVIEW

Following a successful assessment, the project is reviewed by our committee, based on community benefit, budget accuracy, management, and alignment with our values.



## FUNDING GRANTED

Once approved, funding is released although larger projects may receive staged payments based on performance-based milestones.

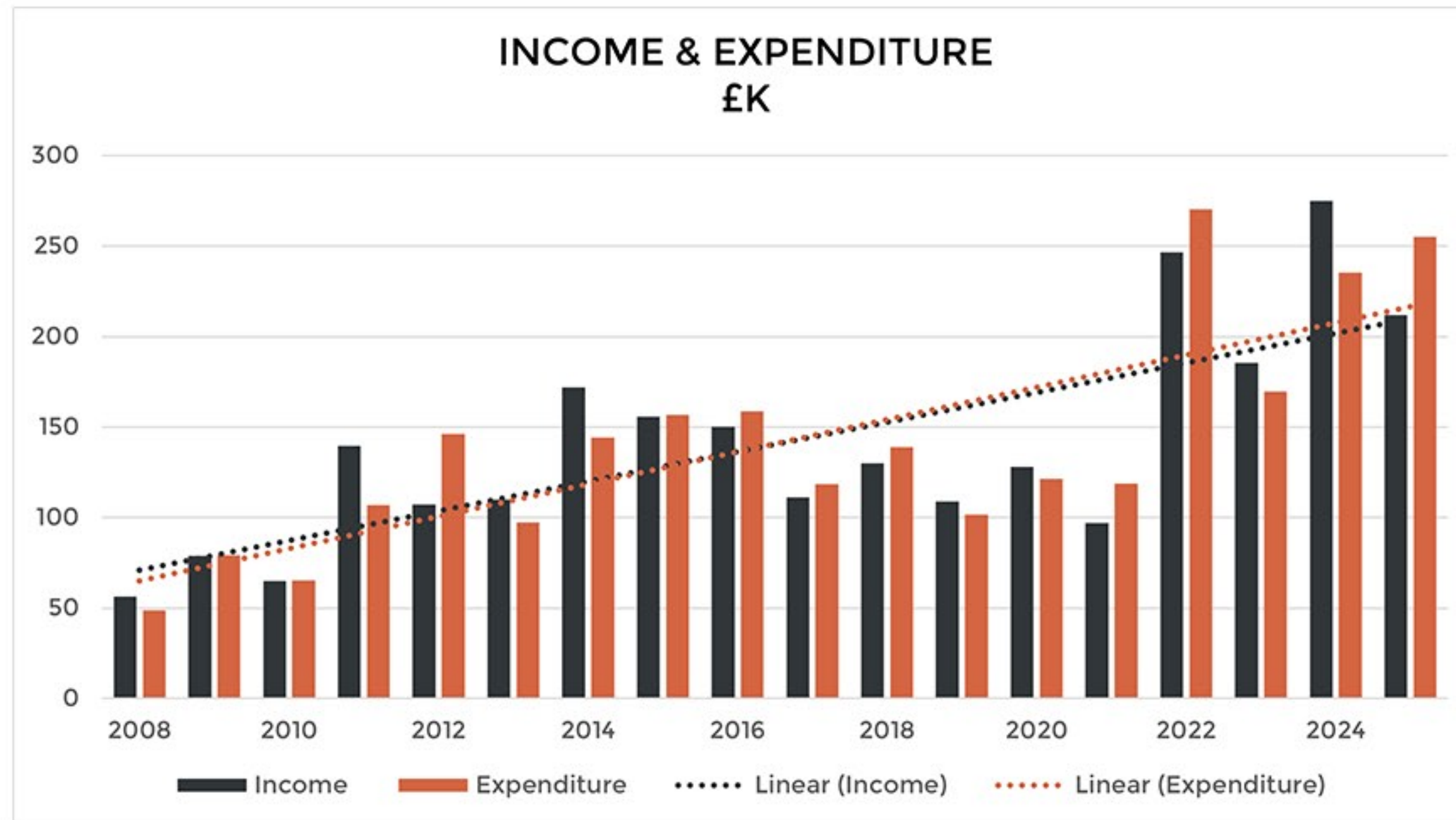


## PROJECT REVIEW

Our Local Reps monitor funded projects during implementation and beyond. This ensures accountability and informs future funding decisions.



# HOW WE'RE FUNDED



We rely on **donations** from a relatively small group of individuals and trusts. While this support has enabled us to fund many **life-changing projects**, our income is not enough to meet the growing number of requests we receive.

We want to replicate these successes but without increased funding, we cannot move as quickly as the need demands.







**“I can now  
make money  
to satisfy my  
family’s needs”**

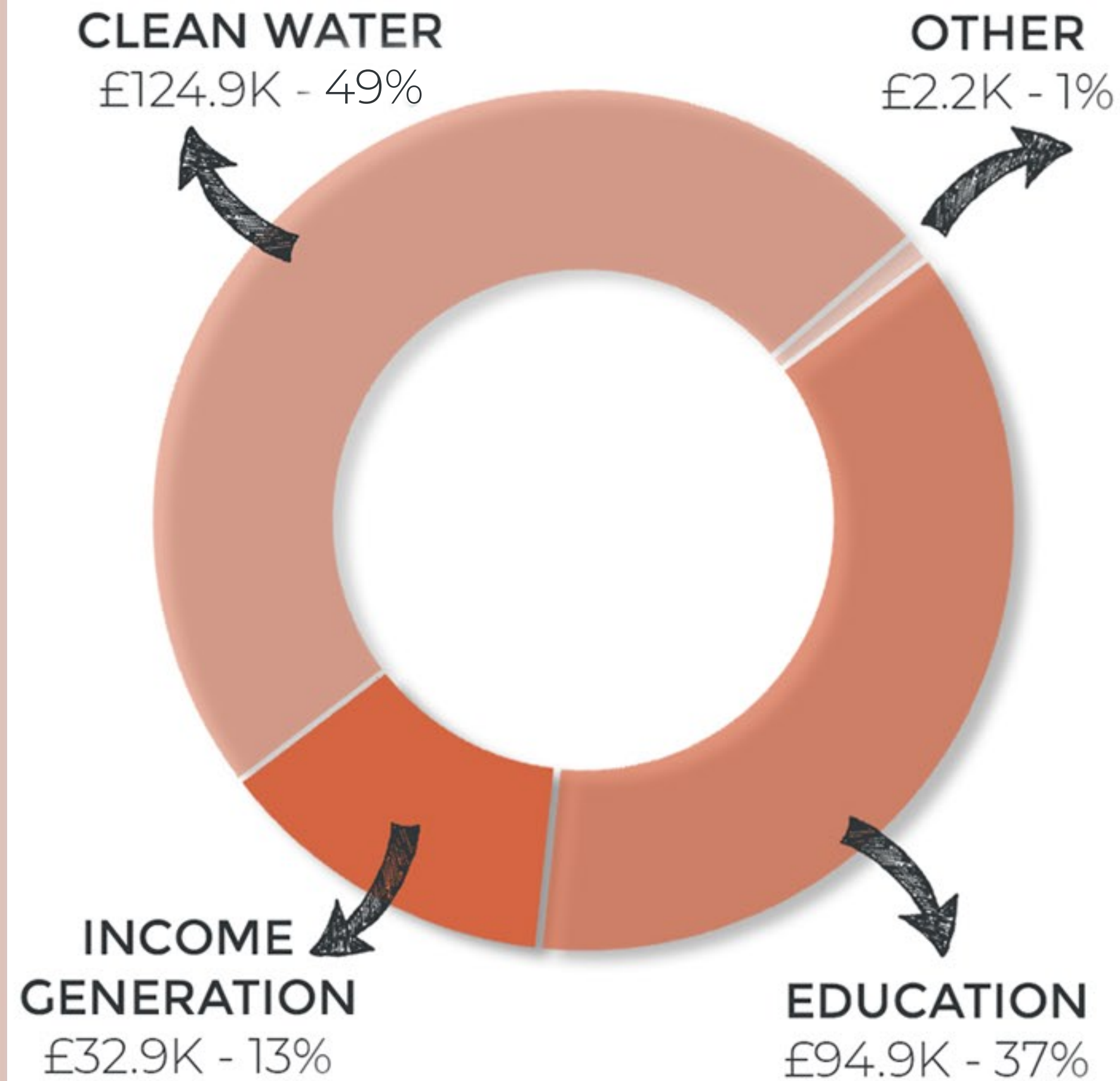
- Noel, Student at  
Matumbulu Training  
Centre for the Deaf

With no office or staff costs, we can put donations to work immediately. We only hold reserves when funds are specifically allocated for a particular project.

To do more, we must broaden our funding base to include more individuals, trusts, and companies. Your support could help us reach more communities, sooner.



# PROJECTS IN 2024/25



This year we funded **107 projects** across our three priority areas: **education, clean water, and small income-generating initiatives.**

However, many of these deliver benefits far beyond their primary purpose, strengthening local economies and **improving quality of life** in multiple ways.

Our work also fosters **leadership** within rural communities, building the skills and confidence needed for **long-term self-sufficiency.** We aim to raise aspirations, particularly among young people and girls, by opening access to life-changing opportunities.

To ensure lasting impact, we use **appropriate, locally maintainable technology** so communities can continue to benefit long after a project is completed



# WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A DONOR?

This year we received money from sixteen trusts and hundreds of other individual donors.

Many of our projects are small enough that a single donor can **fund the entire cost** — or make a major contribution — and see exactly how their gift transforms a community.

Others choose to give to our **general fund**, helping us keep a steady flow of projects moving forward.

In Tanzania, where construction and staffing costs are low, even a small donation can have an extraordinary impact. For example, £150 will buy a pregnant pig as part of a Pass-the-Pig project; £350 will fund a year's worth of school meals for over 500 children; or £1500 will supply a borehole and rope pump for an entire village.



## Why I give

*“I was taken so much by...the great work being done on a range of*

*J.G., a donor*





# HOW TO BE PART OF IT



If you would like to talk to us about projects, donations, volunteering or anything else, please contact: our chair, Janet Chapman:  
[j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org](mailto:j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org)

**Thank you - Asanteni**



## **Empower**

By supporting education and enterprise, we help communities become self-reliant and confident in shaping their own futures.

## **Collaborate**

Our local representatives work with the communities themselves to identify the most pressing needs and the best ways to respond.



## **Account**

We share regular updates with our supporters, and every penny donated goes directly to projects—not overheads.

## **Innovate**

Whether it's digital mapping or solar pumps, we seek out smart, sustainable and local solutions.



## **Sustain**

Our aim is not just to solve today's problems, but to lay foundations for a stronger future.





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