



Annual Report 2023

Tanzania Development Trust

WHO WE ARE



Student at Tumaini Open School garden.

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 This was originally made up of friends of Mwalimu Nyerere, Tanzania's first president, but has since expanded to include anyone with an interest in Tanzania.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

WATER

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

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, benefitting an additional **24,000** 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!



Students at Ikondo doing History exams outside due to a shortage of desks.

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.

EDUCATION TUMAINI OPEN SCHOOL



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.

“ After being given a second chance to continue my secondary education at Tumaini Open School, I am confident of achieving my dream of becoming a **nurse** because, with my fellow young mothers.



I can now overcome the obstacles that hinder many young girls from continuing their education.

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

**name changed to protect her identity*

INCOME GENERATION



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.

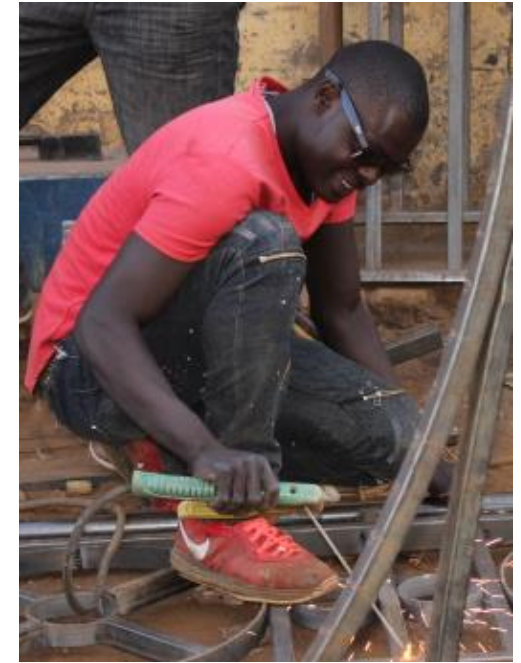
At Matumbulu deaf students learn sign language and tailoring and welding to enable them to become self sufficient.

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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.

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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**.



Taking crops to market.

“ 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

INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



Waiting for lunch at the new kitchen.

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.



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**.



Maize husks for making biochar

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.

HOW ARE WE ORGANISED?



Parents' meeting at Mdughuyu

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**

HOW ARE WE ORGANISED?



Soap making in Kibondo.

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?

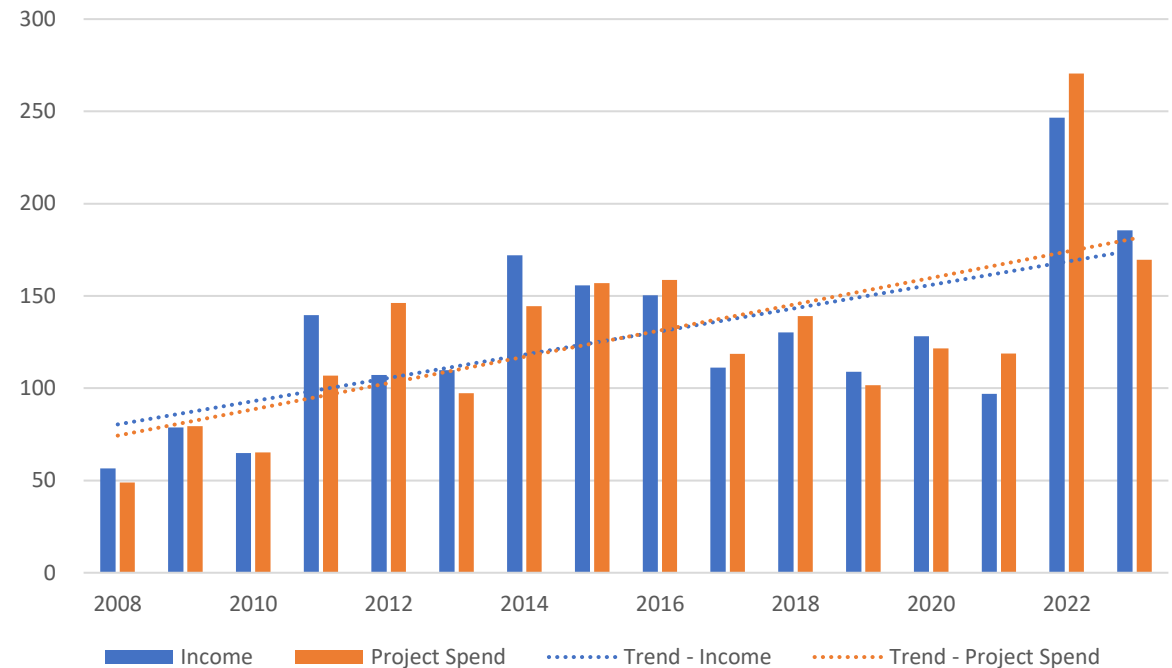
We are dependent on donations from a relatively small number of individuals and Trusts.

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?**

TDT Fundraising and Project Spend (£k)



WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2022-23?

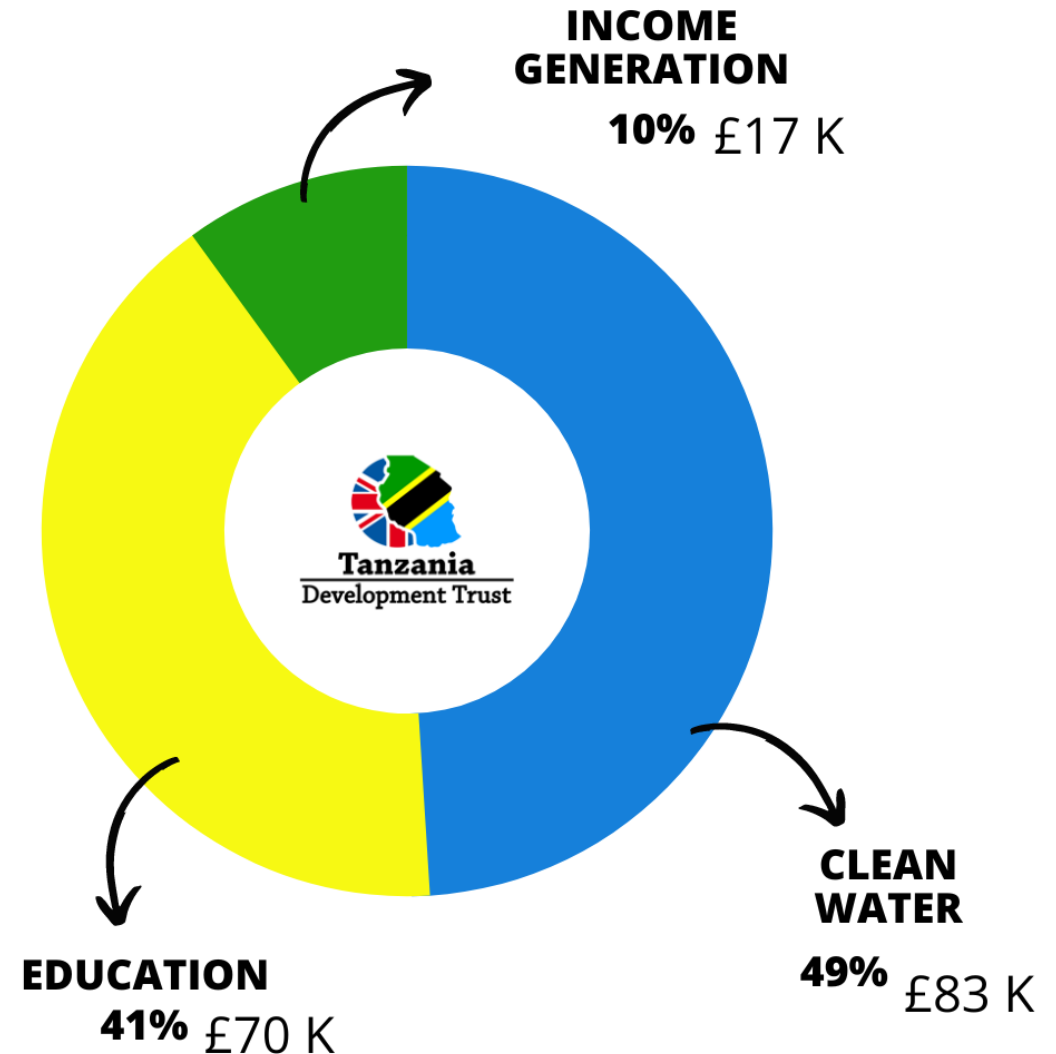
The **36 projects** we funded in 2022-3 fall into our **three priority groups, education, clean water, and small income generating projects.**

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**

TDT Grants by Sector 2022-23



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.



Maize milling in Kigoma.

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.

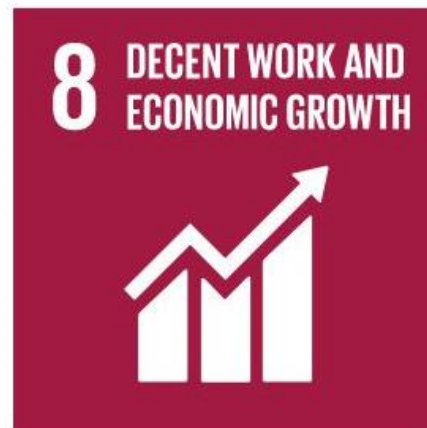
WHAT MONEY WILL BUY: TANZANIA IN 2023?



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

WHY TANZANIA?



Carrying water to school, Kagera.

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.

WHY TANZANIA?



Playground, Mdughuyu, Singida

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**.

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 US?

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

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.

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

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

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

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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%.

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.

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Farmers, Kigoma.

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

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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