

TUFOI 2024 NEWSLETTER

Empowering Communities Through Education, Sustainability & Hope

76

Pupils Sponsored at
Bethlehem Star

1,536

Communities

11 → 76

Pupils Growth Since 2023

5th

District Ranking (Up from 7th)

A Message of Gratitude and Progress

As we reflect on the year 2024, Tupendane Foundation and Initiatives (TUFOI) proudly celebrate another year of growth, impact, and community transformation. Through the support of our partners, volunteers, donors, and community members, we continued creating opportunities for vulnerable children and strengthening sustainable development initiatives across Usa River and surrounding communities.

This year, our work focused on education support, environmental conservation, health and nutrition, clean energy solutions, and improving the learning environment for children.

Education Support: Changing Lives Through Learning

Education remains at the center of TUFOI's mission. In 2024, we expanded our sponsorship program and successfully supported **76 pupils** at **Bethlehem Star Pre & Primary School** — a remarkable increase from only 11 pupils supported in 2023.

The support included:

- School fees
- Uniforms
- Books and stationery
- Accommodation and welfare support



Through these efforts, children from disadvantaged families gained access to quality education and a brighter future.

Solar Power Initiative

To improve learning conditions, TUFOI installed solar power systems in **Class Four and Class Seven** at Bethlehem Star School.

- Enabled students to study during electricity outages
- Increased revision and homework time
- Reduced electricity costs
- Contributed to improved academic performance



District Ranking Improved: From 7th to 5th place — a clear sign of the positive impact of the solar power initiative on academic performance.

Environmental Conservation Efforts

In partnership with the **Tanzania Forest Service (TFS)**, TUFOI planted **1,536 trees** across schools and community areas in Usa River, Ngabobo, Maji ya Chai, and Imbaseni wards.

The project educated students and communities about:

- Climate change
- Soil conservation
- Biodiversity protection
- Indigenous medicinal plants

Students actively participated in tree planting activities and learned the importance of protecting the environment for future generations.



Clean Cooking & Healthy Living

With support from **Mati Super Brand Limited** and other stakeholders, TUFOI continued improving the school kitchen through the installation of gas cooking appliances.

- Reduce firewood use
- Promote clean energy
- Improve food preparation efficiency
- Create a safer cooking environment for students and staff

Story of Hope: Zawadi's Dream Continues

At just 10 years old, Zawadi walks into Bethlehem Star Pre & Primary School every morning carrying not only her school bag, but also a dream.

She comes from a vulnerable family in Usa River where accessing education was once uncertain. Her parents struggled to provide school fees, uniforms, and books. There were times when she feared she would

have to leave school completely.

Everything changed when she became part of TUFOI's education sponsorship program. Through the support of generous donors and volunteers, she received school supplies, uniforms, and educational support that allowed her to continue her studies with confidence.

"Now we can study even when there is no electricity," she says proudly.

She loves reading and dreams of becoming a doctor one day so she can help children in her community. Her teachers describe her as hardworking, disciplined, and full of potential.

Zawadi's story is one among many lives being transformed through the kindness and commitment of TUFOI supporters around the world. Together, we are not only supporting education — **we are building hope.**



Zawadi at her desk at Bethlehem Star School, 2024



Thank You to Our Partners & Supporters

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all organizations, volunteers, donors, and friends who made our 2024 achievements possible:

STEP Africa	Friends of Usa River Tanzania Germany
GEMEINSAM Germany	Akina Germany
Passion Projects Canada	Mati Super Brand Limited
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Looking Ahead

- Expanding educational sponsorships
- Promoting environmental conservation
- Improving health and nutrition for schoolchildren
- Supporting sustainable energy solutions
- Strengthening community empowerment initiatives

"Together, we can continue creating lasting change. Thank you for being part of the TUFOI journey."

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