

**TUPENDANE FOUNDATION AND INITIATIVES
(TUFOI)**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023**

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I. Foreword

We are delighted to present to you our 2023 annual report. This report presents our narrative report and accompanying financial statements for the year ending on 31st December 2023. This financial statement is prepared in compliance with the NGO Act as the commitment to our members, donors, partners and general public, the report highlights the key achievement attained during the year.

These achievements wouldn't have been possible without the contributions made by volunteers from STEP AFRICA, Danish volunteer services, Africa Heart Desire, members of Tupendane Foundation and other stakeholders.

In 2023 TUFOI managed to solicit funds from volunteers of different Volunteer Organizations mentioned above. The main goal was empowering education projects, much effort has been directed to education project (children sponsorship), to improve health conditions by alleviating malnutrition and temporary hunger among school children, school supplies, tree planting, environmental conservation and supporting sports and games in Bethlehem Star pre & Primary School.

TUFOI was established at the end of 2021. The foundation name "Tupendane" emanates from Swahili word meaning "we should love each other" . We believe in a world where development is steered by quality education to all and power is shifted into the hands of communities. Tupendane noted that most of the people in our country are poor and they cannot afford quality education and other social services. Consequently, it is our aim to promote quality and fair education with high quality social services, environmental protection and income generating activities.

In the year 2022, TUFOI focused on organizing and preparing its strategic plan, whereby only two activities were implemented, and the year 2023, marked the inaugural of executing our strategic objectives.

In its second operational year, TUFOI has made significant strides in fulfilling its strategic objectives guided by our vision, mission, and values. This plan has facilitated educational sponsorships for pupils from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, procurement of books and stationary materials, establishment of school vegetable gardens, tree planting along the riverbanks of Usa River, conservation efforts for local medicinal plants, support for sports and games through the construction of a tennis court, procurement of sports equipment, and assistance with certain administrative expenses.

Reflecting on 2023, Tupendane Foundation directed significant attention towards Bethlehem Star Pre & Primary School. As a new NGO, it encountered hurdles in mobilizing financial resources.

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We believe we have successfully navigated through the challenging year. It's with confidence that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, supporters, Tupendane members, and donors. We eagerly anticipate further engagement with other donors, supporters and well-wishers.

II. Introduction and Organization background

TUFOI is a Tanzanian Non-Governmental organization established as a charitable foundation which was officially registered under Tanzania Non-Governmental Act no 24 of 2002 in November 2021, with a registration number OONGO/R/2425. It started its development interventions in the country in 2022.

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NGO Years of operation	:	2 years
Core activity of the organization:	:	Education, Environment, Health and Income generation activities for youth & Women.
Number of full-time employees :	:	1 full time employee 6 volunteers.
Where we work	:	National NGO based in Usa River, Arusha

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Our vision

To have healthy, economically stable community with children who acquire better education and livelihood.

Our mission

To support students from poor families and community by paying for them school fees, build schools, hospitals, protect environment, economic stability and ensure availability of water to the poor families in our societies.

Objectives

To reach objectives, we apply systematic and interdisciplinary approaches that foresee the implementation of development projects in five different sectors of intervention: Education, health, environment, income generation activities, Youth and women.

Specific objectives.

- To promote childcare services such as establishments of pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools & vocational training centers.
- To advocate operation of rehabilitation centers for homeless children, orphans, vulnerable and abused children.
- To empower children with basic education needs such as shelter, food accommodation, books, stationery materials and uniforms.
- Raising awareness on the rights of children and women
- To empower ex-mates on entrepreneurship skills and health development
- Promote environmental protection and preservation
- Promote good health for youth and strengthen healthy life style.

Our core values

In our methods of working, we are guided by the following general principles.

Team work spirit, professionalism, excellence, accountability, transparency, result oriented, build community, learn and innovate.

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STRUCTURE OF TUFOI

1. Annual general meeting

It is the highest organ that meets annually to make key decisions and provide direction of the organization.

2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of 7 members maintains oversight over implementation of organization programs.

3. TUFOI Secretariat

The secretariat headed by Executive Director implements the program activities.

III. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2023

In Tanzania, a significant portion of the population living in poverty resides in rural areas, where access to quality education has been limited. Poverty serves as a major obstacle for many children in accessing better educational opportunities. Moreover, malnutrition poses a widespread challenge among children, impacting both their physical health and academic prospects. Recent data from the Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS 2022) reveals alarming statistics, with 48% of children under 5 years experiencing stunted growth and 15.8% being underweight. These nutritional deficiencies can hinder cognitive development, thereby affecting academic performance.

In addition to the challenges of poverty faced by rural residents in Tanzania, the country faces one of the world's highest deforestation rates, losing approximately 400,000 hectares of forest annually. Many schools exacerbate this issue by relying on wood energy for cooking. Research conducted by TUFOI at Bethlehem Star School reveals the staggering extent of this practice, with approximately 40 tons of wood consumed per month, equivalent to the felling of 400 mature trees annually. Urgent action is needed to mitigate deforestation by implementing reforestation efforts.

Furthermore, recognizing the importance of sports and games in promoting children's health and discipline, TUFOI conducted a situational analysis in Tanzania and specifically in Usa River, Arusha, where the NGO is headquartered. Based on this analysis, TUFOI identified four out of five strategic objectives as areas for intervention.

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In the year 2023 plan TUFOI planned to accomplish various activities reflected in our 5-objective stated in 2023-26 strategic plan.

- Education support for disadvantaged children through education sponsorship
- To improve health condition by alleviating malnutrition and temporary hunger among school children.
- Promote environmental protection and preservation
- Supporting sport and games in school
- Enhancing economic empowerment.

Due to the limited financial resources, all the interventions were supported by TUFOI members and volunteers from STEP AFRICA, DANISH VOLUNTEER AGENCY and AFRICA HEART DESIRE. The volunteers assisted in fundraising, sponsoring pupils, purchase of food, books and stationeries, Assisting teachers in the classroom among other support for Bethlehem star pre & primary school.

1. Education support project

Project area:

Bethlehem star pre & primary school

Achievement:

Through this project TUFOI managed to facilitate sponsorship to 11 pupils, where it spent TZS 14,138,750 in 2023. Unlike the year 2022, whereby only 4 pupils were supported using TZS 8,063,000. The sponsorship for these students covered; school fees, uniforms and school supplies like books and stationeries and accommodation to some children.

In 2023, the education project allocated approximately TZS 2,404,000 towards providing stationery assistance and purchasing books to facilitate the teaching and learning process. This amount marks a significant increase compared to 2022 when the organization spent only TZS 689,800 on book purchases

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2. Health and Nutrition Project

Project Area: Bethlehem star pre & primary school

Achievement:

2.1 To establish a school vegetables garden.

With support from a Volunteer from STEP AFRICA, the establishment of a school garden with a drip irrigation system has yielded numerous benefits for pupils, teachers, and the surrounding community, outlined as follows:

- Enhanced food security by providing fresh vegetable at least thrice in a week for school meals.
- Serves as a valuable educational tool, imparting essential life skills to students beyond traditional classroom learning.
- Engaging pupils in practical, hands-on experiences within the garden complements their academic education.
- The surplus vegetables generated from the garden are sold to the community, thereby generating income to sustain the project, and fostering community involvement and support.

2.2 Purchase of food stuff

A total of TZS 2,148,000 was donated by STEP Africa Volunteers and Africa Heart Desire to buy sugar, cooking oil, beans and other food stuff to complement the budget deficit of Bethlehem star pre & primary school.

3. Environmental protection and conservation

Project area:

Usa-River and Mukuru village.

Achievements

A total of TZS 2,066,000 has been spent for environmental protection and conservations projects in 2023, attributing significant achievements:

- TUFOI, in partnership with Bethlehem Star and Step Africa, successfully planted 100 trees along the Usa River to restore highly degraded and destroyed riverbanks and beds.
- 5,000 seedlings of disappearing medicinal plants have been nurtured, with plans for planting scheduled in April 2024 at Mukuru Village.
- TUFOI provided Bethlehem Star children with an excellent educational opportunity to learn about the importance of trees in our ecosystem. Students gained insights into the role of trees in absorbing carbon dioxide, preventing soil erosion, and mitigating climate change.
- Children learnt propagating and preserving disappearing local medicinal plants which are important for health and wellbeing and overall biodiversity of ecosystems.

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4. Supporting sports and Games

Project area:

Bethlehem star pre & primary school.

Sports and games play a crucial role in the development and wellbeing of school children.

TUFOI through a volunteer from STEP AFRICA constructed a tennis court which is multipurpose; it is used as a netball field, volleyball field and Basketball field.

Achievement:

1. 20 children and 4 teachers were taught on how to play tennis as it is a new sport in most of the schools in Tanzania. A total of TZS 10,355,000 was spent in the construction of the tennis court.
2. 2 Volleyballs, 2 netballs, 4 footballs, 2 football goals and 22 Jerseys were bought, spending TZS 665,000.

5 Administration activities

Project area:

Bethlehem star pre & primary school.

Achievement:

TUFOI is only two years old, most of the activities are being done by volunteers.

However, members of TUFOI had to contribute TZS 5,000,000 for salaries & Benefits, office space utilities, Communication, travel and administrative overheads

IV. Key lessons learnt

- Active engagement of supporters and volunteers, soliciting their ideas, skills, and resources, is essential for successful project implementation.
- Upholding transparency and accountability in donors' contributions is integral to fostering long-term relationships with supporters and donors.
- Establishing trust and credibility is a gradual process, demanding dedication and time to cement the organization's reputation within the community.
- Utilizing diverse communication channels, including social media, email campaigns, newsletters, and personal outreach, enhances the dissemination of project achievements and ensures accurate information reaches a wider audience.

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V. Challenges

- Securing funding and ensuring financial sustainability remained significant challenges throughout the implementation of our annual work plans. Continuous efforts for resource mobilization are essential to address these challenges.
- Recruiting and retaining talented individuals poses an ongoing challenge for TUFOI's performance, necessitating strategic approaches to attract and retain skilled personnel.

VI. Plans for next year

- Develop a diversified fundraising strategy to broaden sources of financial support.
- Formulate a long-term sustainability plan to ensure continued effectiveness and impact.
- Invest in building the capacity of both staff and volunteers to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Strengthen trust and credibility by ensuring compliance with all legal and financial regulations.

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DECLARATION OF TUFOI TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) according to the power conferred under the Auditors and Accounting (Registration) Act No. 33 of 1972 as amended by Act No.2 of 1995 requires Financial statements to be accompanied with a declaration issued by Head of Finance/Accounting responsible for the preparation of Financial statements of the entity concerned.

It is the duty of professional Accountant to assist the Board of Directors to discharge the responsibility of preparing Financial statements of an entity showing true and fair view of the entity position and performance in accordance with applicable International Accounting Standards and Statutory Financial reporting requirements. Full legal responsibility for the preparation of Financial statements rests with the Board of Directors/ Governing body as under Directors responsibility statement on an earlier page.

I Violetta Kiyasi being the Head of Accounting of TUFOI hereby acknowledge my responsibility of ensuring that the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023 has been prepared in compliance with applicable accounting standards and statutory requirements.

I thus confirm that the Financial statements gives a true and fair view of TUFOI as on that date and that it has been prepared based on properly maintained financial records.

Signed by: Kiyasi

Position : Accountant



NBAA Membership No. 032499

Date: 16-04-2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of:

Tupendane Foundation and Initiatives

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of Tupendane Foundation and Initiatives which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December, 2023, Statement Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended, and the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out from page 11 to 16.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Organization management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making the risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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UNQUALIFIED OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Tupendane Foundation and Initiatives the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the establishing Act.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

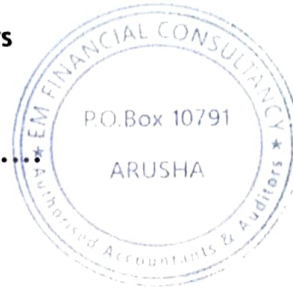
Compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2011.

In view of our responsibility on the procurement legislation and taking into consideration the Procurement transactions and processes, we have reviewed as part of this Audit, we state that Tupendane Foundation and Initiatives procurement transactions and processes have generally complied with the requirements of the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 and its underlying Regulations of 2013.

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DATE.....19/04/2024.....

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

NOTE 1.0 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS's) and their interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in Tanzanian shillings. They are prepared on the historical cost basis. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS's requires the management to make judgments, estimate and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revision to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(c) Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Tanzania Shilling, the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from

the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement.

Translation differences on-monetary items, such as equities classified as available for-sale financial assets, are included in the fair value reserve in equity.

(d) Revenue recognition

All revenues are recognized on accrual basis. Revenue is recognized only when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the organization.

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognized and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectable amounts. Provision is made when there is objective evidence that the Management will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and bank balance in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of any outstanding bank overdrafts.

(g) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with item will flow to the business and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on property and equipment is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their costs to their residual values at the following annual rates:

Description	Rate %
Computer	12.5

The carrying values of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

(h) Impairment of assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the management makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for individual assets, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and written down to its recoverable amount.

(I) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Management has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle them and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.