



TUPENDANE FOUNDATION AND INITIATIVE (TUFOI)

ANNUAL REPORT OF 2023



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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 annual report 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 organising and preparing its strategic plan, whereby only two activities were implemented, and the year 2023, marked the inauguration 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 stationery 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 mobilising financial resources.

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 additional donors, supporters, and well-wishers.



SUCCESS

STORY



Jordan Kelvin Mpepo

Jordan was born into a family where his parents struggled to make ends meet. The father is a Pastor with four children, barely earning enough to support his family.

Jordan faced numerous challenges, including limited access to education. When he was in grade three, he had to stay at home for one year because of the financial hardship facing the family. Despite these obstacles, he had a bright mind and a strong desire to become an engineer. In 2020, through some TUF0I founder members, he was fortunate enough to be sponsored at Bethlehem Star Pre and Primary School.


The sponsorship provided him with school supplies, uniforms, tuition fees, and accommodation. With this support, in 2023 he graduated grade seven with a very high performance of A grade in all subjects. He ranked at the top for mathematics and science and was awarded a chance to join a special government school at Balangdalalu. Today, Jordan is in form one and is a testament to the positive impact of sponsorship on a child's life. TUF0I is reaching out to share an opportunity to sponsor his young sister, Agape Kelvin Mpepo, who is now in grade three and one of the best students in her class. Her dream is to be a pilot.



INTRODUCTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

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



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NGO Years of operation	2 years
Core activity of the organization	Education, Environment, Health, Sports & Games 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



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.



Objective

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 lifestyle.



Our core values

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

Teamwork spirit, professionalism, excellence, accountability, transparency, result-oriented, community building, learning and innovation.





STRUCTURE OF TUFOI

Board of Directors



Mr. Edgar Walter Masunga
Founder and Executive Director



Christina Lyimo
Treasurer



Faith Harrisson Chinyuka
Project Coordinator



Happiness Alex Malya
Quality Program Coordinator



Violeth Nyoni
Board Member



Kupaza Ramadhan Juma
Board Chairman

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



Annual general meeting

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



TUFOI Secretariat

The secretariat headed by the Executive Director implements the program activities.





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.



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 conditions 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 limited financial resources, all interventions were supported by TUFOI members and volunteers from STEP AFRICA, DANISH VOLUNTEER AGENCY, and AFRICA HEART DESIRE. These volunteers played crucial roles in fundraising, sponsoring pupils, purchasing food, books, and stationery, as well as providing support to teachers in the classroom at Bethlehem Star Pre & Primary School.



The Implementation of Organization Activities

Education support project

 **Project area:** Bethlehem star pre & primary school

Objective

To empower children with basic education needs such as shelter, food, accommodation, books, stationery materials and uniforms.

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.





The Implementation of Organization Activities





Purchase of food stuff

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.

Health and Nutrition Project

 **Project area:** Bethlehem star pre & primary school

 **Objective :** To improve the health condition of children by alleviating malnutrition and temporary hunger.

 **Achievement** **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.






The Implementation of Organization Activities

Environmental protection and conservation

 **Project area:** Mukuru village, Usa river

 **Objective** Promote environmental protection and preservation


Achievement


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.



Administration activities

 **Project area:** Bethlehem star pre & primary school

 **Objective** To support and enable the school to achieve its goal accordingly

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





The Implementation of Organization Activities

Supporting sports and Games

🌟 **Project area:** Bethlehem star pre & primary school.

Sports and games are integral to the development and well-being of school children. With the assistance of a volunteer from STEP AFRICA, TUFOTI constructed a multipurpose tennis court, serving as a netball, volleyball, and basketball field.

🎯 **Objective** To Supporting sport and games in school



Achievement

- 20 and 4 teachers were instructed in tennis, a sport relatively new to many schools in Tanzania. The construction of the tennis court incurred a total expenditure of TZS 10,355,000.
- 2 Volleyballs, 2 netballs, 4 footballs, 2 football goals and 22 Jerseys were purchased, spending TZS 665,000.





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.



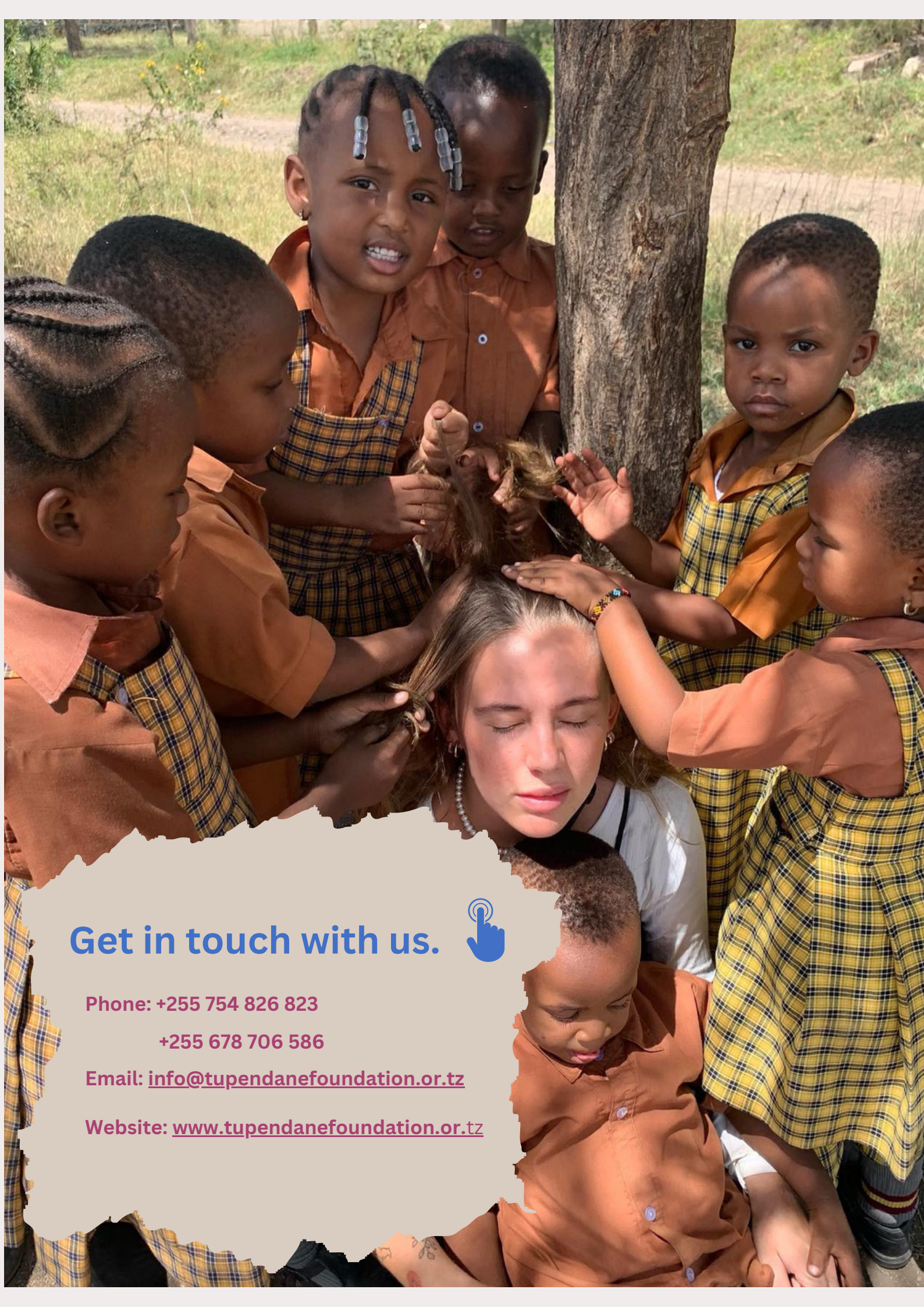
Challenges

- 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 TUFOT's performance, necessitating strategic approaches to attract and retain skilled personnel.



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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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

RECEIPTS

	NOTE	2023 TZS	2022TZS
Balance brought forward	2.0	152,877	-
Donation in kinds	3.0	46,439,034	12,629,677
<u>Total receipts</u>		<u>46,591,911</u>	<u>12,629,677</u>

PAYMENT

(I) Education Support Project

1. Students sponsorship		14,138,170	8,063,000
2. Books & stationeries		2,404,000	698,000
Sub-total (I)		16,542,170	8,761,000

(II) Support of Health & Nutrition Project

1. Establishment of school garden		9,520,000	-
2. Purchases of food stuff		2,148,000	-
3. Support for medical checkup		-	1,215,000
4. Support for NHIF		-	100,800
Sub total (II)		11,668,000	1,315,800

III. Environmental protection & Conservation

1. River bank Rehabilitation		-	-
2. Disappearing medicinal Plants		-	-
3. Plant propagation and facilitation of training		-	-
Sub total (III)		2,066,000	-

IV. Supporting Sports & games

1. Construction of Tennis court		10,355,000	-
2. Purchases of sports equipment		665,000	-
Sub total (IV)		11,020,000	-

V. Administration activities

1. Salaries and wages		5,000,000	2,400,000
2. Travel and administrative overheads		-	-
Sub total (V)		5,000,000	2,400,000
TOTAL PAYMENTS (I + II + III +IV+ V)		46,296,170	12,476,800
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD - C/ F	4.0	295,741	152,877
Balance at Bank - CRDB		295,741	152,877

DONATION IN KIND RECEIVED**R E C E I P T S**

Education support project			-
Pauline Hertenstein - Vidael Victor		878,000	-
Jonathan Dany -Yohana James		2,876,000	-
Marie Dixon - Aloyce Elisante		1,970,000	1,970,000
Konstantin Bodenschatz - Brilliance Richard		3,048,750	-
- Yohana James		300,000	-
Marie Dixon - Aloyce Elisante		1,033,000	-
- Elisha Paul		1,033,000	-
Emilie Vesster Geard -Brian Ndekirwa		2,000,000	1,970,000
Miriam Vanzeken Bergen - Gracious Lomayan		1,920,000	2,153,000
Leni Kraienhorst - Zawadi Ramadhani		762,000	-
-Agape Mpepo		762,000	-
- Brighton Emmanuel		276,000	-
-Marie Dixon		-	3,940,000

Antonia Westphel	-Harry Sorsit	1,575,000	-
Ramadhani	- Zawadi	1,575,000	-
Philipa Marie	- Erica Msele	2,480,000	-
		30,501,750	8,063,000
Book & stationaries			
Pauline Hertanstain		1,565,000	-
Jane Kirsame		689,800	-
		2,254,800	698,000
Support of Health Nutrition project			
Establishment of school garden		9,520,000	-
Support of Health medical check up - Violeth and friends		-	1,215,000
Support of NHIF - Doroth		-	100,800
Jane Kirsame- food purchased		2,148,000	
		2,148,000	1,315,800
Environmental protection & Conservation			
Edgar		2,066,000	-

Supportives Sports and game			
Pauline Hertenstein- sport		700,000	-
Joshua Haubner- Construction of Tennis court		10,555,000	-
		11,255,000	
Administration activities			
Salaries & wages- TUF0I members		5,000,000	2,400,000
TOTAL REVENUE FROM DONATION		45,696,550	12,476,800