# Newsletter



Time does fly ...!!! We have finished the first quarter of 2022, and it feels like vesterday when we kicked off UWEZO AWARD 2022 phase. As we were recruiting volunteers to become new district coordinators for this year, they seemed hopeful and energetic, ready and excited to go around the 10 districts and inspire their fellow young ones into learning entrepreneurship. As we evaluated the 3 months progress we have seen how, much of their enthusiasm was turned into action.

### UWEZO AWARD 2022, progress

Great Hope Foundation kicked off UWEZO AWARD 2022, phase late January, this year. On this year students have been encouraged to register UWEZO CLUBS, and to involve themselves in more sustainable Community Change Projects through, UWEZO AWARD chain Projects.

UWEZO AWARD project, is a signature activity of Great Hope Foundation, where as students compete to design, implement Community Change projects ( CCPs) that has three aspects.

- First should give them a chance to understand/explore their potential.
- Second should give them a platform to acquire skills and
- Lastly should give them a chance to bring positive change to their Community.

Great Hope Foundation awards outstanding Community Change Projects yearly basing on the above criteria. After recruiting coordinators and training them, they were able to reach the following schools, and inspire students to participate in UWEZO AWARD 2022. The following is the list of municipals/districts and number of schools that have been reached. This year, the foundation has maintained the reach of 224 schools (at minimum) like last year, but aims on increasing active participation on Community Change Projects implementation

District/Municipal	Number of schools reached	Schools that have kicked off CCPs
Bagamoyo - Coastal	15	2
Ilala - DSM	29	12
Kibaha - Coastal	36	31
Kigamboni - DSM	16	5
Kinondoni - DSM	32	10
Kisarawe - Coastal	8	3
Mkuranga - Coastal	18	9
Morogoro - Urban	17	6
Temeke - DSM	34	15
Ubungo - DSM	19	2
Total	224	95

# Coordinators visiting Schools















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# Uwezo Club Tour

Great Hope Foundation, organized a tour in district to sensitize on UWEZO PROGRAM this year plus some few additional changes that have been done on UWEZO AWARD project (UWEZO AWARD CHAIN projects and UWEZO CLUBS). Through this tour, students were motivated to register their clubs, and on the first quarter, 7 clubs had already been registered

Kibaha Tour



Mkuranga Tour









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## UWEZO AWARD 2021, Documentaries recording

Great Hope Foundation has managed to record 15 documentaries, on the winning Community Change Project that won Gold & Silver trophies in UWEZO AWARD 2021. On these documentaries students share stories on how they developed ideas of projects, implemented them and how they overcame challenges. It is a demanding journey that is full of challenges but has a lot of inspirational stories from students that energizes our spirits as a team.



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# Tree planting launch with Kijani Pamoja

Kljani Pamoja, Great Hope Foundation together with the Irish Embassy launched tree planting initiative that aims at involving young people. The goal is to grow as many trees as possible involving young people. Noelle Mahuvi, represented Great Hope Foundation and gave an inspiring speech on why involving young people in tree planting & growing is a right move.











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# What are the UWEZO AWARD 2021 Coordinators saying?

Here are the few stories that coordinators were able to share as they took the job of coordinating the above district since January.

KARIM MAKIWA - Volunteer 2022



*My name is KARIM MAKIWA, and for the past three months ( since January, 2022) I have been volunteering at Great Hope Foundation. I am a coordinator of KINONDONI MUNICIPAL where as I motivate inspire and encourage students to participate in UWEZO AWARD 2022 project. I can say my experience has been a blend of good, bad and sometimes even ugly.* 

I am quite happy with the collaboration and cooperation of my fellow coordinators. It's like everyone is trying to help each other to make sure we reach our goal of encouraging as many schools as possible to participate in UWEZO AWARD 2022. In this foundation, I feel I am a part of one large big family that cares for each other. Plus the foundation leaders are quite cooperative and kind to help us learn and feel respected. We are also encouraged to learn a lot of things, in the area of young generation development and empowerment plus improving our Communication skills. Weekly we are given articles for the two areas that we read and discuss.

*I like the way the organization facilitates our work, by giving us busfare. This is quite helpful because I can make arrangement on all schools I want to visit and also plan how many times, I should visit them. I see Great Hope Foundation doing, great things in the near future in the area of young generation development and empowerment, in our country.* 

Currently my biggest challenge as a coordinator, is when I take my time to visit a school that we had an appointment only to reach there, and being told that I can't meet

students or teachers. It is quite discouraging, considering that I had other schools to visit. On top of that, I feel bad when I see other coordinators, don't give their very best to the team and don't work hard on programs that the foundation has created to bring up our personal and professional development. I feel it is an opportunity that we are wasting, and it feels bad.

### APOLINARY NG'AZI - Volunteer 2022



My name is APOLINARY NG'AZI currently am a volunteer at Great Hope Foundation, and my task is to coordinate schools in Kigamboni District. I have been in this task for the past three months. I have had an interesting experience in these few months.

First I have learnt to be bold and confident. I can see this task adding some elements of boldness and improving my confidence every day. It's because I have been meeting various school leaders and teachers almost everyday, and I talk to them about UWEZO AWARD. It also feel good how the whole school respects you as a representative of the foundation. I once got invited to Nguva Secondary School and I was able to sit, among special invited guests. If I wasn't coordinating these schools, would have never had such a chance.

But also this volunteering task at Great Hope Foundation, has enabled me to reach places that I have never been. It's like I was exposed to areas that, I have never reached, and never thought of going.

But all is not glorious. There are some challenges I face everytime I go to these schools, some teachers don't give full cooperation. You will have a lot of challenges before you succeed in introducing, the project in their schools. But I also face some challenges with students, who commit to do projects but later drop out. I take these as lessons, and plan means to overcome them every time they come. But generally, my experience at GHF is great. It's quite a great platform to learn, have fun and expose myself



ALLYSAM NKYA - Volunteer 2022

My name is ALLYSAM NKYA and I am a coordinator of Kigamboni Municipal in UWEZO AWARD 2022. I am quite gratefull for the whole team at Great Hope Foundation for trusting me with this task. It has made me feel, I am that productive young person who can do so much for my fellows. When I compare myself with my colleagues, I feel very proud of my work and what I am trying to achieve. My task has made me visit a lot of places at Kigamboni that I didn't know them before. It feels like am doing domestic tourism. The people am meeting in these schools, are great and I enjoy my work quite a lot.

I face a number of challenges daily, and sometimes I feel like giving up. Imagine visiting a school that is quite some miles away and they don't cooperate fully. I faced some hurdles when I was telling students to register their clubs at a fee of 15,000 TZS, and they felt am stealing their money. I got very discouraged. Some even told me, am not helping students, me and the foundation are taking money from students. This was very hard and disappointing for me. Am glad that we were able to solve this challenge. Also my schools are quite far from each other and at times I find myself that I have bursted my daily budget of busfare.

But generally I appreciate being part of the GHF family and the work that I have been given. I feel respected and appreciated through GHF work.

# So we also met some previous coordinators UWEZO AWARD and they shared the following

BETTY BIRAGE - Volunteer 2021



My name is BETTY KOHELETH BIRAGE and I volunteered at Great Hope Foundation as a Coordinator of Temeke Municipality. I did the job for eight months, from January up to August 2021. I can summarize it as a journey that exposed me to a lot of things and facilitated my growth and maturity as a leader. I have learnt many things that have built me up. It wasn't an easy journey, because there were so many challenges to overcome. But I chose not to give up and solve them one by one as they came. I met a lot of people, who were quite new to me and made a lot of friends through students, who I had worked with for the whole year.

As a coordinator of Temeke District, I was responsible to visit 13 Secondary Schools in every two weeks. Out of these, 8 submitted their Community Change Projects (meaning they actively participated in project). I am happy that out the 8 schools (which actively participated) 5 schools were able to get recognition. 4 got Silver and 1 got Bronze trophies. This made me very proud, as I felt my effort never went in vain. I do believe that this year, more schools from Temeke will participate and qualify. They have seen where they have gone wrong and they shall be able to catch up.

My biggest lesson on this 8 months journey was to learn and reflect on how I can use what I have learnt through the space I was given at Great Hope Foundation in my daily life. Apart from the new skills I acquired like leadership, how to make soap, baking breads and others my priceless lesson has been, on leadership. I came to learn that anything I wish to do, or I shall be required to do, I shall face a lot of challenges. I need to keep learning more and more and also be courageous enough to face challenges without giving up. I have kept this in my heart and I really appreciate that Great Hope Foundation gave me a chance to learn this. It is quite priceless.

Now am at Tumaini University taking my degree in Mass Communication, Dar es Salaam Campus.. My experience in UWEZO AWARD has enabled me to start part time business where as I sell ( at retail) herbs and spices that are used in tea. I buy, repackage and sell ( at retail price) and I get a gross income of 100K TZS per month. This isn't a bad income for a student like me. Not bad at all. I am forever grateful that, my experience at Great Hope Foundation has changed my mindset completely and made me very bold.

### HAVES MMASI - Volunteer 2020



My name is HAVES MMASI, currently I am a student at St. Augustine University taking my bachelor in Mass Communication. I was a volunteer at Great Hope Foundation in UWEZO AWARD 2020, and my task was to coordinate schools in Kisarawe Municipal in Costal Region.

I was given a task of coordinating 10 schools, but I managed to get active participation from 6 schools only. Honestly, I would like to extend my heartily appreciation to Madam Noelle

and her team at the foundation for what they are doing.

My time at the Foundation has exposed my mind and gave me a learning attitude. At the time when we were volunteering, we were encouraged to learn various things that have made my life at college quite memorable. I am more confident now than before, and I feel I can lead myself better and lead other people as well every-time I get a chance to do so. My biggest challenge as I a coordinator then, was the distance between one school to the next, quite far and sometimes it was discouraging to visit these schools.

But I remember encouraging myself every-time I started my journey to the school. Today, am quite bold at facing challenges. Out of the six schools that participated, three won trophies and they gave me a lifetime moment. The leadership experience I went through at Great Hope Foundation has made me see myself a bit different from my colleagues.

My reasoning and thinking is quite above average if I compare it to my peers. And all of this is because of the experience I have gone through at the foundation. I can openly say, my time at the Foundation has been priceless. I am currently volunteering at another organization, and the reason they gave me the job (Program Manager), was because they saw my background at GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION as a coordinator. It is another great opportunity for me to learn and expose my mind and gain knowledge to various things.

### SARA SOLOMON - Volunteer in 2020 & 2021



*My name is SARA SOLOMON, and I have had a unique experience of being a coordinator of Temeke District both in 2020 & 2021. In both years the total of 5 schools among those I was*  coordinating, won trophies that means their Community Change Projects were worthy of recognition. It was a great journey that had a lot of lessons for me.

First was how to manage my time. I was a university student in 2021, and at the same time I was a volunteer, and I had to manage both of them because I had convinced the GHF administration that I could handle both tasks. I didn't want to fail, and am glad that I didn't. I also learnt about leadership. I had to make sure that I supervise the students' Community Change Projects and make sure they win regardless of all the challenges. I encouraged students to take pride in solving challenges as they came. The exposure of meeting people from different background and age was another experience that was amazing to me.

As I was supervising students I got inspired, to start my own business. I started baking and selling cakes. I started baking through my colleagues facilities (ovener and other things). Then I was able to make four cakes per month and earned over 200,000 TZS. This encouraged me to keep up my effort. Now I make cakes and when orders are good, I can earn up to 100,000 TZS profits per month. I feel it is not a very bad start of my entrepreneurial journey, considering that I am still a university student

### **GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION**

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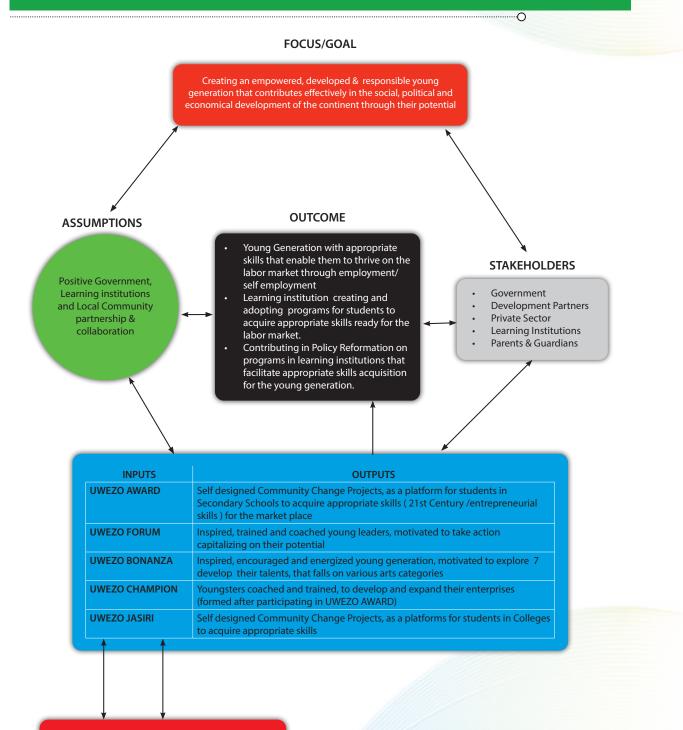
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Great Hope Foundation **envisions** to build an empowered, developed and responsible young generation that contribute significantly on the social, economical and political development of the continent.

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