

# Newsletter

UWEZO AWARD

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Half of the year is gone and we are glad that we have made some progress on the objectives for 2022. It has been a great year so far working harder to reach more young people. With time we have come to observe that, students have taken the whole activity of doing Community Change Projects, passionately with so much dedication.

This year we have had an experience of getting calls of students doing Community Change Projects from districts, Great Hope Foundation don't have the government permission to work, as UWEZO AWARD project has not reached there yet. Great Hope Foundation ( GHF) had to start working on permissions after these kind of information. This has been inspiring, pushing ourselves to find ways to reach more districts and make significant efforts to scale the project countrywide

UWEZO AWARD 2022 project is in great progress as up to the end of June, 250 schools had been reached, inspiring students to actively participate in UWEZO AWARD through Community Change Projects ( CCPs). Almost 123 Secondary Schools had kicked off their CCPs. If all factors remain constant, then GHF goal of having at least 100 CCPs from the 224 Schools ( our target) will be reached and significantly surpassed.



UWEZO AWARD is a signature project at Great Hope Foundation, where as students in Secondary Schools from Dar es Salaam, Coastal Region and Morogoro compete to design and implement entrepreneurial Community Change Projects that have positive impact to their community. Up to 2021, Great Hope Foundation had reached more than 620 Secondary Schools of the three regions, working with over 12,000 students since 2016.

## What are the teachers saying about students' participation in UWEZO AWARD?

As we were documenting UWEZO AWARD 2021 Community Change Projects this year, we were able to hear some teachers, reflecting on what students have done on projects and what has been their observation. Some of them shared the following insights.

### SHUMBANA KAOMBWE

HANANASIF S.S ( HEAD OF SCHOOL)

*"I would say my great observation on UWEZO AWARD project to students, has been how it has significantly motivated them to learn innumerable things. It has built students' leadership capacity as they can boldly communicate their ideas and showcase their talents. The project has made school to become an interesting place t and hence pushing up attendance. Without these kind of projects, school become less interesting to students. The entertainment activities that are created by students in UWEZO AWARD projects improves students daily attendance. Year after year, students keep joining UWEZO AWARD project because they are very proud of what they learn. Some of our students who have graduated and were part of UWEZO AWARD project have managed to employ themselves and they are getting income at their tender age. Generally we are very proud of the project, and it is amazing to see how the project is developing students talents".*



## NSIA SHOO

JAMHURI SECONDARY SCHOOL

*"I am very glad to see my students participate in UWEZO AWARD project and they have huge amount of energy and desire. They are very passionate about the project. We have been participating in the project since some few years back and students were able to see how these projects bring changes to students themselves and the whole school. The project has made students not only to fall in love with volunteering but also it has ignited their creativity. One of the interesting aspect I have picked up from them, is how they identify a challenge and work diligently to bring solution. This has been quite amazing to me".*



## CELESTINE LIKUNGUALA

KIBAHA BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL



*"Through UWEZO AWARD I have learnt that, students can do a lot of things, creatively apart from what we teach and expect them to do in class. If you give students a chance to explore their potential, they can do numerous things that shall amaze you. This has made us think that, we shouldn't just make our students to strictly follow, academic timetable on subjects like physics, chemistry, commerce alone, but we should also encourage and give them a chance to explore their potential through extra curriculum activities. Through these activities we shall be able to see a lot of their creativity and potential that can't be easily seen in class. I am very proud to see our students participate in these kind of activities because through them we are building a generation that is selfless, not only looking after themselves but looking after the whole community".*

## ASKIA CHUMA

NGUVA SECONDARY SCHOOL



*"I have seen my students learn a lot through UWEZO AWARD project, and what has topped up my list is creativity. They have been thinking critically to see what can they do. They created sanitizers in UWEZO AWARD 2021 using very normal things in our school laboratory. This kind of creativity through science has been very helpful to them. They also made a model of "traffic lights". This was quite similar to those you see on our roads. The model assisted our school as teaching aid in science and civics subjects. This was added as one of our schools teaching aids at our school store. Observing these things, coming from students' efforts has been quite interesting to me."*

## NICHOLAS NALASCO

TAMBAZA SECONDARY SCHOOL

*"In UWEZO AWARD 2021, students did their Community Change Project in four categories. First they did a charity activity, that aimed at helping people with various needs in the society. Then they did an activity to stimulate and inspire domestic tourism within young people. They did a project on environmental conservation and finally they encouraged their fellow young people on the use of technology. When I look at all they have done, I can say that, UWEZO AWARD project has enabled them to explore and showcase their potential, like the theme of the project "CHUKUA HATUA ONESHA UWEZO". They have accumulated a lot of experience in leadership, teamwork and ground-breaking projects. Generally I feel students have been exposed to a lot of things. The project has inspired them to dream big and aim to be great people in the future who shall participate effectively in bringing solutions to various problems in our society."*



## What are the District/ Municipal Coordinators saying about their experience of Coordinating UWEZO AWARD 2022 project?

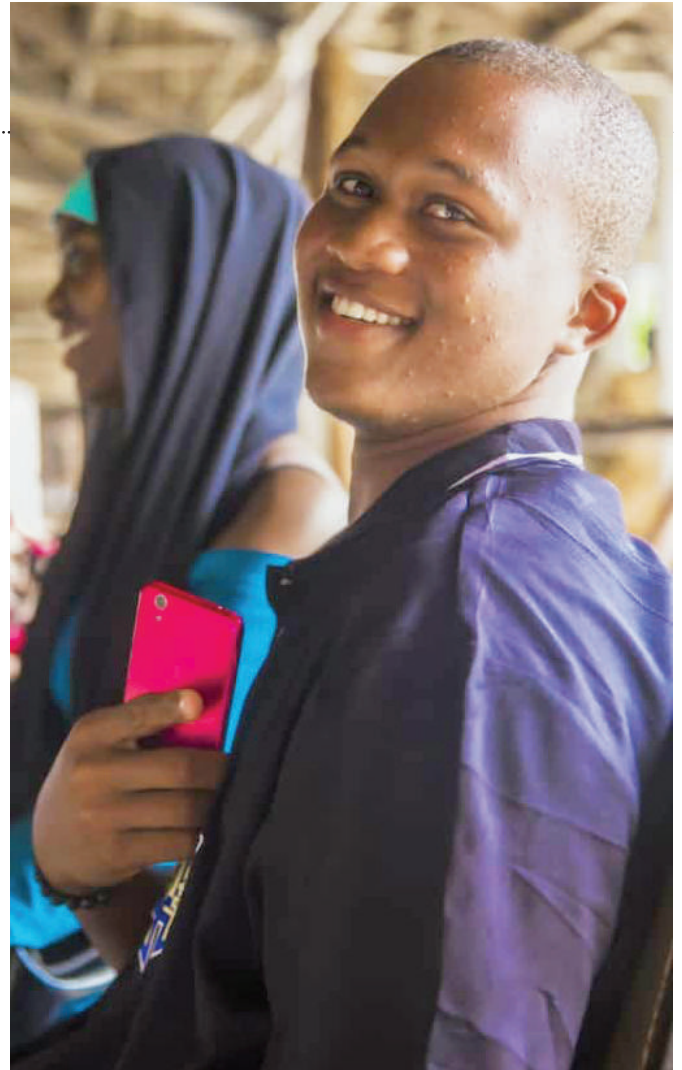
### Timotheo Ibrahim

District Coordinator of Mkuranga

*My name is Timotheo Ibrahim Mchomvu. Currently I am a district Coordinator of Mkuranga, and I have been on this task since January, 2022. At first I didn't fully comprehend the job and I felt I was wasting my time. I didn't have any idea that, this could be a great learning opportunity for me.*

*Now after doing the job for six months, I feel that it has been an amazing chance for me to learn. I have acquired a lot experience from Great Hope Foundation and the students I supervise. Imagine learning from students entrepreneurial projects and designing my own that I can also get some income. I have learnt things like cooking, livestock keeping and agriculture.*

*This role has boosted my confidence and boldness. I meet new people everyday, and everytime I feel it is my chance to learn. The confidence I have accumulated has inspired me to start working as a master of ceremonies ( MC) and I have been paid on several occassions. I have also picked up some lessons on the power of unity and collaboration. I have seen students do very big projects themselves. They learn skills from each other and they implement their projects. Their level of teamwork and collaboration, made me understand that, we can accomplish anything if we work together as a team.*



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*At Great Hope Foundation, I enjoy the leaders we have. They encourage us to give the very best of ourselves with love and help us to be responsible. You can rely on them for any kind of advise/consultation about how to do our responsibilities. I do enjoy visiting schools as we inspire them to participate in UWEZO AWARD project. It has been a great chance for me to meet teachers and students, learning from them on various aspects of their activities and work. I have also had a chance to participate in UWEZO BONANZA talent screening. It was very interesting to see this exercise and to be part of it.*

*Probably I would say the most difficult part of my task is when I meet teachers who are not fully committed to UWEZO AWARD. It is hard for me to visit a school and only to be told that I can't meet students on that day while I have already spent my time and busfare to get to that school. Generally I can say I feel great being part of Great Hope Foundation volunteers. It has been a good platform for me to absorb knowledge and expose my mind in many areas.*



## **Johnson L Kalumuna**

Municipal Coordinator of Kinondoni

*"My name is Johnson Lawrence Kalumuna. I am a coordinator of Secondary Schools in Kinondoni Municipal in UWEZO AWARD 2022. I would say it has been a journey of countless experience considering that, I have also done the same job in 2021 in the same Municipal.*

*This year, I think I am glad that the organization added some programs that polishes our communication, like English improvement program for volunteers. I felt it was my chance to brush up my communication specifically using English Language.*

*I feel great everytime leaders at the foundation, when they give us a chance to improve on areas, we have made mistakes or we have underperformed. Most of the leaders at the Foundation, were*



once coordinators like myself, so many times they give us very good guidance on how to overcome challenges and meet the goals that we have at the foundation, collaboratively.

I have also had several disappointments as well. Sometimes as coordinators (volunteers) don't commit fully to the work we have been assigned and the programs that the Foundation is creating for us. Everytime this happens I feel like, we are wasting a very good opportunity to acquire inordinate knowledge and experience. S

ometimes some of the volunteers fail to understand, the Foundation can only stretch services and scale projects depending on the resources available. And the failure to understand this, makes volunteers to be demanding on areas that, may not be very necessary.

My biggest and priceless lesson on this journey has been, acquiring experience on how to speak before many people which has improved my communication skills

significantly. I have networked with a lot of people that I would have never met, if I wasn't a coordinator of Kinondoni Municipal. This experience is quite incomparable and I am glad that I had a chance to volunteer at Great Hope Foundation".

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## Sabitina Hashim Msangi

Municipal Coordinator of Kinondoni

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*"My name is Sabitina Hashim Msangi, and since January 2022 I have been volunteering at Great Hope Foundation as a coordinator of Kinondoni Municipal Secondary Schools, to inspire them to actively participate in UWEZO AWARD 2022.*

*I would like to share my experience, on this six months journey. First I am very – very happy to be among coordinators of UWEZO AWARD 2022. It is a work full of inspiration*

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*and joy to see how we work together with other volunteers to reach as many students as possible in UWEZO AWARD 2022.*

*It has been a great opportunity to learn and acquire a number of skills on areas like leadership, time management, teamwork and collaboration with my fellow volunteers so that together we can reach more than 224 Secondary Schools of Dar es Salaam, Coastal Region and Morogoro.*

*I can't say all is well and there are no challenges. I have had several of them like meeting teachers who were giving me poor collaboration and cooperation in supervising UWEZO AWARD project and UWEZO CLUBS. This has been a very common bad experience that I meet regularly. But Generally, I feel very proud of my work and I am glad I am here.*

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## What happened on UWEZO CLUB TOUR for schools in Dar es Salaam ?



After a successful visit of schools in Kibaha and Mkuranga, with UWEZO CLUB TOUR early March this year, we finalized the tour with schools in Dar es Salaam on 30th April, 2022. UWEZO CLUB TOUR, has been a seminar to students on how well they can do UWEZO AWARD projects and other associated activities.

Majority of schools in Dar es Salaam that are participating in UWEZO AWARD, gathered at Makongo Secondary School, the venue we were using for the training. It was a day of 4 hours of training with students.



Head of Monitoring and Evaluation; Rashid Huka, at Great Hope Foundation, gave a presentation (training) on how students can participate in UWEZO AWARD projects & UWEZO AWARD CHAIN projects, giving them hints, how can they come up with outstanding Community Change Projects.



Amos James who is the head the UWEZO CLUBS at Great Hope Foundation inspired students on how and why should they open UWEZO CLUBS in their school. He explained steps to register a club and the benefits of doing that. Justin Ntobi, who heads UWEZO APP ( an online platform with content for students ) gave a presentation on how to use the Application and why has the organization made efforts to develop the application and the future plan of it.



Juma Subeth, the head of UWEZO BONANZA inspired students to participate in UWEZO BONANZA 2022 and explained to students why has Great Hope Foundation, established UWEZO BONANZA, on top of UWEZO AWARD project.



Noelle Mahuvi, who is the Country Coordinator at Great Hope Foundation, inspired students to actively participate in UWEZO AWARD project, overcoming all challenges as it is a great opportunity for them to explore their potential and build skills.



## What is happening with UWEZO BONANZA 2022?

Uwezo Bonanza is another project that was initiated in 2021, as a sister project to UWEZO AWARD and as part of UWEZO PROGRAM. In UWEZO BONANZA students compete to showcase their talents. Most of the time these talents fall in various categories of arts like; Drama, Drawing, Dancing, Acrobatics, Traditional Dancing etc.

This year Great Hope Foundation has expanded categories of participation from five ( last year) to nine ( this year). The Categories are as follows Dancing, Rapping, Singing, Drama, Fashion and Designing, Drawing, Traditional Dance, Acrobatic and Comedy.

Great Hope Foundation organized two talents screening, in 28th May, 2022 and 25th June, 2022 to see how students have prepared themselves for the competition and also giving them feedback on areas to improve. Many students from Dar es Salaam, Kibaha and Mkuranga Districts attended talent screening event, fully prepared.



**UWEZO BONANZA 2022** Dar es Salaam



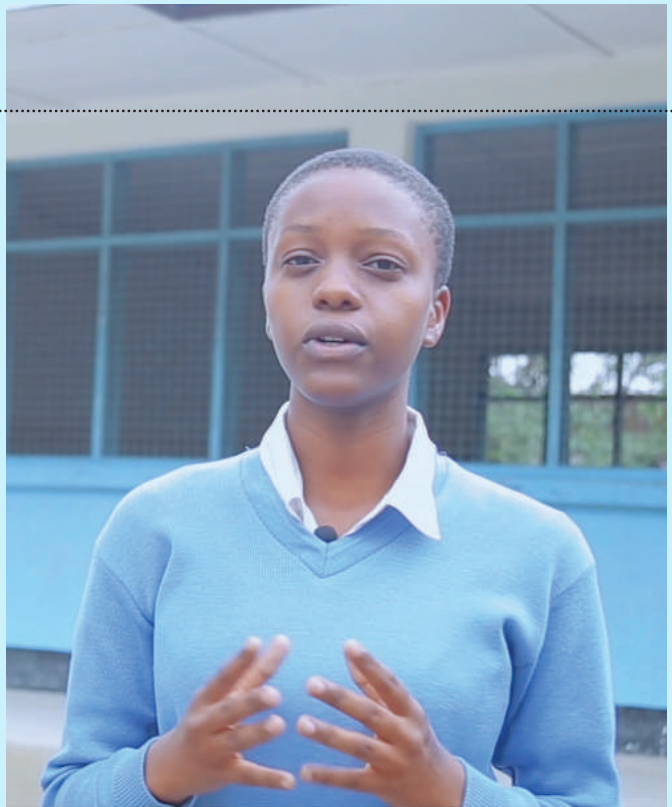
## What are students saying as they prepare their Community Change Projects for UWEZO AWARD 2022?

Great Hope Foundation was able to hear some few students who shared their plans and goals for UWEZO AWARD 2022. Many of them seemed inspired by the idea of doing Outstanding Community Change Projects (CCPs) that will make them win on first position out of the many schools that are participating.

### AGNES ERNEST -

ZANAKI Secondary School

*"In UWEZO AWARD 2021, we didn't do well as a school. We faced a lot of challenges that overwhelmed us and we couldn't finish the project. This challenged our victory. But I can assure you, we have come together with so much energy this year to make sure we win UWEZO AWARD 2022. We have always believed that, girls can always do things better. There are schools that we think they can challenge us, but we believe we can do so much better than them. We are going to be number one this year. It has to happen for ZANAK!"*



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## ALICIA KHALID –

TWIGA Secondary School

*"In UWEZO AWARD 2021, our participation was very weak. We were late in aligning ourselves to do our Community Change Projects. We had some serious challenges in teamwork. We felt bad when we saw others winning so big. When we looked back, on previous years and how we won several trophies, we felt very bad, as we saw we have failed due to our own negligence. But we have a lot of plans and activities for UWEZO AWARD 2022. We are very sure, with what we have, we can become number one. We don't doubt that at all!"*



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## SALIM ABDALLAH –

TAMBAZA Secondary School

*"I wasn't among the members who participated in UWEZO AWARD 2021, in our school. But I had a chance to attend the UWEZO AWARD CEREMONY. I was very happy to learn that my fellow students have received a trophy through their projects. I was very inspired. As of now those students have graduated and they are no longer at our school. I have promised myself that we shall keep the legacy they have created. We have to do more than what they did. We want to do*



projects far better than what they accomplished. I am not afraid of any school. I know all we need to do is put more efforts than others. We have so many projects, and for sure we shall win big this year.

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## **SALUM MIRAJI –**

OYSTERBAY Secondary School

*"We have never had a chance to participate in UWEZO AWARD project as we were not informed on this project before. In UWEZO AWARD 2022, we shall participate with all our efforts. I don't think we need to be afraid of any school, as I have so much faith on what we are capable of doing as a team. I am sure we shall get into top three this year."*



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## HUSSEIN HASSAN –

MUGABE Secondary School

*"We have a great record in UWEZO AWARD project. We participated in 2017 and we won the first gold trophy out of 50 schools. In 2018, we were number 4 out of 100 schools. In the previous two years, we have not actively participated in UWEZO AWARD project. In UWEZO AWARD 2022, we have come with a lot of energy and so much creativity to make sure we win. We shall get back to number one. We are not afraid of any school!"*



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## LEVY AMOS –

AIRWING Secondary School

*In UWEZO AWARD 2021 we won a gold trophy and we were at 4th position out of 200 Secondary schools. We were very happy eventhough we didn't make it to the first top 3 position. This year we have added extra efforts in our Community Change Projects to make sure we do better than schools that were on top of us last year. I don't think there is any school that shall do better than us. The name of our Community Change Project is Education For Self Reliance. In UWEZO AWARD 2022, we are number one!!*



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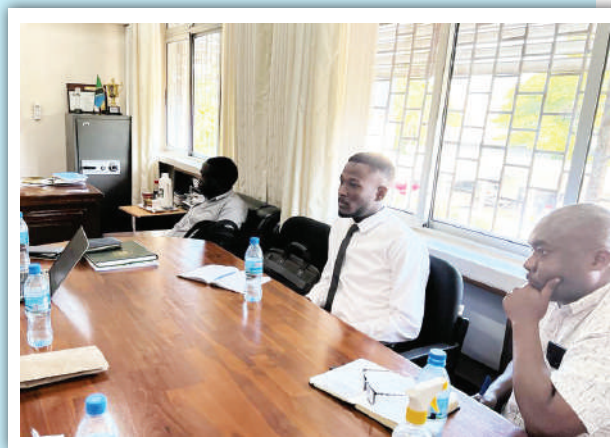
**LEVY AMOS –**

*AIRWING Secondary School*

## **Great Hope Foundation meeting with Tanzania Institute of Education**

*On 7th June, 2022, Great Hope Foundation team being led by Country Coordinator, Noelle Mahuvi, had a chance to meet Director General of Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE). This is the authority that, deals with designing curriculum for Primary and Secondary Schools. It was a meeting that, the permanent Secretary of Education, Prof. Sedoyeka ( then) recommended that we meet them, and showcase what we have been doing with UWEZO AWARD project, showcasing results, outcomes and impact plus our observation.*

*At Tanzania Institute of Education, we met Dr. Anneth Komba, the Director General of TIE and Dr. Godson Lema, the Director of Innovation and Curriculum Development at TIE. After sharing the experiences and lessons we have accumulated for the six years of running UWEZO AWARD in the three regions of Dar es Salaam, Coastal Region and Morogoro, they were delighted with the innovation, effort and energy that goes with the project. They promised to advise the Government on how to scale the project countrywide and make see the feasibility of making this compulsory element to students at school.*





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