

# Newsletter

UWEZO BONANZA | 2022



UWEZO  
BONANZA



 Great Hope  
Foundation

It is another season of the year, where **UWEZO BONANZA** had to happen. **UWEZO BONANZA** this year happened on 24th September and Great Hope Foundation was organizing this for the second time. **UWEZO BONANZA** is an event that brings together secondary school students, competing in showcasing their talents, which most of the time they are in form of arts ( dancing, singing, drawing, acrobatics, drama etc).

The event was initiated by Great Hope Foundation, after receiving feedback from students, who desired to have such a platform apart from UWEZO AWARD. This event, brought together over 2000 students from Dar es Salaam and Coastal region who competed heavily on seven categories in showcasing their talents.

The **UWEZO BONANZA** event of 2021 was held at DUCE ( Dar es Salaam University College of Education) on 14th October bringing together over 1000 students from Secondary Schools of Dar es salaam and Coastal region.

**UWEZO BONANZA** project aims at giving students a platform to showcase their talents as a way of encouraging them to nurture and develop these talents alongside their studies, so that as they get out of learning institutions, they might be able to use these talents in fighting high level of unemployment they face on the market

## Happy Participants





## HOW DID UWEZO BONANZA 2022 START?

UWEZO BONANZA 2022, started by asking all students who have talents and passion of participating in the event to send their videos to GHF, with all types of talents/activities they wish to showcase. The deadline for this was 12th March, 2022. The videos went through the first screening, and the second screening which was physical was arranged on 28th May, 2022 and the third one was on 25th June, 2022. Both second and third screening were done at Makongo Secondary School. From these screenings, groups were identified who came to compete on grand the finale. There were some dropouts along the way, but at the end of all screening, GHF got groups that would participate in seven categories; dancing, drama, drawing, fashion show, rapping, singing and traditional dancing

### Students Screening



## Categories & participants of uwezo bonanza 2022

CATEGORY	GROUP PER SCHOOL
Drama	Jamhuri S.S, & Nguva S.S & Vianzi S.S,
Drawing	Juhudi S.S & Kichanga S.S
Fashion and Designing	Barabara ya Mwinyi S.S, Benjamin Mkapa High School & Ilala S.S
Rapping	Jamhuri S.S, Kilangalanga S.S, Makongo S.S & Mwinyi S.S,
Singing	Carmel S.S , Makoka S.S, Makongo S.S, Tuliani S.S, Victory S.S & Vianzi S.S
Traditional Dance	Kichanga S.S & Kondo S.S
Dancing	Carmel S.S, Benjamin H.S, Hananasif S.S, Jamhuri S.S, Mtakuja Beach S.S, Makoka S.S, Makongo S.S, Nvumbu S.S, Vianzi S.S & Victory S.S, Kisota S.S

## UWEZO BONANZA Day, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

The day started well with students arriving at Kijitonyama Posta Grounds from 7am in the morning. It was an outdoor event, and we had some few rain drops in the morning to bless the day, but it went well the whole afternoon. Over 2000 students registered at the gate from Secondary Schools of Dar es Salaam and Coastal region.

### Students Registering





There were some few students' performances before the event was officially opened at 11am. The students gathered together and stood up to sing the national anthem as the event was officially opening. Then the MC welcomed Noelle Mahuvi, Country Director of Great Hope Foundation to give opening remarks and afterwards Caren Rowland from Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation ( the executive Secretary), also shared her few insights about the event.



## Noelle Mahuvi,

Country Project Coordinator from Great Hope Foundation

*"We have done UWEZO BONANZA this year for the second time and we have seen and learnt a lot. One thing that is very clear is, we have students with a lot of talents in our schools. The major challenge they face, is lack of platforms for the them to showcase these talents in a way that they can value and nurture them. Students have enormous desire and passion to work on their talents but the support from parents and sometimes even school is very little. These kind of events give you morale and motivation to recognize, value and work on your talents. It is for this reason we are organizing, UWEZO BONANZA for the second time.*

*This is our major goal at Great Hope Foundation to inspire students to develop their full package of potential, far beyond what they learn in class. We understand in class you learn a lot of things but some of your talents/passion/potential are invisible in the four walls of your classrooms. Through UWEZO BONANZA you have a chance to work on your talents and nurture them as we know this might be helpful as you get out of these schools. I wish you all the best today.*

*My heartily appreciation, goes to partners. We couldn't have done much without you. We are live today, thanks to TVE who has joined us boldly this year. But also Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation and Premier agencies who have been with us year after year. I think Caren from Karimjee will also share some few remarks later as she has managed to attend the event today. We are so grateful to all of our partners. Our dreams and goals wouldn't have been achieved to this level if you didn't support GHF programs.*

*If I were to add my remarks to parents, I would say that, we should add more efforts on educating our children . You have to remember, when you take your child to learn in any school, most of the time they can only develop only a portion of their potential. Most of your child potential won't be seen/nurtured within the four walls of a classroom. We should make deliberate efforts, in full potential development of our children. Schooling is not enough. The labor market might absorb our children quickly, when we develop their potential fully. They will easily find something to do in the market place. I am not saying we pay less attention on academics, but the same effort we put on those grades, let us also make sure we invest enough efforts in producing conducive environment for our children full potential development."*

## Caren Rowland

Executive Secretary, Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation

*"I am happy to be here and I am happy to see you all. At Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation we are very proud of what you are doing. Personally am so proud of you and what you do. Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation has been working with Great Hope Foundation, for more than five years now because we believe in education and in empowering young people. Great Hope Foundation is doing a great job and we shall keep supporting your work. I will not have so much to say, but I wish you all the best in today's performances. I am sure you will do a great job like you have always done".*





# SCHOOLS PERFORMANCES ON UWEZO BONANZA

## Dancing Category



# Drawing Category



# Drama Category



# Rapping Category



# Singing Category



# Traditional Dancing Category



# Fashion and Designing Category



## WINNERS PICKING THEIR TROPHIES ON UWEZO BONANZA 2022

### The top most winner in Drawing Category: **Kichanga S.S** (Temeke Municipal)

The first trophy and a 300,000/= TZS cheque went to Hassan Mohammed from Kichanga Secondary School followed by Silvester Pascal from Juhudi Secondary School. As Noelle Mahuvi, Country Project Coordinator from Great Hope Foundation was announcing winners, Caren Rowland, from Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (Executive Secretary) was giving out trophies to Winners.



*"We are so- so happy and glad that we have won a trophy. It has made me remember the challenges we have gone through to participate in UWEZO BONANZA 2022. I am extremely happy with our victory. I advise my fellow students not to be afraid of any challenge. UWEZO BONANZA is prepared for students like us and it's a very wonderful project. After this award, I feel we are encouraged to go and explore big opportunities in our communities. I feel once you get*



*an award that means you have the potential that has been seen and so you have to move forward. We have had a lot of challenges like little understanding of students about UWEZO BONANZA when it was introduced in our school and second was discouragement from teachers who didn't understand what we were doing." A student from Kichanga Secondary School insights after picking the trophy*

## The top most winner in Traditional Dancing: Kichanga Secondary School (Temeke Municipal)

In traditional dancing category the trophy and 300,000/- TZS cheque was given to Kichanga Secondary School followed by the second winner from Kondo Secondary School. Kichanga Secondary school made a record of taking two trophies ( top most winners) in UWEZO BONANZA 2022. Both Drawing and Traditional dancing categories top trophies went to Kichanga Secondary School.



## The top most winner in Singing category: Tuliani Secondary School (Kinondoni Municipal)

In Singing category the trophy and 300,000/= TZS cheque went to Tuliani Secondary School followed by Makoka, Victory, Makongo and Vianzi Secondary Schools.



*"Our participation in UWEZO BONANZA 2022, has been our first experience and we are glad that we have won, in the singing category. We have got our trophy and our cheque of 300,000 TZS. I was highly inspired to participate in this event, when I heard about it at our school. Me and my friends, came together to form a team of nine people.*

*We participated in first, second and third screening. We had a lot of doubts about our ability, but as days went on, we were able to encourage ourselves and gain the boldness to perform. I think UWEZO BONANZA program should be given more emphasis at schools because students can still have a chance of excelling in talents. Many students, don't have a place to showcase talents at school, but when we learnt about UWEZO BONANZA, we got inspired to participate and imagine we have won".*

**Tariq Shabani** from Tulian Secondary School giving his remarks after picking their trophy

## The top most winner in Drama category: Jamhuri Secondary School (Ilala Municipal)

On Drama category the Trophy and 300,000/= TZS cheque went to Jamhuri followed by Nguva Secondary School .



*"We have participated in UWEZO BONANZA 2022 and we have won, on drama category. I am very- very happy! This victory has not been easy at all. We have gone through a number of challenges. I have come to learn, you need your whole heart to participate in this event successfully.*

*Imagine several teachers were coming to us as we were rehearsing saying " you are always on those UWEZO stuffs, instead of studying, where will this take you?" I am so glad that we are going back with a trophy to showcase our achievement. I feel parents should be more cooperative to us as we engage ourselves in talents development programs. I think this is very important."*

**A student from Jamhuri sharing her feelings after picking the trophy.**

## The top most winner in Fashion and Designing category: Benjamin Mkapa Secondary School (Ilala Municipal )

In Fashion and Design Category the trophy and 300,000/- TZS cheque went to Benjamin William Mkapa followed by Ilala and Barabara ya Mwinyi Secondary School.



*"I feel good that we have participated in Fashion and Design Category in UWEZO BONANZA 2022 and we have won a cheque and a trophy. UWEZO BONANZA has made us understand that we have talents that we need to nurture and bring them up. I have been inspired to participate in UWEZO BONANZA because at our school we are lucky that we are being pushed to work on our talents alongside our studies.*

*As you know a lot of people have talents but don't have the courage to showcase in public. We have been lucky to participate in UWEZO BONANZA that has made possible for us to showcase our designs. I feel we should all admit our talents are quite important. We have so many people in this country today, who live just because of the use of their talents. Encouraging young people to develop and nurture their talents, is very important"*

**Lenatha Leonard from Benjamin W.M Secondary School, sharing her remarks after winning .**

## The top most winner in Rapping category: Mwinyi High School (Mkuranga District)

In Rapping category a Trophy and 300,000 TZS Cheque went to Mwinvi High Secondary School, followed by Kilangalanga Secondary school, Makongo Secondary school and Jamhuri Secondary School.



*"I have known UWEZO BONANZA through Timothy, who is a coordinator of UWEZO PROGRAM for schools in Mkuranga in 2022. He announced during assembly to all students, encouraging those who have talents to participate actively in UWEZO BONANZA screening.*

*I am happy today that I have won Rapping category, I got the trophy and a cheque of 300,000 TZS. I advise those who did not win not to give up, you can always make yourself better and participate again. I thank God that my participation in UWEZO BONANZA 2022, has polished my ability to perform and present what I have. My ability to write lyrics for my songs has also improved. But above all this victory has given me hope that I can do anything with my talent. I can go quite far, if I want to"*

**Wendo Goda Nchilongola from Mwinyi High school sharing his insights after picking the trophy.**

## The top most winner in Dancing category was from Hananasif Secondary School ( Kinondoni Municipal)

In Dancing category the Trophy and 300,000 TZS Cheque went to Hananasif, followed by Kisota and Nyumbu Secondary school. They have become champions by winning the same categories for two consecutive years.



*"I am quite happy that I have participated in UWEZO BONANZA 2022, because this event inspires me to work on my talent and become better everyday. We have won again, we have a trophy plus a 300,000 TZS cheque. This feels so good! We shall use the money to buy all other facilities that we need, in our talents and also assist our school somehow.*

*I feel our society should allow us to nurture and work on our talents. We face a lot of challenges in our journey to participate in events like this. Imagine at our school, we had a big challenge with time. We get out of school at 5pm and we had to meet for rehearsals at 6pm. Time was very limited."*

**A student from Hananasif Secondary School sharing insights after winning.**

## WHAT WERE THE JUDGES COMMENTS ON STUDENTS' PERFORMANCES?

### FLORANCE MKINGA



*"I am quite excited to be here as one of the panelist of this event. When Noelle, was asking me to come, I never thought the event was this huge. I am quite amazed! I can honestly say that, I have seen a lot of talents today. You are talented in so many ways, and may God bless you for that. When I saw you on stage you reminded me of my time at school. I was quite active. I have loved the spirit that you (students) have, to come and perform on the stage.*

*One important thing I can say is you should work very very hard on your talents. As judges we have seen a lot of talents today but you need to work hard on them and push persistently so as to reach far. Never underestimate your talents. I am a very good example of people who live by depending on their talents. Your talent can be your business, life and it can enable you to help others as well.*

*My heartily appreciation goes to Great Hope Foundation and all the donors who have supported this project. TVE have done a great job today, my appreciation to this media house. All the best to winners and let me remind you that we are all winners. This has to be your challenge to do better if you didn't win today."*

**Florance Mkinga, who is also a remarkable script writer and movie producer, sharing her remarks as one of the panelist in UWEZO BONANZA 2022.**

## MARTIN KADINDA

---



Martin Kadinda is a reknown Fashion designer in Tanzania and East African at large. One of the students from Benjamin W/Mkapa High school, who is quite great in drawing & painting gave a special gift of his masterpiece to him. He was inspired by his work and influence in fashion industry. Martin shared the following insights after he got the gift.

*“ This event has made me remember where I came from. I am a graduate of Makongo S.S. As time goes on I have come to learn we have a lot of talents here in Dar es Salaam, specifically from young people.*

*First, I would like to congratulate Great Hope Foundation for the great job they are doing. Because when students are in class, most of the time its all about studying but when there are events like these students enjoy and have a lot of fun.*

*I appreciate for this gift that I have been given. If it was from my fellow colleague I would have auctioned it. But I would like to buy this gift for 100,000/ TZS so that the money can help you in your journey of working on your talent.*

*Don't despise school, it is quite important. If you develop your talent, without education, people will easily manipulate and exploit you badly. So keep studying hard and work on your talents as well. “*

**Martin Kadinda remarks as a panelist of  
UWESO BONANZA 2022**



## FOBBY



*"I won't have much to say, but I have a short story to tell you. I also went to school but I wasn't able to go to a talented school. One thing that happened was, I was lucky to be taught by teachers who nurtured my talents, by then was playing football and singing. The teachers were so nice to me, even when my family couldn't pay fees on time, some teachers were paying for me.*

*I can say talents are quite important, we have to study hard, but we shouldn't abandon our talents. If you have a talent (in any area), education will help you do well. I would like to congratulate you for coming up in big numbers for the event today. Never stop studying and depend only on your talents, as you can see there are so many of you with talents. In order for you to succeed and get seen you need to be creative and to get help from others. Your education will help you a lot in this journey.*

*I would like to congratulate Great Hope Foundation for making sure this event exist every year. I like that they are insisting that talent is special but has to go along with education. I wish you all the best for those who have won. Just remember all of you are winners but there is that one person who was more creative, got extra energy or something extra who has picked the trophy today. I congratulate all of you and keep up your efforts both at school and in your talents."*

**Fobby a famous Bongo Flavour artist and also a panelist at UWEZO BONANZA 2022 sharing his remarks**

# Judges at a Glance

---



*Martin Kadinda*

---



*Fobby*

---



*Florance Mkinga*

---



*Christei Ngowi*

---



*Christopher Shakespear*

---



*Noelle Mahuvi*  
Editor  
Country Project Coordinator

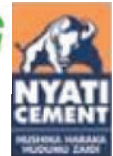
Official Partner of UWEZO BONANZA 2022



TVE/EFM



Happy to have worked with these organization since 2016



Great Hope Foundation,

Ubungu, Riverside

P.o.Box 2466, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

+255 713 226400/+255 783 672512

info@ghftz.org / greathopefoundation@gmail.com

www.ghftz.org

@greathopetz- Instagram, Facebook and Twitter