

Newsletter

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UWEZO PROGRAM 2023 UPDATES

We have kicked off 2023, with full energy our ambitious button pressed on. We can't believe it has been 7 years, of working with Secondary School students on UWEZO PROGRAM. Accumulatively we have reached over 870 Secondary Schools, awarding 174 schools that have done great in their Community Change Projects. We have started off this year with a goal of reaching 250 Secondary Schools of Dar es Salaam, Coastal and Morogoro region. UWEZO PROGRAM 2023 shall be a blend of four projects; UWEZO AWARD, UWEZO BONANZA, UWEZO CLUBS and UWEZO KINARA.

As it has been GHF tradition, in UWEZO AWARD students will design and implement Community Change Projects, competing with their fellows in Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro region. Same to UWEZO BONANZA, where students will compete to showcase their talents and passion in Arts, through drama, singing, dancing, drawing, acrobatics, comedy, fashion show etc. While the goal of UWEZO AWARD is to impart students, with entrepreneurial spirit and drive, UWEZO BONANZA aims at giving these students a platform to explore their passion in arts.

Great Hope Foundation, shall keep on forming UWEZO CLUBS in Secondary Schools, increasing the sustainability of UWEZO PROGRAM at grassroots level. For the year 2023 the goal is to register 150 clubs, doubling the number in 2022. A new project for 2023 is UWEZO KINARA, which aims at identifying students who are studying and doing business(running micro enterprises) at the same time. GHF wants to understand how they balance both (academics and business), type of help they need, and through their stories and achievement inspire the rest of students to embrace entrepreneurship at a tender age. Up to March, 2023 Great Hope Foundation had reached 180 Schools of the three regions with UWEZO PROGRAM.

Coordinators visiting schools





GIRLS ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP with FEET

In February, Great Hope Foundation cooperated with FEET to organize Entrepreneurship Camp for Girls. The camp provided two days training to Secondary School girls on how to form business from their ideas. It was facilitated by Costantine Magavilla, an entrepreneur and author with enormous experience of working with young people. 20 girls from Benjamin William Mkapa, Tambaza and Makoka Secondary schools with some few form four graduates participated in the camp and they were able to draft business proposals from their ideas. It was an inspirational moment, learning business ideas that students have.





VISITING WINNERS OF UWEZO AWARD & UWEZO BONANZA 2022

GHF Country Coordinator, Noelle Mahuvi managed to visit some few schools who had outstanding achievement in UWEZO AWARD and UWEZO BONANZA 2022. There were some cash prizes, that GHF had to distribute to students who had won on the two projects. It was very sensational to see the excitement on students faces and how the visitation by the country Coordinator, made them glad. Some of these Schools were Kibaha S.S (first winner of UWEZO AWARD 2022), Benjamin William Mkapa (second winner of UWEZO AWARD 2023 and top winner on Fashion Show Category in UWEZO BONANZA 2022). Hananasif S.S (top winner in UWEZO BONANZA 2022, dancing category) and Jamhuri S.S (top winner in UWEZO BONANZA 2022 , drama category).



UWEZO CLUB TOUR 2023, KISARAWA & MKURANGA

To build capacity of students and teachers in UWEZO PROGRAM 2023, Great Hope Foundation provided training per district, bringing together students leaders of UWEZO CLUBS, inspiring them to actively participate in projects and how to go about it.

The training is named as UWEZO CLUB TOUR, reaching all the 11 districts participating in UWEZO PROGRAM. It started in Kisarawe district where eight Secondary Schools plus their teachers, attended the training. Students were happy to see the whole GHF team, and asked questions on how they can win awards in the projects. The training in Kisarawe was done, at Chanzige Primary School, who provided the venue for this training.

The next district was Mkuranga, where fourteen Secondary Schools students attended at Victory Secondary School where the venue was.

KISARAWA





MKURANGA



Coordinators' Stories on UWEZO PROGRAM 2023

Here are some few stories from volunteers, who have been visiting these schools convincing students to actively participate in UWEZO PROGRAM. These volunteers, are O level graduates (most of them) who have chosen to use their holiday to motivate and inspire their young ones, to participate in UWEZO PROGRAM 2023.

ABDUL HAMISI NDUMESI - Morogoro Urban District Coordinator



“ At GHF, we live like a family supporting one another with much love and collaboration. ”

“My name is Abdul Hamisi Ndumessi, i stay and live in Morogoro, but at the same time I volunteer as a coordinator of UWEZO PROGRAM 2023 in Morogoro Urban District. I feel quite privileged and I am very appreciative of the fact that, i have had a chance to work with GHF. I feel, my GHF experience, will be among the very unique experiences I shall have in my lifetime.

I have accumulated a lot of knowledge and experience on three main areas, if I were to paraphrase; how to become a great leader, working as a team and overcoming challenges. In my leadership experience, i have learnt the importance of being creative on my tasks. I have always felt, that I could bring a lot of creativity in whatever, I am doing and through being a coordinator I see this happening. My volunteering task has enabled me to expand my thinking and bring the best out of me. I feel great for this. I have also learnt about teamwork. As i go to school, I work closely with teachers and students to make sure they all get inspired to participate in UWEZO PROGRAM 2023. I have also been inspired by my fellow teammate (colleagues) at GHF, we live like a family

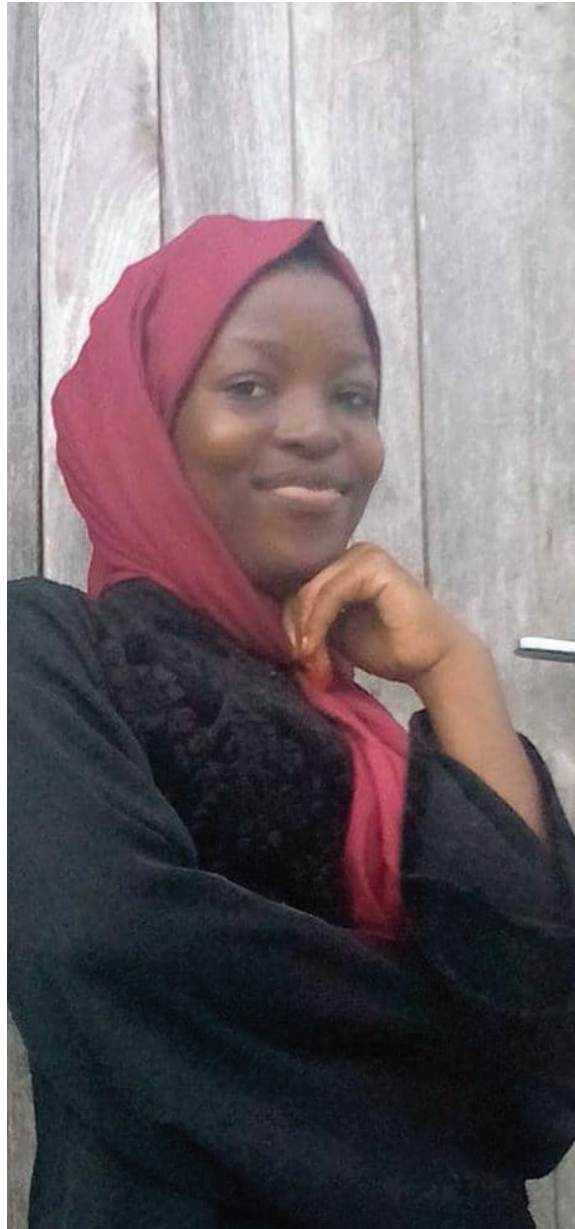
supporting one another with much love and collaboration. I have also faced some challenges. First, there are still some hurdles ,in renewing permission from Municipal and regional level. This has brought a lot of schools, to hesitate kicking off the project. Another challenge is the hesitation of teachers and students, on UWEZO PROGRAM specifically in those schools that, I am visiting for the first time. But am still pushing up the work, to make sure, I achieve my targets."

BERNARD EGBERT - Mkuranga District Coordinator



"My name is Bernard, am currently volunteering at Great Hope Foundation as a coordinator of Mkuranga and Kibiti district from Coastal region. I keep having some great moments of my life, in these two districts. Just visiting these places, makes me glad. The weather is cool, and i enjoy each and every trip i make. Second, students inspire me very much. Most of these schools, are located in villages and for them to participate in UWEZO PROGRAM, it is a lifetime achievement, they dreamt to have. They are inspired and very energetic towards entrepreneurship. Some of these students really amazed me with their entrepreneurial drive and ideas. My biggest challenge with these two places, is distance. The place is quite far and i travel many kilometers daily to reach these schools. This experience has taught me to budget my bus fare, carefully. But above all, this coordinating experience has given me so much confidence. I feel bold and more courageous than before."

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I am Cleopatra Shafih. I can say that my time of being a coordinator at Great Hope Foundation, together with my fellow Temeke coordinators Aziza and Nancy have helped me in creating self confidence and self consciousness on which now I see my self in a better level personally and I feel I can do anything confidently.

Great Hope Foundation has helped me to interconnect with people who are helping me in getting new ideas and learn different things. Also encouraging me to be a person who can solve any pblem that I may face.

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Being part of Great Hope Foundation has given me an exceptional experience and I am very happy since it was my dream to do volunteer or do charity work that makes other people better.

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My name is Mariam Mziray. I am a volunteer at Great Hope Foundation and i work as a coordinator of Ubungo district for the year 2023. I have had an amazing experience so far. I can say the best i have ever had in my life. I am learning a lot and gaining a lot of knowledge .

I feel lucky to have this chance to serve because it has assisted me to learn public speaking. I have learnt how to speak, formally especially with teachers and other coordinators. I have gained new friends, I am learning to be patient and how to negotiate. But I have also learnt how to inspire and give hope to students on their participation in UWEZO PROGRAM 2023. Being a coordinator, also helps you to learn about decision making, creativity and problem solving. It feels great to learn these things practically and also learn that I can serve my society at this tender age.

I face some challenges as well. At times you have less attention from teachers and students. There are moments, you meet students who have a lot of willingness to participate in UWEZO PROGRAM, but they have a very tight schedule. This blocks their efforts. But despite these challenges, my task at Great Hope Foundation will forever be special and remarkable in my heart. I enjoy doing this, and overcoming these challenges.

All in all I will never forget this moment of being a volunteer. What I feel we should keep on doing is that, we keep working with the Government in accomplishing its targets on empowering young generation of this country.

NANCY MABINDO - Temeke Municipal Coordinator



My name is Nancy Mabindo, I am a coordinator of Temeke Municipal. Am very happy for this task, infact i feel special being a coordinator. This job, is boosting up my confidence and how to talk before a big number of people. I feel good talking about UWEZO PROGRAM, because not only it is a competition between students, but it brings a lot of benefits, to the community and students themselves.

Another benefit I get, is accumulating leadership skills. Another unique experience that I have encountered is on the importance of helping others and coming together to bring positive impact to our Community. Working with students, has also given me a chance to accumulate entrepreneurial skills from their projects. This to me, has been quite inspirational as am getting the spirit of becoming an entrepreneur one day.

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PATU ADAM - Kigamboni Municipal Coordinator



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My name is Patu Adam, am currently working as a volunteer at Great Hope Foundation. I am a coordinator of Kigamboni District. I managed to participate in UWEZO BONANZA 2023 and my school (Benjamin William Mkapa) won under the category of Fashion and Design. Since I was the designer, I felt so good and I was inspired to become a volunteer.

So far I enjoy my job. I enjoy what I do, as it is very interesting to me. I like how we cooperate and collaborate as coordinators from different districts. The spirit and energy is quite inspring for us to do and achieve more with schools we are coordinating. Being a coordinator has taught me how to plan and manage my time plus the fund I have. The schools I coordinate are quite far apart, and it needs me to wake up very early in the morning to catch a bus. If I miss the first bus, I have missed my daily target of visiting several schools on that particular day.

I have gained confidence through talking to teachers and students. Before I couldn't event speak to my GHF leaders like Madam Noelle, I was very afraid and nervous. I am happy that, being a coordinator is polishing a lot of skills within myself and helping me to know more about my potential than I ever did. Now more than ever, I cherish and value platforms that give students a chance to showcase their potential. I look at how they have transformed me, and I feel like every child should have a chance to go through what I went through and experience what I have now. I face challenges on my task of coordinating schools, like poor understanding and commitment of students and teachers on UWEZO PROGRAM, but I choose not get discouraged by them. I try to overcome as much as possible everyday. All in all, it is great to be a coordinator and volunteer on UWEZO PROGRAM.



"My name is Idrisa Musa Hamadi and I am currently a volunteer at Great Hope Foundation, as a coordinator of schools in Kibaha District. I started this job early this year, and I am happy that I have made it this far. I feel I have made great use of my holiday as I wait to join Advanced level in July.

One of the great experience I have gained and probably learnt as a coordinator is self confidence before teachers, students and all people I meet everyday. It has changed how I talk and speak before people. Imagine you visit a school, and they call the whole school for assembly that you talk to them. You just need to be confident. I have also learnt the power of positive energy.

I meet students and their energy inspires me a lot. I also enjoy the teamwork and collaboration we have at the foundation. We work as a team, everyday to reach our target. Generally I can say, by just choosing to volunteer it has made me a better person. I feel like I have learnt a number of things that have challenged my attitude and thinking. I couldn't have asked for a better task."

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AZIZ SALUM - Kisarawe District

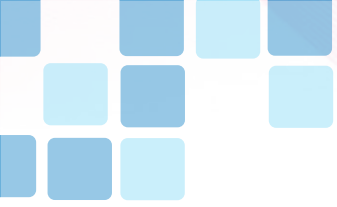


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My name is Aziz Salum, and I am a coordinator of Kisarawe District, in UWEZO PROGRAM 2023. My journey as a coordinator has led me to gain a lot of experience that I never had before. I have met different students from several places, and speaking to them has been wonderful. Another experience has been how to budget the busfare I get from GHF to visit schools in Kisarawe so that I can make sure I have enough busfare, voucher and some minor expenditures like buying water and food when I visit schools.

Visiting Kisarawe, has been interesting because, it has been my first time to most of the places I have visited plus the schools I have been. At the foundation, I have been encouraged to read, various policies including education policy, and this has increased my knowledge on UWEZO PROGRAM and has enabled me to answer difficult questions from teachers and students. In any journey there are many challenges, and I have encountered some as a coordinator.

Sometimes teachers asks questions like, what does your foundation get from doing UWEZO PROGRAM? Honestly I feel annoyed with these kind of questions. In some schools both teachers and students give very poor collaboration towards UWEZO PROGRAM. There are moments, where I visit these schools and it is raining heavily. The roads to some of the schools are quite bad, during rainy season and this made my school visits to be hard. Imagine trying to climb areas with steep slopes after it has rained. Quite challenging. But generally, I would say, I am happy that I am volunteering.



GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION

Great Hope Foundation (GHF) is a local Non - Governmental Organization, legally registered in Tanzania, with a registration number of 3976 in 2010.

Great Hope Foundation mission is to develop and implement programs innovatively, that assist young people to acquire appropriate skills that can help them thrive in the labor market through either self or formal employment.

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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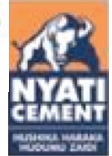
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