

Newsletter

UWEZO PROGRAM

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IT IS THIRD QUARTER OF UWEZO PROGRAM 2023 !!!

Here we come, winding up the third quarter of the year 2023. As it has always been, running UWEZO PROGRAM, gets very inspiring and energetic at this moment, because we are winding up and preparing the 2023 annual events, to recognize outstanding students on UWEZO PROGRAM. This year, GHF has a goal of preparing a single event to combine both UWEZO BONANZA and UWEZO AWARD Ceremony. We have named the experience as UWEZO FESTIVAL 2023. We are fired up, for this new experience that shall gather more than 4000 students from Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro region.

UWEZO PROGRAM STORIES

We had a chance to visit, teachers and students on the mid of this year, to hear their stories on UWEZO PROGRAM, as we were documenting the impact of our work in the previous year. Here are some of the stories from teachers, who supervised students' Community Change Projects in UWEZO PROGRAM 2022, sharing their experiences and the many lessons they were able to pick on the process.

1. JOSEPHINE MLAY – A teacher from MKUZA GIRLS S.S



Mkuza girls S.S receiving their winning trophy

"I liked the project that my students did in UWEZO AWARD 2022. I had the touch and feel of the impact of the project to my students. They were able to learn a number of new things, that I could vividly observe it was changing their attitude and mindset. They have been able to accumulate number of soft skills like teamwork and collaboration on top of entrepreneurial skills.

Their Community Change Project involved making and selling cookies & doughnuts and making cement benches. I also observed how the project was assisting students to explore, understand and refine their talents. It was very evident to me that, the skills they are accumulating will be very useful in their lives, even after they get out of our school. What was even more encouraging was the fact that, they could employ themselves, using the knowledge and skills they are acquiring.

It was not easy for us and the students to participate in UWEZO AWARD 2022, because as you know our school, got burnt by fire last year, and we closed. When we opened the school, we had a lot to cover and finish on our syllabus, that made our timetable very tight and the time was limited. But we were able to participate in the program. When students' won I felt very happy as I was worried that, they might get very discouraged, incase they don't get any type of recognition.

I feel Great Hope Foundation should invest heavily to reach more schools with this UWEZO PROGRAM. It has a remarkable impact to our young people. I think it is an experience probably all young people in secondary schools should go through to unlock their potential beyond what we teach in class".

JOSEPHINE MLAY



2.

ISAYA NGWANA – A teacher from KIBITI S.S



Kibiti S.S receiving their winning trophy

“My observation on UWEZO AWARD has been on its impact on giving students a platform to showcase their potential and talents, far beyond what they learn and accumulate in class. I am the supervising teacher of UWEZO CLUB at my school, and I have seen how the project is transforming students’ mindset and preparing them practically for life after school, because they shall need more than their class knowledge to survive on the market place. Our Community Change Project involved growing and selling chicken. Of course this is quite a famous business, and everyone knows the advantage of doing this business. But the most significant thing for them is that, the project has raised a significant desire of becoming entrepreneurs on this kind of business, and who knows they might do this for their lifetime.”



Personally, I think I would like to encourage young people, that they should learn/acquire skills in doing number of things, apart from their academics. As it is very clear that, they might pass with flying colors, but the credentials may not be very helpful in assisting them to secure employment on the marketplace or even facilitating self-employment. With UWEZO AWARD project, it is giving students a chance at a tender age to go beyond, what they are learning in class. They are participating in these community services and are accumulating creativity and innovation, a spirit that we highly need them to have”.

ISAYA NGWANA

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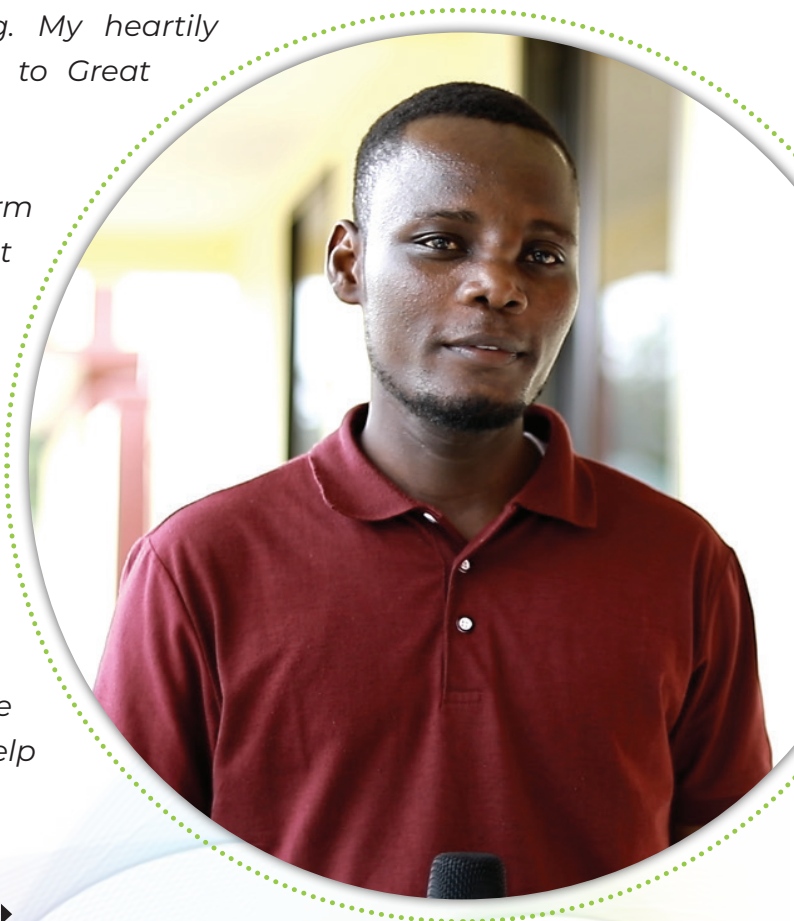
LAMECK STEVEN – A teacher from CARMEL MOUNT GIRLS S.S



Carmel Mount Girls S.S receiving their winning trophy

“ I was the supervising teacher for UWEZO AWARD 2022 project at my school, and we started a bit late, but I was glad that my students were able to participate in the project. Basically it was our first time to participate in the project but students’ commitment was amazing. My heartily appreciation and deepest gratitude goes to Great Hope Foundation team.

This project has been a remarkable platform for students to gain and accumulate a lot of skills. Personally just being a teacher, working with them, observing their thinking process and how they choose to implement their projects, I have been learning a lot from them. At times, they amaze me with their ideas, plans and dreams. They have learnt a lot about entrepreneurship through their vegetable garden project but on top of that, they have been able to touch their community positively, by helping those people who were in need of basic need help and support ”.



LAMECK STEVEN

4. NICHOLAUS NOLASCO – A teacher from TAMBAZA S.S



Tambaza S.S receiving their winning trophy



“ My observation on the Community Change Project that was done by my students in UWEZO AWARD 2022, was on how the project empowered them with knowledge on a number of things. It was like the project was opening them to this new world, that they could have never had a chance to get this level of exposure, in class.

The project is a competition for recognition, but the most significant impact to them is building some solid foundation to be able to thrive on the market place; through the skills they have acquired and above that, to prepare an empowered young people, that are contributing significantly in building our nation ”.

NICHOLAUS NOLASCO

5.

BERIUS KATITA – A teacher from VICTORY S.S.



Victory S.S receiving their winning trophy

“ What I have seen to be remarkably great on what students do on UWEZO AWARD project has been, the ability of the project to prepare them for life after school. The project is helping them to build skills that can facilitate income creation for themselves when they are out of school. Because of what we are experiencing at the market place, our schools should not only give students, good academic grades. It should go beyond that. Our labor market is quite competitive, and employment is highly created through things that, students never had a chance to learn at school.

The fact that, UWEZO AWARD project is giving students a chance to go beyond the four walls of the classroom, it is a very significant program that accelerates positive transformation in our students’ mind. I think it is very important that this project, should be scaled countrywide for each and every students to participate and accumulate the needed skills and knowledge ”.



BERIUS KATITA

6.

BARAKA KIWELO – A teacher from NGUVA S.S



Nguva S.S receiving their winning trophy



"I" was glad to see how the project is building love, cooperation and collaboration among students. UWEZO AWARD project forces students to work closely to their community, by identifying and solving community problems. I am also glad that, I am supervising this project because, as a teacher it has enabled me to learn talents and other potentials my students have, beyond of what I see in class. It is amazing to see how they organize themselves to do Community Change Projects and you can easily visualize how the skills will be relevant to them as they get off school".

BARAKA KIWELO

7.

EMMANUEL ELIBARIKI – A teacher from B. W. MKAPA H.S.



B.W Mkuapa S.S receiving their winning Award

“ What I have observed as my students were designing and implementing their Community Change Projects, through UWEZO AWARD, is how the project was being a significant vehicle to accelerate their confidence of taking a first step to implement their ideas. I have seen students who were very timid, becoming bold and courageous through this project. Some didn't want to participate in the project, but as they saw their fellow designing and implementing their ideas they quickly jumped in. I have also seen the incredible impact of the project in bringing out students potential. They were able to learn so much about their own ability, passion and interest, more than anyone could ever teach them.

I am grateful that Great Hope Foundation, brought this project to our school. How I wish it could be scaled countrywide for each and every young Tanzanian, to participate. It's quite innovative. It's obvious that, we can't rely on employment as it is very scarce. The confidence and boldness that students acquire as they do Community Change Projects, will facilitate a lot of progress for them on the labor market, because they were able to accumulate appropriate skills at a tender age ”.



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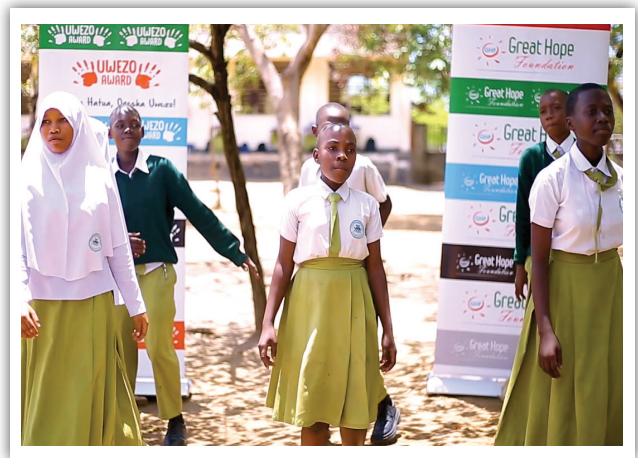
UWEZO AWARD & UWEZO BONANZA 2023 PROGRESS

This year on UWEZO AWARD, GHF was able to reach 258, secondary schools with UWEZO PROGRAM, and out of this 134 were able to start their Community Change Projects. Up to end of August, we had collected 62 filled reports on the Community Change Projects done by students. The reports are undergoing internal and external evaluation so as to get outstanding Community Change Projects that will be awarded on 4th November, 2023, on a mega event, for the first time , UWEZO FESTIVAL, that shall be for both UWEZO AWARD and UWEZO BONANZA ceremonies



Great Hope Foundation has finalized, all screening for students who showed desire to participate in UWEZO BONANZA. The first screening that was done in April, Great Hope Foundation was able to collect 117 groups of talents, from 46 schools. On the second screening, GHF collected 63 groups from 34 schools. Out these, 50 groups have been selected to participate in UWEZO FESTIVAL. The distribution per categories is as follows.

S/N	CATEGORY	NUMBER OF GROUPS/SCHOOLS
1	Singing	12
2	Rapping	7
3	Singeli	3
4	Dancing	7
5	Traditional Dance	3
6	Drama	3
7	Drawing	6
8	Fashion Show	7
9	Acrobats	2



As we are approaching, **UWEZO FESTIVAL 2023**, what are students saying?

BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA SECONDARY SCHOOL



“ In 2022 we participated in UWEZO AWARD and we did various projects including visiting Upanga Juvenile Center, Ocean Road Hospital and repaired our school’s water taps. This made us win a gold trophy as a second winner. We are excited as we go towards UWEZO FESTIVAL 2023, we are confident that in UWEZO AWARD we shall be the first winner and in UWEZO BONANZA we have prepared ourselves very well to win in all categories that we shall participate”

Students from Benjamin William Mkapa Secondary School.

HANANASIF SECONDARY SCHOOL.



“In UWEZO AWARD 2022 we were 26th and honestly we were not happy with that position, but in 2023 we have prepared and done great projects and we see ourselves winning the first Gold Trophy. And in UWEZO BONANZA, we are the dancing champions, picking a top trophy for two consecutive years. This year we are participating in more categories; dancing, rapping, singing and traditional dance and we are hoping to win in all these categories. We are very excited.”

Students from Hananasif Secondary School

AIRWING HIGH SCHOOL



"We had a good record of being first winner in UWEZO AWARD in 2019 but after that we have not been doing so great but in 2023 we promise Kibaha Secondary that we are taking them off that position of being the champions for three consecutive years. We are promising them, they shouldn't even dream about it. We have prepared ourselves very well and first place is only ours in UWEZO AWARD 2023. We are excited!"

Students from Airwing Secondary School

Lets all meet on **UWEZO FESTIVAL 2023**

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About 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.

Great Hope Foundation has been running UWEZO PROGRAM in Secondary schools to empower students with both entrepreneurial and 21st Century Skills. Since 2016, Great Hope Foundation has worked with 870 Secondary schools, reaching directly over 4600 students in these schools.



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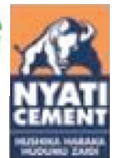
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