

Newsletter

UWEZO AWARD | 2021
April Release



It is April, 2021 and we are keeping up the effort of pushing the wheel of empowering our young people. Great Hope Foundation team, is working on UWEZO AWARD 2021 project reaching out 180+ Secondary Schools of Dar es Salaam, Coastal Region and Morogoro. On the whole month of March more than 100 schools have started working on their Community Change Projects and we are very proud of the great work that is done by our District Coordinators and volunteers.



Great Hope Foundation is a Non Governmental Organization that works on the area of young generation development and empowerment. Its mission is to create platforms for young people to understand their potential and acquire skills that can help them thrive on the market place effectively. In 2016, Great Hope Foundation initiated UWEZO AWARD project.

The project is done in a competition modality, where as students design Community Change Projects that carries three aspects; give them a chance to explore their potential, acquire skills and bring positive change to their Community. Outstanding Community Change Projects are recognized yearly by Great Hope Foundation in the spirit of motivating students to embrace entrepreneurship at a tender age.



One of the amazing experiences someone can have in the coordination of UWEZO AWARD project, is to have a chance to hear stories of students on their Community Change Projects that made them won a trophy. This year Great Hope Foundation organized documentation of these projects on the month of March and April. Total of 28 Community Change Projects out of 35 were recorded in March. After

editing these videos they shall be uploaded on UWEZO APP/WEB APP for people to stream. Students were happy to share their stories on how they organized themselves to bring positive change to their community. Rashidi Huka, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for Great Hope Foundation programs had a chance to visit all these schools as they were recording the documentaries.

Rashidi Huka

Monitoring and evaluation officer

*My name is **RASHIDI HUKA**, I am volunteering at GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION as Monitoring and evaluation officer for GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION programs. I had a privilege to supervise and participate effectively in the recording of students' stories (videos) for those students who won in UWEZO AWARD 2020. As I was interviewing students' school to school, I was amazed about how they took ownership of UWEZO AWARD project from their hearts and I also I learnt how much this project meant to them as it showed that it has changed their attitudes.*

Most of them confessed that the project has made them responsible, for instance they participated in solving several problems surrounding their society without disturbing their academics. I was more thrilled to hear about how UWEZO AWARD had motivated them to go further as some of these students had started their own businesses at home and others had this inner drive in them that, after graduating their secondary school education, they shall start initiatives making use of the skills they have acquired in UWEZO AWARD project.

Another thing I observed was that most of teachers and head of schools had come to understand how significant is UWEZO AWARD project to their students. Some of them admitted that it has reduced students dodging at school and has improved their thinking capacity and innovation. But above all am glad that , I had a very good exposure as I got chance to visit several places that I had never visited and reached. The chance to learn from my fellow youths that are still at school was quite priceless to me. This experience was extra ordinary!!



UWEZO AWARD STATUS

GHF has reached 195 schools out of 180 target which is a bit above target. 101 schools have started their Community Change Projects in Dar es Salaam, Pwani and Morogoro collectively as summarized in the table below;

REGION	MUNICIPAL/DISTRICTS	SCHOOLS REACHED	No. OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE STARTED THEIR PROJECTS
DAR ES SALAAM	ILALA	20	15
	TEMEKE	26	13
	KINONDONI	35	7
	UBUNGO	20	11
	KIGAMBONI	14	11
COASTAL REGION	KIBAHA	33	24
	BAGAMOYO	10	2
	MKURANGA	16	10
	KISARAWA	11	7
MOROGORO	MOROGORO	10	1
TOTAL		195 out of 180 target	101 schools

Our Coordinators Story

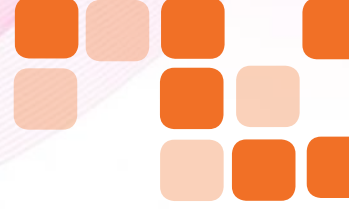
Betty Birange

Cordinator for Temeke District

My name is BETTY BIRAGE, I am volunteering at Great Hope Foundation as a coordinator for Uwezo Award Project in Temeke District, I started this task at the end of January up to now. I have managed to accomplish several tasks that I am proud of. First, visiting all schools of Temeke District with my fellow coordinators. My biggest challenge in accomplishing this task was, student's timetable at their schools. In some schools students do not have time for extracurricular activities.

This was a very big challenge for students to commit their participation in UWEZO AWARD Project 2021. Also, another challenge some schools had never participated in UWEZO AWARD Project before. I did an extra job to explain to them what was the project about and inspire them to participate effectively. My great moment on this project is when I learnt that am gaining the boldness and the confidence to speak before bigger groups of people, something I couldn't do before. On top of that, I have been able to see some new places and visit areas I have never visited before. I can say, am proud of what I do.





James Oscar Rutairundwa

Coordinator of Kisarawe

*My name is **JAMES OSCAR RUTAIRUNDWA**, I volunteer at Great Hope as a District Coordinator of Kisarawe. I have been a coordinator of Kisarawe District since January up to now. I have learnt many things that have built me up.*

I have learnt a lot on time management and self-confidence as in some schools I visited they gave me a chance to speak at the school assembly. I also participated in securing permits for UWEZO AWARD in KISARAWA, where I met some government officials. My journey has not been smooth as I have faced many challenges, but I chose to be bold and to solve them as they come.

I have learnt that in any job whether volunteering, self-employed or employed you will be highly challenged, and hence you don't need to give up. Also I have exposed myself to learn a lot of new things (skills) that are done by students like making cakes, making charcoal and various entrepreneurial projects. I still hope I will keep on learning more and more and for sure I shall share my experience with others. It has been a great opportunity for me to volunteer at Great Hope Foundation. Am so grateful for the whole team at the foundation.





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Happy to have worked with these organization since 2016



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