

Newsletter

UWEZO AWARD | **2021**
June Release



Its another month, where we are excited to share our activities as we passionately make progress on empowering young generation of Tanzania. We have just finished our June activities. We are delighted to see we are making progress on UWEZO AWARD 2021.

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. We have always envisioned to become the leading organization in enlightening young generation potential in Africa. We dedicate our energy into creating forums that help young generation (teenagers and youth) to understand their talents, potentials and ability so that they can be of benefit in the global competitive world.

UWEZO AWARD project is an initiative that was launched by Great Hope Foundation in 2016 to empower students with entrepreneurship skills practically at a tender age. 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. For the past five years the project has reached over 420 Secondary Schools of Dar es Salaam and Coastal Region.



WHAT ARE TEACHERS, WHO ARE SUPERVISING UWEZO AWARD SAY ABOUT THE PROJECT?

Stella Sandube

Majani ya Chai Secondary School (Ilala Municipal).

"When I was briefed about this project I didn't understand. Then I had a chat with the coordinator of UWEZO AWARD from Ilala Municipal who took me through the project step by step. I came to realize it was a very good initiative. I was amazed and I asked myself why we hadn't started sooner. As students were doing the project, I noticed several things they were learning through the project. First it pushed up their creativity. They came up with several ideas on how to raise fund, and they implemented them. One of them was raising fund through fashion show, as they were showcasing their talents. I think the greatest mark the project has left in them is how to become entrepreneurs and develop Self Reliance mentality. It has enabled them to think beyond employment. The project has enabled them to see opportunities around as a source of employment. Honestly I am very happy with this project."



Mustapha Albadawi

Airwing Secondary School (Ilala Municipal)



"I have had a great time supervising students on UWEZO AWARD projects. For instance in UWEZO AWARD 2019, students organized themselves to do a project they named "JITAMBUE, OKOA JAMII". My biggest moment with them was to see, how these young people (actually students) can significantly contribute in helping other people who are less privileged than them. This was quite new to me as I had never thought this can be done by them. They visited a Sober House, and tried to educate those youth who are struggling with drug addiction, how to do soap business. It was an inspiring experience. Another great experience to me was how the project is assisting students to understand their passion, potential and interest. Through this project you can easily see, what areas of interest and talents are students falling in. Am sure this shall have a significant contribution to their career as they step into colleges and universities".

Maria Ngawambala

Mugabe Secondary School (Ubungo Municipal)

"We have had a special privilege here at Mugabe as we have participated in UWEZO AWARD project since its initiation and I have always supervised this project. They have been doing well and am glad we have won the trophies several times. For instance in UWEZO AWARD 2019, Mugabe students visited children who live at the Ubungo Bus Terminal. Most of these children, come to Dar es Salaam as they are told they can easily get jobs here only to find out that, this is not true and they can't go back to their homes. They end up being robbers and start using drugs. They visited them to offer some few things as support but also to listen and learn from them. They also inspired them to go back to school. It wasn't easy for our students. But it gave them a chance to understand that, other children of their age, don't have a chance to go to school like they do and hence they should take their schooling seriously. But to the best of their ability they helped others who are more needy than them even though they are young. I observed that this experience was life changing for them."



Asadu Zuberi

Changómbe Secondary School (Temeke Municipal)

"One of the great achievements that I have observed on students that participate in UWEZO AWARD is how it positively affects their capacity and accumulation of appropriate skills for the labour market. Students do several projects as a team and with a lot of collaboration and cooperation. The process wasn't easy, but you could see how they were embracing all the lessons they have learnt. At our school, we are quite pleased with UWEZO AWARD because it is increasing students' attendance. Since the project is capturing students' interests and passion, they are highly motivated to come to school and the attendance gets better. We have agreed to keep UWEZO AWARD and other similar programs as we have seen the benefit our students get as they participate in these projects"

Rajab Chadua

Aboud Jumbe Secondary School (Kigamboni Municipal)

"I am always pleased by my students' participation in UWEZO AWARD project. Forinstance in 2018 & 2019, the projects were mainly focusing on entrepreneurship through agriculture. All the projects were done as extra curriculum activities. They have accumulated various skills, on the area of entrepreneurship that I think even when they are out of school, they can still use the same skills and create employment for themselves on the labor market. Forinstace they were able to raise their capital step by step from very humble beginnings, which has encouraged them that they can always start with what they have and get where they want gradually. This can also assist them to become very great entrepreneurs in the future. Our agriculture was based on growing maize and legumes and students had a very strong teamwork to make sure that their goal is achieved"



Charles Marwa

Tungi Secondary School (Kigamboni Municipal)



"My great moment through supervising students' projects in UWEZO AWARD has been observing how the program has been an effective platform for them to showcase their talents/potential. For instance they made charcoal using papers, and sold to raise fund. They also prepared a talent show and raised fund. The total fund collected was used to buy paint that helped to renovate worn out buildings at school. This has raised another understanding to me as a teacher as now I know students talents that I had not known them if UWEZO AWARD project was not here. So I honestly appreciate the whole team behind UWEZO AWARD, they are doing a great job"

GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION COLLABORATION WITH FEET

in June, we collaborated with FEET TANZANIA to organize Ecosystem Restoration Exhibition and launching of tree planting project in Dar Es Salaam alongside UWEZO AWARD project. This event was mainly to launch FEET as a Non Governmental Organization with main focus on environment. The exhibition and launching ceremony was done on 19th June 2021 at Alliance de Francaise in Dar Es Salaam. The event was officiated by different government officials, Hon. Ummu Mwalimu (Minister of TAMISEMI), Hon. Liberatha Mula Mula (Minister for foreign affairs and East Africa Cooperation) plus the France Ambassador to Tanzania Frederic Clavier , The launch of FEET was also an initiation of planting 20,000+ trees across Dar Es Salaam. On 26th June, 2021 Great Hope Foundation collaborated with FEET on the launch of Tree planting at Mlimani City, Dar es Salaam.



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Planting 20,000+ Trees across Dar es Salaam



Alongside the launching Ceremony there was a competition for students to share photos on the environmental challenges they see and what they think should be done. Some few students who are participating in UWEZO AWARD project emerged as winners on this competition. Great Hope Foundation is glad to see that, students who have emerged as champions on UWEZO AWARD projects are also becoming great pioneers and active participants on other initiatives that are relevant and have significant contribution in empowering and developing their potential/ability.

Rebecca Stanley Muna

Who was the overall winner, is a form four graduate of Mchanganyiko Secondary School and her school won UWEZO AWARD 2019 & 2020 trophies under her leadership.

Currently she is volunteering at Great Hope Foundation as a Coordinator of schools in Kinondoni Municipal, inspiring them to participate in UWEZO AWARD. Here are the few thoughts on her victory

"My participation and winning on the FEET Competition has given me a great feeling! I am so excited! First it was a great experience to participate in the competition by sharing my thoughts on how to make our environment better.

When I was announced as the overall winner of the competition made me realize on how it is important for young people like me to be daring on all opportunities around us! I couldn't imagine that my ideas and thoughts won. It gave me a feeling that my contribution matters.

I can boldly say that, we all need to preserve our environment so that the next generation can be proud of our planet! I have been hugely inspired by this victory."

Reno Salum

Was a third winner on this competition, from Temeke High School. He has passionately participated in UWEZO AWARD project since its initiation in 2016, and his former school Charambe won trophies consecutively since 2016, under his leadership.

Here is what he shared about the competition

"My participation on this FEET competition that was collaboratively organized with Great Hope Foundation, was quite exciting.

I am happy that I came as a third winner on the top ten list. am happy that I was able to give my contribution on how we can best preserve our environment, and my ideas were seen worthwhile.

This has been quite inspiring. But on top of this, the competition has enabled me to meet other young people from various places that participated in this competition as well. We shared our thoughts and networked.

The competition has also inspired me to volunteer in taking steps that solves environmental challenges so as to make our planet a better habitable place for everyone.

One of my greatest take aways from this competition is the importance of preserving our environment."



Progress on UWEZO AWARD 2021

UWEZO AWARD 2021, has reached over 230 Secondary Schools out of 180 target and many schools have started doing their community change Projects from Dar es Salaam, Coastal region and Morogoro as summarized in the table below.

REGION	MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT	SCHOOLS REACHED	No. OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE STARTED THEIR PROJECTS
DAR ES SALAAM	ILALA	27	18
	TEMEKE	30	20
	KINONDONI	35	11
	UBUNGO	29	14
	KIGAMBONI	15	11
COASTAL REGION	KIBAHA	33	26
	BAGAMOYO	11	4
	MKURANGA	16	12
	KISARAWAWE	11	6
MOROGORO	MOROGORO	17	4
TOTAL		230 out of 180 Target	126 schools

Apart from this, we are happy to grow our family through adding new volunteers to Great Hope Foundation who will be kickstarting their duties from July, 2021. Growing bigger and better.



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