



GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION

FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2026

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- Great Hope Foundation (GHF) is a local non-governmental organization legally registered in Tanzania under registration number 3976 in 2010. Since its initiation, the NGO has been working to develop platforms that capacitate young people with entrepreneurial and 21st-century skills. GHF believes in bringing out the best in young people in a way that benefits them and the community around them.
- It aims to be an organization that unlocks young people's potential, giving them hope and courage to bring out the best in themselves by exploring opportunities in the marketplace.





GREAT HOPE FOUNDATION

- **Our Vision:**

Great Hope Foundation envisions to build an empowered, developed, and responsible young generation that contributes significantly to the social, economic, and political development of the continent.

- **Our Mission:**

Great Hope Foundation's mission is to develop and implement innovative programs that assist young people to acquire appropriate skills that can help them thrive in the labour market through either self-employment or formal employment.

BACKGROUND OF UWEZO PROGRAM

- Great Hope Foundation (GHF) has been dedicated to the development and empowerment of the younger generation since its inception. A major milestone in this journey came in 2016, with the launch of its flagship initiative, UWEZO AWARD project. This innovative project encourages students to design and execute Community Change Projects (CCPs). By 2025, the program had expanded its reach to over 1463 (accumulatively) secondary schools, directly impacting more than 8570 students.
- UWEZO AWARD is specifically designed to equip young people with practical entrepreneurial skills while they are still in school. It employs the Challenge-Based Learning (CBL) methodology, an approach that encourages students to tackle real-world challenges, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork. This method is especially effective in helping students apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical, problem-solving context and accumulate entrepreneurial and 21st-century skills at the same time.
- Recognising the success and impact of UWEZO AWARD, GHF has expanded this initiative into the broader UWEZO PROGRAM. The Program includes several interconnected projects, each focused on furthering the empowerment and development of youth across various dimensions. In essence, UWEZO PROGRAM has become a key driver of youth empowerment, fostering a generation of young people equipped with the skills, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit to drive positive community change



UWEZO PROGRAM 2026 COMPONENTS

- **UWEZO AWARD**—A signature project engaging students in designing and implementing impactful entrepreneurial projects. For 2025, it is running in 150 secondary schools across Dar es Salaam and the Coastal region.
- **UWEZO BONANZA**—A platform for students to showcase their talents, mostly that fall under the arts category (Singing, dancing, drama, acrobatics, drawing, fashion and designing, etc.)
- **UWEZO CLUBS**—School-based student organizations igniting grassroots that foster peer-led engagement in UWEZO PROGRAM activities.
- **UWEZO KINARA**—A mentorship program for student entrepreneurs. Young founders are coached to run businesses while still in school.
- **UWEZO HOUSE** —A post-program mentorship initiative offering talented student artists exposure to industry professionals and opportunities for skill refinement




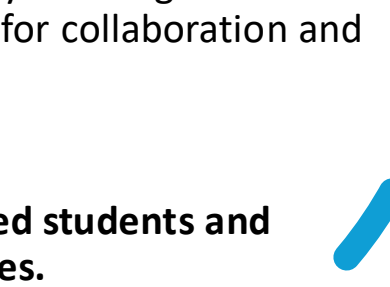
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- **UWEZO ACADEMY** - UWEZO ACADEMY is a digital learning platform developed by Great Hope Foundation (GHF) to equip young people with entrepreneurial courses for the knowledge they need about business in the real world. UWEZO ACADEMY focuses on hands-on learning, innovation, and business development, with a strong emphasis on developing an entrepreneurial mindset that will enable young people to excel in the marketplace as they turn ideas into viable ventures.
- In 2026, UWEZO ACADEMY will be introduced as a pilot (demo) project in a few selected schools, where students will participate free of charge. Students from these selected schools will receive full access to UWEZO ACADEMY platform and get a chance to learn the Business Model Canvas course (Ramani ya Muundo wa Biashara in Swahili).

UWEZO PROGRAM 2026 PROGRESS SO FAR. (JAN – MARCH 2026)

- **UWEZO AWARD**- Up to the end of the first, 92 secondary schools from Dar es Salaam and coast regions have been reached.
- 58 Secondary schools have been trained by UWEZO CLUB Officers
- 39 schools have already begun implementing their Community Change Projects
- 66 Teachers from Dar es Salaam and the coast regions have been trained to mentor UWEZO CLUBS effectively
- 9 documentaries featuring 2025 UWEZO AWARD winners have been produced



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- **UWEZO BONANZA:** The kick off of online talent screening for UWEZO BONANZA 2026 is now in progress, with students already showcasing their talents by submitting entries through our WhatsApp number, marking an exciting step in discovering and nurturing young talent across our network, and the deadline for this first round of screening is 30th May 2026
 - **UWEZO CLUBS:** UWEZO Club Officers are actively training UWEZO CLUB members on how to effectively participate in UWEZO PROGRAM 2026. The goal is to train 150 UWEZO CLUBS from 150 secondary schools in Dar es Salaam and Coast Regions, ensuring students are well-prepared and fully equipped to engage in the program
 - **Media Engagement:** Active Social media campaigns and collaboration with TVE for weekly documentary broadcasts
 - **Stakeholder Engagement:** Ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships continue, as our Executive Director visited partners in Kenya and Uganda to better understand their work and explore potential areas for collaboration and shared impact.
 - **This progress reflects a growing movement of empowered students and educators driving meaningful change in their communities.**
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UWEZO PROGRAM PROGRESS 2026



Objective 1: Train and capacitate a minimum of 1500-3,000 Secondary School students in entrepreneurial and 21st-century skills through UWEZO AWARD. 2026, the goal to maintain the reach of 150 schools and active participation.

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- A total of 21 talent groups from 10 schools have submitted their entries for the first round of talent screening, which is currently ongoing and will continue until 30th May 2026.



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Objective 2: Support at least 10 student-led enterprises addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges.

- On this Objective, we shall keep taking enterprises from UWEZO KINARA, and also work on the 30 alumni. GHF has not been able to allocate resources for this objective but we continue to work closely with the wider pool of alumni to identify what we can do with the resources we have.

A group of young men in school uniforms and a woman standing outdoors, holding certificates and a large framed certificate. The woman is in the center, wearing a black top and grey trousers. The young men are wearing blue and green uniforms. One young man on the left is holding a large framed certificate with a colorful border. Another young man on the right is holding a smaller certificate. The background shows a stone wall and green foliage.

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Objective 3: Strengthen mentorship pathways to transition top-performing students into the marketplace.

- UWEZO BONANZA launched its first six-month mentorship program in 2025 to support young artists, where six students specializing in drawing were mentored by renowned artist Gadi Ramadhani to enhance their creativity, refine their skills, and build confidence. This cohort has since graduated, and we continue to monitor and support them as they transition into the marketplace, tracking their progress and growth as emerging artists.

UWEZO PPROGRAM PROGRESS 2026

Objective 4: Expand sustainable community impact and prepare UWEZO PROGRAM for national scale-up.

- Under UWEZO ACADEMY, schools have begun registering to participate in the 2026 pilot phase, which will include 20 secondary schools from Dar es Salaam and the Coast Region. Great Hope Foundation shall also add, others (a bit extra) outside Dar es Salaam and Coast region.





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Objective 5: Build a network of young change-makers who support and uplift each other.

- UWEZO PROGRAM alumni engagement is ongoing, with GHF actively reconnecting with past participants and strengthening this growing network. As part of this effort, inspirational stories from alumni (30 Alumni) are being collected and shared to motivate current participants, and in the first quarter of 2026, we have already identified and documented two promising alumni-led enterprises, with continued efforts underway to engage more alumni and uncover additional impactful ventures.



TEACHERS' SPOTLIGHT

Teacher's Observation about Student Projects in UWEZO PROGRAM

- **BARAKA LUAMBANO — UWEZO CLUB SUPERVISOR AT BUYUNI SECONDARY SCHOOL**

“UWEZO PROGRAM at Buyuni Secondary School has created strong positive impact across the school community. Teachers have built closer relationships with students, while students have become more engaged, motivated, and equipped with practical skills in areas such as entrepreneurship, agriculture, and creativity.

The program has also led to visible school improvements, including infrastructure upgrades and a cleaner, more organized environment. Through community projects, both teachers and students have developed greater awareness and empathy. Notably, student attendance has improved, with increased enthusiasm for learning and participation, demonstrating the program's role in driving meaningful change”.

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH & CAPACITY

- The Executive Director of Great Hope Foundation, Ms Noelle Mahuvi, delivered a public lecture at Mzumbe University, Dar es Salaam Campus, engaging students from various disciplines in a discussion on leading a non-governmental organization in today's rapidly changing world.
- 5 interns, 3 full-time staff.
- Keeping using ZOHO for financial accountability.
- Active Board .
- Partnering with SFF to develop monthly professional development courses.



UWEZO PROGRAM RECOGNITION

- The Executive Director of Great Hope Foundation, Noelle Mahuvi, has been selected as an African Visionary Fellow for the 2026 cohort by the Segal Family Foundation.
- This fellowship recognizes outstanding proximate leaders across Africa and provides access to mentorship, strategic connections, and a supportive community of changemakers, strengthening leadership capacity and expanding impact





MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Active daily social media coverage.



Weekly UWEZO AWARD documentaries aired via TVE



10-year Anniversary social media campaign, highlighting the impact of UWEZO PROGRAM.

APPRECIATING YOUR COLLABORATION IN UWEZO PROGRAM 2026

