

WATOTO FOUNDATION TANZANIA DONOR YEAR REPORT 2024



MISSION STATEMENT

Watoto Foundation Tanzania (WFT) is an international non-governmental charitable organization founded in 2003 to help hard-core street children who belong to the most vulnerable groups in society. Our vision & mission is to respect fundamental children's rights, improve their social well-being, and provide boarding school. We make sure that all our students have a well-paid job after they have completed standard seven and their certificate of four years of vocational training; they graduate at the age of 18. Also, our social workers reunite them with families/relatives.

WATOTO FOUNDATION DROP-IN CENTRE 'CHILD IN THE STARS' ARUSHA

The Watoto Foundation Tanzania drop-in center has established clear written criteria for determining whether hard-core street youths (13-15 years old) can be allowed into the facility. Social workers work with government officials (Rumande Home and the Social Welfare Department) and other centers in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Karatu, Singida, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Iringa, Mtwara, Mwanza, and Arusha. They also walk into the streets to identify boys and rescue them to leave by displaying images and brochures of our centers and discussing our services. Poverty is the most common reason for running away from home (90%), although others include being abused by parents or relatives, the death of a parent, and beaten by families.

All the children we rescue have to promise to respect the rules of the center and to work hard on self-confidence, discipline, and focus to change their behavior. The center program is designed to keep the children busy through several activities such as studying, reading and writing, gardening, cooking, general cleaning, playing football, and basketball, acrobatics, singing, yoga, playing music, making Land Rover car toys, and watching TV and movies. Apart from these activities, the students are being counseled by all teachers of the center, particularly by the social workers and also by specialized people from outside. Through counseling, we help them leave their traumatic past behind and focus on the future with hope, confidence, and love.



Photo 1: Yearly fundraising for maize, and beans at Watoto Foundation Tanzania

	Enrollment	Transferred to Makumira	Remained in the center	Re-unified	Drop out
Jan - Dec 2024	39	19	12	2	6
Percentage	100%	48%	31%		15% *

Our drop-in center is run by 3 staff members: the manager/social worker, the cook (mother of the children), and the teacher. The manager is a former Watoto Foundation student who finished the University of Dodoma and also teaches the students mathematics, Kiswahili, English, basic life sciences, and counseling. Once per week one of the teachers of the center in Makumira goes to teach carpentry. Several volunteer part-time teachers support the center. Two times per week, a social worker visits the streets of Arusha to contact interested boys who are ready to be rescued.

WATOTO FOUNDATION 'CHILD IN THE SKY' MAKUMIRA

In 2024, we hired new employees: a livestock teacher and an English teacher for our main center. We had a total of 15 employees and 1 trainee who made subsequent progress in all departments. WF celebrates its 21st anniversary. The center operates as a residential private English-medium school and vocational training (VETA) center, which includes horticulture and livestock and training for the hotel industry. The following subjects are being taught:

Primary school (MEMKWA)	Vocational training
English, mathematics, Kiswahili, science, social studies, civics + morals, computer skills, wildlife, reading and writing	Carpentry, metal work and welding, electrical installation, plumbing, car and bicycle repair, masonry, tailoring, agriculture, cooking, and housekeeping, livestock and horticulture, life skills, engineering sciences, entrepreneurship, and technical drawings

Daily our students can practice their skills in several sports and free-time activities in their respective clubs, such as football, rugby, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, acrobatics, pool table, table football, guitar and singing, traditional dance, drama, clarinet, bird watching, and boxing.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2024 (MEMKWA)

Our organization is based on the system called MEMKWA, in which 3-4 years are spent sitting for the National Standard Seven Examination. Last year we had fourteen students who passed the exams. The results indicated that all students in our center passed the examination. The results were as follows: 3 students got a grade A, 8 students got a grade B, and 3 students got a grade C. Our students were registered for exams at Uraki Primary School, which is a nearby school. The total number of students who sat the exam was 103, and analysis shows that our students were leading; 11 were in the top 14.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- ❖ In the year 2024, the following academic activities were undertaken
- ❖ The social worker visited the secondary school students three times to see how they were proceeding.
- ❖ To teach the students more about agriculture, horticulture, and livestock, they visited the farm's products exhibition and several outside companies and farms, together with staff.
- ❖ Wildlife education has been conducted by our former head teacher through bird watching, tree planting, and gardening.
- ❖ 8 students started the last 18-month program; they also became a leader in the center.
- ❖ To teach extra lessons on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS

VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2024, 7 students were taken to different companies for fieldwork; all of them secured the job opportunity after the completion of their fieldwork. All of them are hired with the same company.



Photo 2: building of new dormitory, and production of desks

VOCATIONAL TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024 we received adequate orders for carpentry, welding, livestock, and horticulture from many companies and NGOs.

1. **Carpentry and metal works:** The students and teachers made orders for our use and Kiboko Lodge but also orders for outside clients.
2. **Livestock:** We had cows that provided milk for our own needs and for outside clients and NGOs. Also, we have upgraded our pigs (Duroc). We had 6 pigs and 23 piglets. Some pigs were slaughtered for consumption, and some small amounts were sold outside.
3. **Poultry, rabbits, and guinea pigs:** We had around 500 chickens. We sold around 1500 eggs per week and also chickens to the local community, commercial businesses, and Kiboko Lodge.
4. **Horticulture:** Our 4 drip pipe irrigated "slow food" gardens of 12000 m², which provide vegetables for staff and students and outside clients include Kiboko Lodge.
5. **Car repair:** We repaired our cars with normal services and maintenance. We continued to renovate cars, and always a very old Land Rover. Theory and practice are ongoing, and students under the supervision of the mechanical teacher also do bicycle maintenance and repair.
6. **Water system:** We have a sufficient and reliable supply of borehole water that meets the needs of our center, which focuses on the cultivation of vegetables and the care of livestock.
7. **Fish pond:** We consumed around 1000 catfish, and we bought another batch for 2025 for our own consumption. Fishing activities are done every Sunday by using hooks with artificial fish; it's a very nice experience for our students.
8. **Electrical system:** We managed to maintain our electrical and solar system. Also, we experienced a critical shortage of electricity countrywide throughout the year, which affected all our VTC departments.

Through the orders, students get practical lessons to gain more experience, and we also generated a small income in carpentry, welding, and car repair departments. Also, the sale of livestock and vegetables is a small contribution to the financial means of the foundation.



Photo 3: Visitation of our students at St. Joseph Sustainable Eco-organic farming in Mwanga

ACHIEVEMENTS SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

The social work department welcomed 19 students who were referred from the drop-in center, aged 13-15. This number was almost to the target of 24. After the yearly holiday in December, all students who were in the center before going on holiday returned to the center, except one who ran away after we reunified him with his relatives; the total number of students who started in 2024 was 60. Three students joined college at Kilacha College of Agriculture and Livestock, Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology, and University in Nairobi Kenya.

Unfortunately, 2 students decided to run away in 2024 for reasons such as addiction, mob psychology, and promises from their family during the holiday, such as work to provide home income.

Also, we continued with the system that makes every student choose a teacher to be his big father/mother and a fellow student to be his big brother. These are persons they trust and can confide in when facing challenges. They involve the social worker to counsel the students.

18 MONTHS PROGRAM

The students who are in the last phase of their stay at Watoto Foundation (the last 18 months) are being prepared by the social worker, the assistant social worker, and the field coordinator for life after Watoto Foundation. They counsel the students on several issues such as self-confidence, discipline, focus, family life, behavior, money management, job interviews, etc. They meet once per week with the management team/board members, outside inventors, and former successful students who are invited to motivate the students and get a chance to learn from them.

FOUNDERS DREAM INTERVIEW WITH DUTCH TV

In 2024, the Dutch TV visited the WF to have an interview with Mr. Noud van Hout the founder/chairman. Noud explained his dream, vision and mission of the WF since when he was at age of 8 following the motivation from family house girl later a nun who was doing missionary activity in Africa. For more information visit the following documentary short Tv film from 18 March 2025 Google: Brabant vergezoch Noud



Photo 4: Jan van Zanen Mayor of the Hague Dutch TV interview and founder meeting

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2024!

What a wonderful story to tell, Greyson (35) Center Manager at Drop in Center; he was once a former student at the WF following his university studies together with our MD Andrea Modest he come to volunteer at the WF in 2018/2019 then he had contract in 2020 as a teacher, due to hardworking he was promoted to center manager in 2023. In 2024 during selection of best employee he got many votes and he was announced as the employee of the year in 20th October 2024.



Photo 5: Co-founders visitation

Employee of the year 2024

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Challenge Day “Cross the Line”

In 2024, Challenge Day was organized in May. Teachers showed their love to all the students, who were encouraged to be very open, to tell their life stories to each other in small groups, and to show respect for their background and difficult, traumatized past. All students and staff members participated. As a guest of honor, we invited Ms. Rephrin Kombe a WF board director. In the weeks following Challenge Day, we gave attention to the students who still needed extra mental health support and counseling. Only very few students need to be taken to Sr. Constancia and to the mental health department in Arusha for more professional counseling. Two novices from Missionaries of Africa supported the staff successfully on this day and for another 5 weeks. Furthermore, we participated in different events like African Child Day, Adult Education Day, traditional music at a nearby concert hall, wheel of Change Gala, acrobatic performance, and a football match competition.

TEACHERS TEAM BUILDING

Like every year, we started the New Year with a two-day staff seminar at Kiboko Lodge. This year seminary start with evaluation, and sharing of success stories followed by the culture, structure, and communication channel of WFT, and how to deal with students by Anastacia Boisafi. Managing Director, Dr. Andrea R. Modest, reminds us about the vision and mission of the Watoto Foundation, policy and regulations, communication, teamwork, and time management.

GRADUATION / FOUNDER’S DAY AND 21 YEARS CELEBRATION 2003 – 2024

During this year's graduation/Founder's Day on 20 October, a total of 8 students graduated and received the certificate of WF vocational training and 14 standard seven National Examination Certificate. The 21-year celebration was a fantastic event attended by around 800 visitors, also from Holland.



Photo 6: Graduation & founder’s day on 20th October and December re-unification

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

From 4 December 2024 onwards, teachers and management took all students home for their annual holiday. The holiday was 5 weeks, the students returning on 6 January 2025. During these bringing-home visits, we inform the relatives or parent(s) about the academic and behavioral progress of their child and their future career. Seeing the very poor circumstances the families live in and their daily struggle to survive is heartbreaking every year, and it makes us understand why these children run away from home.

WF KIBOKO LODGE TRAINING CENTRE

Where nature and beauty meet! Kiboko Lodge, a small bird's paradise in the open air with splendid isolation, offers comforting moments to our visitors with beautiful views of both Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro. Kiboko Lodge is rewarded by Trip Advisor, and even in 2024, we got 422 reviewers and we are in the top 10% of hotels/lodges worldwide.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR OUR COOKS AT KIBOKO LODGE

Most of the staff, except for the managers, has been trained at the Child in the Sky Center to work in the tourism industry in future times. They have gained practical experience in lodges for at least 6 months before their employment at Kiboko Lodge. We are very proud and happy that Joyce & Frank, lodge managers for 13 years, will become the owners step by step. All rooms have now nice verandah, 2 new terraces, new kitchen, and new furniture.



Photo 7: Mountain bike, preparing BBQ, and Open of new terraces.

WATOTO FOUNDATION COOPERATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES AND NGOS

The founder continued to be engaged as a volunteer outside WF since 2003 in more than 40 development projects up to 2023 in many primary schools and some secondary and vocational training schools. He also was engaged in water projects, churches, schools, orphanages, and hospitals organized with different outside NGOs and donors. Our collaborations, connections, and networking expanded to different local and international organizations and institutions in achieving the goal of Watoto Foundation Tanzania. At this time the founder is involved in 3 interested NGOs to copy the concept of WF.

STUDY FUND

We wholeheartedly wish to thank the donors of our further study fund. The students who are doing very well at the standard 7 national examinations, who are very motivated, and who have very good discipline can go to outside private secondary boarding schools, government high schools, and even universities after Watoto Foundation. Nowadays, we are very strict in choosing students for further studies, and they must have very good results due to disappointments in the past, becoming over aged, and lack of motivation. 11 former WF students are in the further study fund program.

SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE CENTRES

To generate income for the centers we produce orders from clients and therefore we also gain valuable training in market orientation. Training becomes sustainable through the manufacturing and sales of many products made by the carpentry, welding, livestock, and horticulture departments. After the problems with the tax authorities and the fully taxed of our WF Kiboko Lodge, we have had to abandon our dream of being once independent of donors.

We kindly request our donors to continue to help us to pursue the work we are doing for the most vulnerable youth in the Tanzanian society since 2003.

WISH LIST

Our wish list for 2025:

- ❖ Keep on fund raising the fund for students for further studies: secondary school, high school, and universities.
- ❖ Find more international and local donors to finance one or more students for further studies including boarding 4 years (€1200 per year).
- ❖ Buy during harvesting time 12,000 kg of maize and 5,000 kg of beans (€6,000 per year).
- ❖ Finding a donor for the drop-in center (Child in the Star) (€120000 per year)
- ❖ Fundraising for the green house project for production of tomatoes (€ 4,000)
- ❖ Creating a capital to start our own farm training center for the one acre project, schools and small scale farmers.

FUNDRAISING IN NETHERLANDS

Step by step we are working on realizing the challenge of being 'future proof, also for the two other centers. The founder of WFT will continue to be the chairman of the board of directors and the Members General Meeting. The Dutch board will always have the financial responsibility to provide the necessary budget. In 2024 the new Managing Director was introduced to donors in the Netherlands. Also, conducted PowerPoint presentation to do fundraising and sustain the Watoto Foundation Tanzania project, also in June 2025 fundraising will be continued.



Photo 8: Fundraising in the Netherlands MD Andrea Modest and Noud van Hout chairman

BOARD MEMBERS WATOTO FOUNDATION THE NETHERLANDS

Hans Schripsema (Acting chairman), Peter van Zon (treasurer), Aletta de Goede-Udding (member), Kenneth Derksen (member), Lonneke van Urk (secretary), and Noud Van Hout (advisor).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WATOTO FOUNDATION TANZANIA:

Noud van Hout (chairman), Wilfred Mawalla (treasurer), Anne Boisafi (Secretary), and Andrea Modest (member) and Rephrin Kombe (Member)

MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING:

Noud van Hout (Chairman), Frank Robert Massawe (member), Wilfred Mawalla (treasure), Anne Boisafi (Secretary), Peter van Zon (member).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DONORS

The management team wishes to express their gratitude for the help and generous support shown by board members, donors, and all staff members of the Watoto Foundation Tanzania. We have been able to achieve considerable progress in assisting nearly 1,390 underprivileged children living and sleeping on the streets since the start of our foundation in 2003.

APPRECIATIONS TO MANY FRIENDS AND SUPPORT FROM DONORS

These comprise the main contributors who donated in surplus of € 1,000.

FAMILIES:

Reijnders, Geurts, Swinkels van Wetten, van Hout-Zengerink, Schoneveld, van Ballegooijen, de Moei, Schripsema, de Goede-Udding, v.d. Vegt, Lips-Verlaan, Houweling, van Oord, Olsthoorn, van Hulst, van Zon, Gerritsen, v.d. Heijden, Schull, Slobbe, Rupp-Meijlink, Morsink, Derksen, Karelsen, Sondag, Bosch, van Urk, Haggenburg, Hellegers, Siekman, Jacobs, Nibblelink, v.d. Ven, Aarssen, Boom-Moons, Brumelhuis-Veger, de Wit, Slobbe, zemmeling, Families niet nader te noemen,

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Photo 9: Drop in Center Christmas day 25 December 2024

