

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY
TRANSFORMATION IN KILIMANJARO



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Foreword

In 2022 FTK was active in an integrated project in three villages and engaged in dozens of different large and small activities in Lower Moshi.

Different support and projects were successfully implemented in Kilimanjaro and Manyara Regions, some of the villages are Mawala village, Miwaleni village, Mtakuja village, Mserekia Village, Mikocheni village, Chemchem village, Londoto village, Kiruani Village, and villages in TPC estate like Kiyungi, Newland, Langasani and Kijiji cha Kati.

This is a general report focusing on some of the highlights of the year, a detailed narrative report is also available upon request.

FTK management and Board would like to send a sincere thanks to all the donors and sponsors who have funded the organisation, through their donation, FTK was able to reach the goals of helping and empowering the lower Moshi Community.



Summary of 2022 highlights

- CheWe Secondary school built
- Miwaleni nursery school built
- Finished 5-year Londoto project
- Kiyungi primary school renovated
- 25 different trainings given
- 5322 baby checks and 173 Mothers assisted by Mama bus, 795 vaccinations
- 3 medical camps, 1168 children checked
- 200,000+ school lunches served
- 5 Toilet blocks built/renovated at schools
- 65 single mothers supported
- 2 kitchens built at schools
- 4000+ trees planted
- 2 bridges made at Kisangesangeni and Londoto
- 100 solar lamps and 21 improved stoves distributed
- 42 scholarships given out
- 37 volunteer teachers deployed
- 100+ home visits to disabled children
- 24 children assisted through emergency health fund and
- Child abuse program
- 3.5 km dike made at Londoto
- 3 classrooms repaired at Mawala primary
- 269 furniture and 161 books donated to schools
- 2160 children dewormed

Visitors

Officials:

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner,
District Commissioner Moshi rural,
DED Simanjiro, Moshi Rural MP,
DED Moshi Rural,

Donors:

FEMI, KTAB, Net4Kids, Greenmanjaro,
Aisha & Friends,
Munich International School



2022 Highlights

CheWe Secondary School construction

In 2022 a completely new secondary school was built to ease the transport problems of students and to release the pressure of overcrowding secondary schools in Lower Moshi. The school started to operate immediately, and 158 students started studying at this school (that used to go to TPC secondary). The main goal of this project is to reduce the distance students walk to school, reduce the number of school dropouts, and ultimately improve secondary education. TPC secondary will benefit as well as they will have less congestion.

FTK, with help from the local community, constructed the essential buildings being 8 classrooms, girls' and boys' toilets and the kitchen, making it an operational school. The administration block, a library, IT lab, Physics laboratory, Chemistry laboratory and a Biology laboratory were realised by the government.

Teachers including a headteacher were allocated by the government and the school has now 328 students, they now have to move much shorter distances to go to school. Many organisations, companies and individuals have donated their support for this project. Besides the local community and the government, we have received donations from local and international partners. FTK partners have donated considerable amounts and also TPC distributors and suppliers have reacted positively to our request for assistance. Many children can now join the nearby school without suffering walking great distances and dangerous situations.



Volunteer teachers

Many schools in the Lower Moshi do not have enough teachers, classes can have up to 100 pupils. In the year 2022 FTK has provided 32 volunteer teachers in different schools depending on the need. These teachers are given a small stipend by FTK as an appreciation. They are working as volunteers assisting in teaching and all activities that they are assigned by the school. These are qualified teachers, but they have not yet been employed by the government. Last year one of the FTK scholars finished teacher college and became a volunteer teacher in Mawala.



Kiruani Town Advisory Board

A group of businesspeople in the Netherlands formed the "Kiruani Town Advisory and funding Board" (KATB) and visited FTK early in June 2022. This group of 32 Dutch entrepreneurs committed themselves to funding the full Kiruani village project for 3-5 years. A delegation of its members (14) visited FTK. The visitors had a chance to visit many of the projects that FTK has done in other villages including Londoto, Mawala, Mtakuja, and spent a good amount of time in Kiruani village. Dutch entrepreneurs were impressed with the work of FTK team during 4 days of their visit. At the end of their trip, as a group, they donated 5 bicycles. We handed over the 5 bicycles to 5 students from Kiruani village who are at the secondary level and are living in difficult environments. Every day some kids travel approximately 10 km to go to school, the bicycles help them a lot as it makes it easier for the kids to go to school rather than walking such a distance. When they finish school, the bicycle goes to another student.



Miwaleni nursery school construction

The new pre-primary or nursery school at Miwaleni is fully completed in 2022. With help from sponsors a water connection is made to serve the school but also to bring water to establish trees in the surroundings. Trees have been planted and children are enjoying the water.

FTK has officially handed over the new Miwaleni nursery school to the government. We held a short event at Miwaleni village with the acting district executive director (DED) from Moshi DC as our guest of honour together with the Miwaleni village government, Miwaleni villagers, the ward parliamentarian, TPC, and FTK management. The Moshi district executive office and Miwaleni village, in general, were very happy with the new project and promise to take good care of it and assign new teachers to the school. The new nursery school consists of one classroom, toilets with 5 rooms, a dishwashing area, and a kitchen with improved cook stoves. FTK also planted a total of 1500 seedlings around the school fence and 46 trees inside and outside the school.



Child protection program

Child abuse is a big challenge, not only in Lower Moshi, it's also a national problem. FTK in partnership with the NGO Elimu Mwangaza have taken action to provide education to the communities around Lower Moshi. It started with a stakeholder meeting which involved District offices, Ward offices for all wards (Arusha Chini, Kahe and Msitu Wa Tembo), all village leaders around TPC estate, police, church representatives, influential leaders and Boda-boda (motorcycle taxi) representatives. After the big stakeholder meeting that brought a positive response, another meeting with teachers from four primary schools and two secondary schools which are within the TPC area was conducted to discuss child abuse in detail and the teachers were very motivated and contributed well to the topics discussed. A group of 30 students was selected for every school that will receive education on child abuse, we expect them to be good ambassadors and educate their fellow students. Many public meetings were organized with people from villages inside the TPC estate and explained to them children's rights. The communities were unaware of their responsibilities, which led to many cases of child abuse.

FTK and TPC hospital in cooperation with DMO from Moshi DC organized three days training to enhance Community Based Home Service Providers (CBHS) capacity. The training dealt with new technics and skills on how identify and provide awareness about child Abuse issues and how to handle serious cases within their working areas. It will help CBHS to understand the importance of their responsibilities in the communities, about children's rights, and how to react whenever they face a situation where a child is being abused.

FTK also provided a one-day seminar on child abuse in Kiruani and Londoto primary schools. This time education was given to female students on their rights, how to communicate with their parents and teachers when they start experiencing menstruation cycles, and lastly, where they should report if they experience abuse.



Greening activities

FTK in cooperation with partners works to make lower Moshi greener. A total of 4000 trees were planted in different schools and public areas in Lower Mosh, with donation of trees from Greenmanjaro and TPC. Shadow and fruit trees are planted, and we provide education on the importance of planting trees and its benefits to the environment and village life in general. In schools, certificates, booklets, guidebooks, and pamphlets for environmental conservation were given as prizes for students who did well in the greening tree planting contests.

In the 3 integrated village projects greening competitions are organised with registered competitors, 80 in Londoto, 50 in Mawala and 50 in Kiruani. The competition intends to improve the environment in general through planting trees, naming roads and streets, improving and cleaning toilets, resulting in improvements in other sectors like health hygiene, education, and income. Inspections are done with all competitors on how well trees were kept, overall cleanliness of the houses and outside environment, quality of toilets, kitchen use, respect of children's rights, etc. At the end of the year a one-day ceremony is held for all households which participated in the competition. FTK awards the best 10 households which did well in the contest, prizes range from 600,000/=Tsh to 100,000/=Tsh.

FTK also organizes sports events and Bonanzas. Children participate in various sports while at the same time the spectators are educated on health and environmental issues sometimes in combination with blood donations taken by TPC hospital.

Some schools even established an environmental club to ensure the school environment is clean and attractive with green planting. It is our aim to have school gardens in all schools that we work with in Lower Moshi.



Regional Commissioner
planting a tree at Kiyungi
primary school

Menstrual hygiene and sanitary pads for female students

FTK provided reusable sanitary pads to primary school students that are in classes six and seven in Kiyungi, Kiyungi Mpya, Langasani, Arusha Chini, Mawala, Londoto, Kiruani, Mikocheni, Ronga, and Chemchem schools. In the previous years, there was a challenge of girl students not attending school during their menstrual periods due to a lack of pads and water in schools, especially in the villages. FTK noticed that parents in the villages cannot afford to buy their children sanitary pads and provided reusable sanitary pads to students in classes six and seven. FTK with assistance from the teacher or a nurse from TPC hospital provided short trainings on menstrual hygiene and the use of pads. Reusable pads can be washed, dried, and used again for a minimum of 12 months which makes them a highly cost-effective solution for pupils who come from poor families. Headteachers have given feedback that these pads are so helpful, they avoid absenteeism of girls during their menstruation period, which is helping them to get better school results.

Mama Bus (Mobile Clinic)

Mama Bus continues to play a big role in our communities by providing health services to children under 2 years, pregnant women and young mothers. This program is done in close cooperation with Driving Nurses and is for all lower Moshi villages. In each village, once a month, the mobile clinic car that is fully equipped with ultrasound and other important tools, visits. The Mamas bus clinic is also very helpful during our medical camps since it is used for special cases when it occurs in that village with no dispensary. Despite the harsh and terrific roads still, Mama bus manages to reach the targeted communities around lower Moshi. The vehicle, however, is worn out and FTK is looking for donors to sponsor a new vehicle.



Lower Moshi Livestock support

Tanzania is also affected by climate change. In 2022 the country received very little rain which led to severe drought in many areas especially the Northern area of Tanzania. In Lower Moshi the cattle really suffered, and many died of starvation. As a temporary solution, TPC and FTK in close cooperation with leaders from eight affected villages donated haybales to feed the local livestock. Livestock keepers in 8 villages benefited from the support and a total of 6000 bales were distributed and used. The coming years we will focus on long term solutions to this problem.



Training of rice farmers

The major sources of income for the majority of Lower Moshi villagers are agriculture and livestock keeping. For agriculture, many cultivate rice (paddy). Paddy agriculture is still new to the majority of the natives, therefore they face a lot of challenges when implementing it. FTK in partnership with Kilimanjaro agriculture training college (KATC) conducted several trainings for farmers in Mawala and Kiruani village to educate our farmers on the uses of the best seeds and fertilizers for higher production, and how to prepare farms and seedlings. Also, farmers were able to learn practically in the field through a demonstration from our facilitators from KATC.



FTK celebrated Christmas day in Kiruani

On 25th December 2022 (Christmas day), FTK together with the Kiruani village government organized a sports event (Bonanza) and Cinema for Children in Kiruani village. The majority of Children in Kiruani village don't celebrate holidays due to the unavailability of places or programs that Children mostly enjoy going/doing during holidays. FTK organized one football match for Children and Youth in Kiruani village followed by a Cinema event in the evening time where Children watched movies.



Abbreviations:

PC = Project Committee

DC = District Commissioner

RC = Regional Commissioner

WEO = Ward Executive Officer

DMO = District Medical Officer

DEO = District Education Officer

DED = District Executive Director

ViCoBa = Village Community Banking

CBO = Community Based Organisation

NHIF = National Health Insurance Fund

KCMC = Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre

KATC = Kilimanjaro Agriculture Training College

CBHS = Community-Based Home Services providers

HBC = Home Based Care provider (old term for CBHS)

CCBRT = Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania

Tanzania administrative hierarchy:

Nation > Zone > Region > District > Ward > Village > sub-village