



Annual Report 2021

Tanzania Development Trust





WHO WE ARE

Tanzania Development Trust is a registered UK charity founded in 1975 by the Britain Tanzania Society (BTS). This was originally made up of friends of Mwalimu Nyerere, Tanzania's first president, but has since expanded to include anyone with an interest in Tanzania.

We raise and disperse money for development projects within rural Tanzania. We deliberately focus on very small projects in the poorest parts of Tanzania, where few other international organisations work. Our overall ethos is to help others to help themselves.

TDT can take on very small projects because it is staffed entirely by volunteers, both in the UK and Tanzania, meaning all donations go directly to projects.

In 2020-2021 TDT funded 32 core projects amounting to approx. £110,000 and benefitting over 67,000 people, in our priority areas of **clean water, girls education and small income generating projects.**

WATER

It costs only £1500 to fund a borehole and rope pump, benefitting up to 1200 people.

In Kigoma our local rep Benedicto Hosea completed 9 more boreholes and rope pumps bringing clean water to over 31,000 people. He has also trained many other groups to use the same cheap but laborious method to hand drill, and to weld rope pumps that can easily be maintained locally.

We have also improved 8 traditional springs in Kagera to ensure they do not get contaminated.



EDUCATION

This year we have completed 7 girls' hostels meaning almost 2000 girls no longer have to walk many hours to and from school, often at great risk, but can instead study with their peers in the evening, increasing their chances of success.

We also supported Tumaini Open School which is setting up alternative education pathways for girls excluded from education due to pregnancy. When completed 600 girls will be supported.



Hollo was raped and became pregnant at 15. Now she is studying to become a lawyer.



Ridwina wants to be a teacher. She says

“Before I came to the hostel, I walked for 3 hours a day, and when I got home I had to walk again to collect water and firewood for my family. Now I can study well and I am confident I can succeed.”

INCOME GENERATION

Suzan says “Support from TDT enabled us to buy a solar water pump to irrigate our land. With the increased profit we can ensure the orphans in our community can go to school.”

This year we have funded 15 small projects benefitting 2100 people. These include pass a pig (or goat) projects in which vulnerable families are given an animal and then pass on offspring to others; agricultural ones, where women’s groups can increase their income and family’s nutrition with better access to water, seeds and relevant training.

We have also funded tailoring and welding groups to create youth employment. You can see more details about all of our projects on our website, and also on our monthly newsletters.



PARTNERSHIPS

In collaboration with Bees Abroad, we have funded this group of beekeepers in Mwamgongo, a very remote village to create modern hives to increase their income.

With LUV+ we have funded a pig project to benefit people with leprosy in Dodoma.

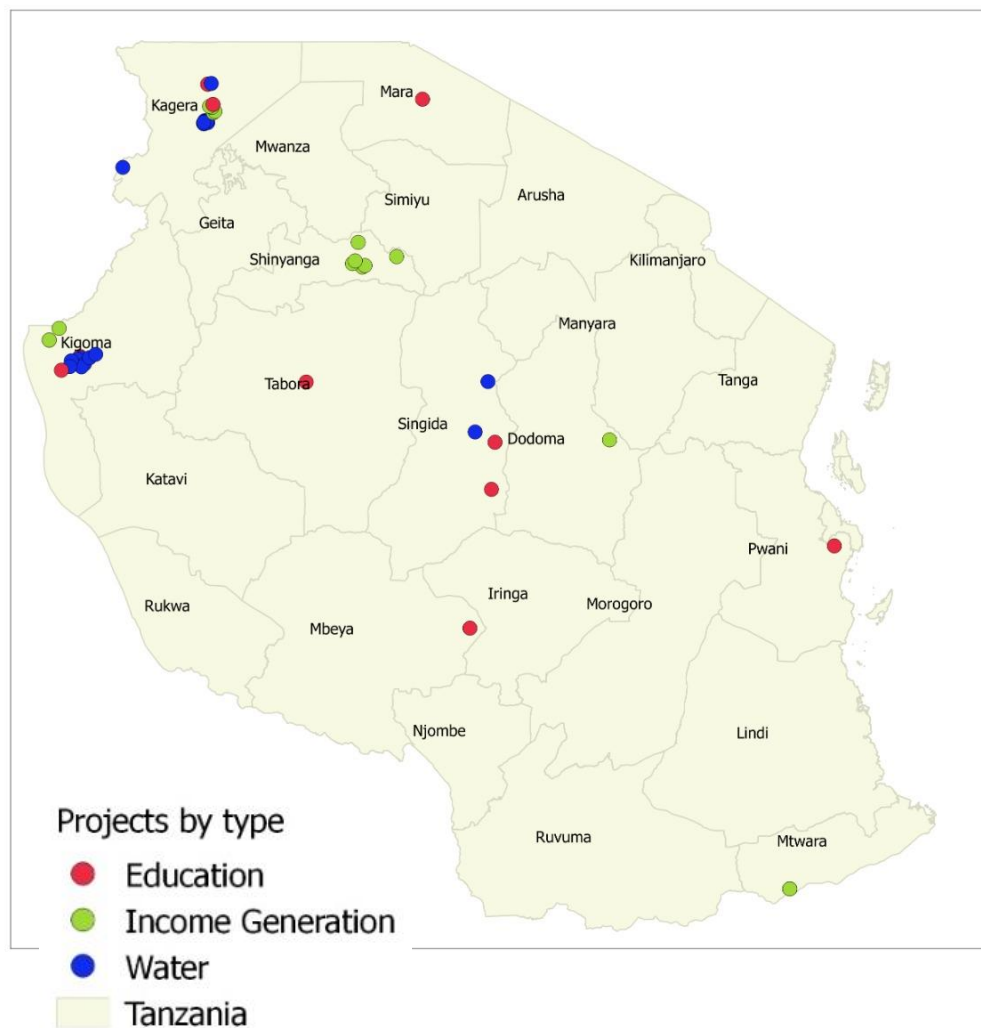
With Friends of Tanzania we funded a hostel at Nangwanda, Mtwara.

All of the schools we work with benefit from school leadership training from our partnership with PiXL International.

We are always keen to work with other organisations and individuals that share our values and passion.



LOCATION OF CORE PROJECTS THIS YEAR



HOW ARE WE ORGANISED?

We have a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Britain Tanzania Society. They are Tanzania or UK based professionals with strong connections to Tanzania. They have a wide range of skills, and an overwhelming commitment to Tanzania's future development.

They are supported by eleven project officers and other committee members in the UK, plus seventeen representatives based in the different parts of Tanzania where we operate. All work for us on a voluntary basis

Project requests originate from varied sources, including our website, from visits, by word of mouth, or from NGOs in Tanzania or the UK. All start with a formal application form

After an initial screening, requests for funding are assigned to Project Officers, who work together with the regional representatives to obtain further information. Projects are visited, evaluated and identities checked. We also get clear evidence of community participation and approval from local government officials before any grants are approved. Larger projects may be funded through staged payments linked to performance milestones. Projects are monitored during implementation phase and beyond, and assessment made of their impact after they have been completed. At all stages, this is recorded in a web-based project database.

Whilst most of our projects are small enough to be funded by TDT alone, we also co-fund projects with other small charities, such as Bees Abroad, EUCANAID, Friends of Tanzania, LUV+ Leprosy and with many individual donors.

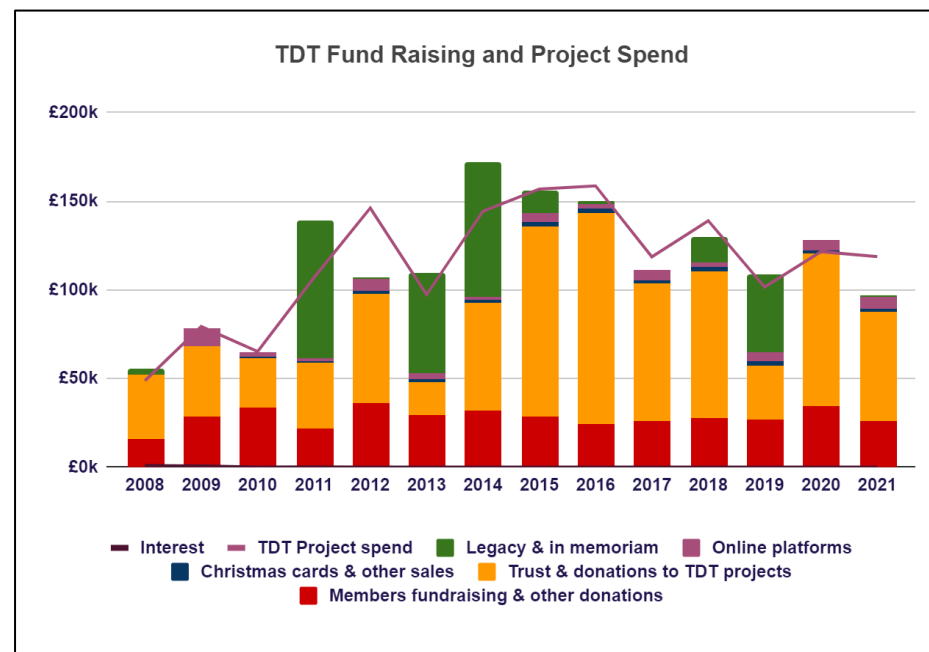
WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

We are dependent on donations from a relatively small number of individuals and Trusts.

Our income is insufficient for the number of projects we would like to fund. Many projects have to be delayed, put on hold, or can only be part funded because of lack of cash. For example, we have successfully funded many water wells so that villages and schools have access to clean water rather than relying on dirty streams, and girls' hostels in government secondary schools to spare girls from walking up to 4 hours a day, and want to replicate these in other locations.

Because we don't have an office or staff costs, we don't need to keep reserves. We don't delay in putting donors' money to work, and only keep reserves when money is ring-fenced for a particular project.

However, there is a need to increase the number of regular donations from individuals, trusts and companies in order to be able to better plan ahead. **Can you help us do this?**

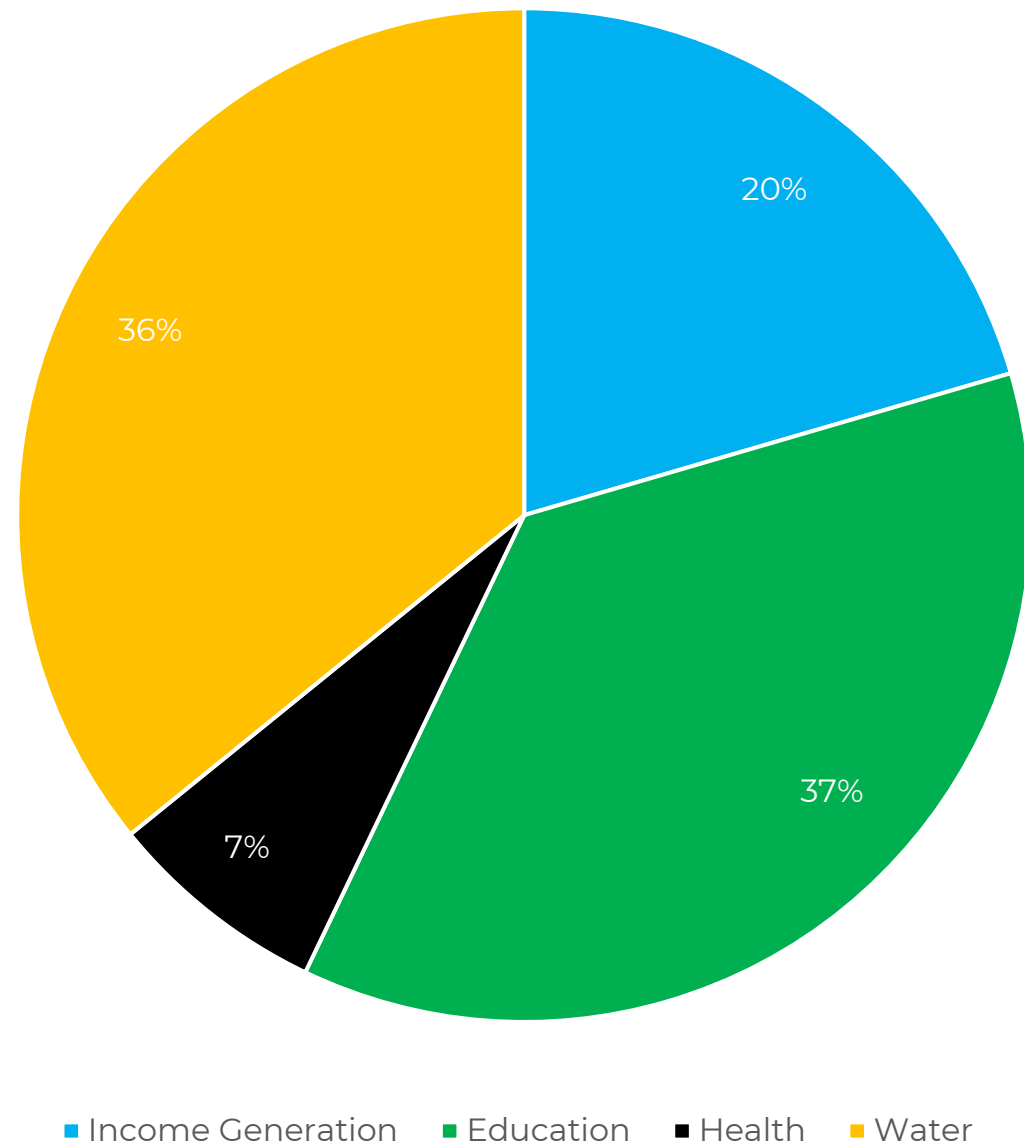


WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2020-21?

The 32 projects we funded by TDT in 2020-1 fall into our three priority groups, linked to, education, clean water, and small income generating projects. However, many of these projects have multiple benefits within the communities they serve, and contribute to the growth of the local economy in these marginalised communities in more than one way. This year, as last, we also funded some emergency COVID masks and PPE.

An important by-product of our work is the development of leadership skills within rural communities, helping them to become more self-sufficient. We try to raise the aspirations of younger Tanzanians, particularly girls, by providing access to life-changing opportunities. We ensure our projects are sustainable by using appropriate technology that can be maintained locally

TDT Grants by Sector 2020-21



WHAT ARE OUR TARGETS FOR THE FUTURE?

We occupy a neglected niche in international aid market – small-scale assistance to very poor communities, often in remote rural areas – and would like to expand in scale (more projects) rather than scope (different types of projects).

Our aim is to significantly increase amount of funding we can provide within the next five years. This year we received money from six trusts and hundreds of other individual donors.



WHY NOT BECOME ONE OF THEM?

Our projects are of a small enough size that donors can – on their own – cover all or part of the costs of specific projects, and be closely associated with their development.

Alternatively, they can donate to the much larger pool of resources used to finance the project pipeline. Construction and staffing costs are very low in Tanzania, so a small amount of cash goes a very long way.

WHAT MONEY WILL BUY: TANZANIA IN 2021?

- Clean Water: one borehole and rope pump **£1500**
- Education: to complete one girl's hostel (average) **£3500**
- Income Generation: one pregnant pig **£150**



WHY TANZANIA?

Tanzania is one of the world's poorest countries, with an average per capita GDP in 2015 of only US\$ 879. In the UK the figure was US\$ 43,875.

The two governments spend 3.5% and 5.2% of GDP respectively on education.

Almost 70% of Tanzanians live in rural areas, where access to public services is difficult.

Life expectancy in Tanzania is only 65 years compared with 81 years in the UK.

Although Tanzania is starting-off near the bottom of the development curve, it has a socially cohesive society with a strong ethos of community self-help. The present government has embarked upon a substantial programme of reforms, and most of its development indicators are showing positive improvements.

But it can't do everything alone. External assistance is needed to accelerate the development process, and get people out of poverty as quickly as possible. That's why Tanzania needs your help..

10% of Tanzanian children miss out on primary school & only 9% go on to complete lower secondary school. Only 50% of the population has access to clean water

Source: World Bank, World development Indicators, 2015

WHY US?

Tanzania Development Trust provides an effective way of channelling donations to the small grass-roots organisations that really need them:

- We specialise in a single country, and have an unrivalled knowledge of Tanzania, and a track record of more than 45 years of identifying and funding successful projects, and working alongside like-minded donors and organisations there.
- We focus on small projects that can be completed quickly, and bring large benefits to local communities.
- All projects are subject to proper monitoring and evaluation to ensure sustainability and development for the whole community.
- Our staff are all volunteers, dedicated to helping Tanzania, and our very small overhead costs are paid for by BTS.
- We provide support to the local community leaders initiating the projects, to develop their own leadership capabilities and ensure that the projects are completed on time and in budget.
- Registration as a UK charity (No. 270462) allows UK donors to obtain tax relief via Gift Aid, increasing the size of their donations by 25%.





HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

To find out more about us please go to our :

Web Site: www.tanzdevtrust.org

Facebook: [tanzdevtrust](https://www.facebook.com/tanzdevtrust)

Twitter: [@tanzdevtrust](https://twitter.com/tanzdevtrust)

If you would like to talk to someone about projects, donations, volunteering or anything else, please contact:

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Our parent organisation the Britain Tanzania Society welcomes everyone interested in learning more about Tanzania and hosts a range of webinars. It also produces a quarterly journal about Tanzania, Tanzanian Affairs.

FINAL MESSAGE

We are a small charity that makes a huge impact in the poorest areas of Tanzania.

As we have no staff, no office and no overheads 100% of donations go directly to fund projects. We have a network of dedicated local reps who are embedded in their community and so really understand their issues. Our project officers pay their own expenses when visiting projects and have a long term commitment to them. Over the last 45 years we have built up a very strong network of connections in Tanzania and a great store of knowledge about what works. We work in remote areas where the large NGOs do not go, and reach some of the most marginalised people in Tanzania.

In these areas money goes a very long way. We can show you exactly where your money goes and give you regular feedback on its impact.

Please support us!

