



Diplomatic Spouses Group Dar es Salaam Projects funded in 2010

The Diplomatic Spouses Group – DSG – supports local initiatives which assist Tanzania's most vulnerable citizens, most often women, children and the physically and mentally challenged. In November 2009, the DSG Bazaar, an annual charity event held at the International School of Tanganyika, raised over 60 million Tanzanian Shillings (about US \$50,000) in support of the DSG's charitable activities.



Jamuge children

After reviewing applications from various non-governmental organizations and community groups, the DSG Projects Committee awarded funding to 15 projects around Tanzania. Projects are chosen based on the criteria outlined on the DSG Web site (www.dsgdar.org).

Project Criteria:

- Focus on education, income generation or health
- Community based projects, focusing on vulnerable groups
- With strong reliable leadership

ATD Fourth World – Dar es Salaam

ATD Fourth World works with the poorest of the poor. Since 1998 they have been interacting with the fish market workers, many of whom are homeless and illiterate, to learn what their needs are and how they can be addressed. In 2009, with DSG funding, ATD launched a literacy training pilot project helping fish market workers to learn to read and write in Kiswahili. Due to the success of the pilot project, the DSG granted funding for one more year of literacy training.

Chipua – Dar es Salaam

Chipua targets underprivileged, at risk and vulnerable youth, especially girls. Chipua has developed a training project, called "Girls in Crisis" which includes literacy, health, human rights and gender education, as well as skills in sewing and running a small business. The DSG has awarded Chipua funding to train 20 more girls so that they may find a way to be self-sufficient.

DSM Mentally Handicapped Support Group – Dar es Salaam

This group aims to provide classrooms for mentally challenged children in Government primary schools so they may benefit from formal education. This year the DSG has funded school desks and chairs for 30 students at a local primary school.

ECONEF - Education in HIV/Aids Care for Orphans and Nutritious Environment - Arusha

This orphanage takes care of eleven HIV positive children between five and eleven years old who have been living on the street. ECONEF's main aim is to



ATD literacy project

Canossa Secondary School/ Canossian Daughters of Charity - Tegeta

The Canossian Sisters in Tegeta opened the Canossa Secondary School in 2006 to offer quality education to girls from poor families. Today there are 380 students and 14 staff. In the past, DSG has funded water tanks and furniture for classrooms. This year the DSG has funded Form 4 textbooks in various subjects so that more students have access to classroom texts.

Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), Muhimbili Hospital – Dar es Salaam

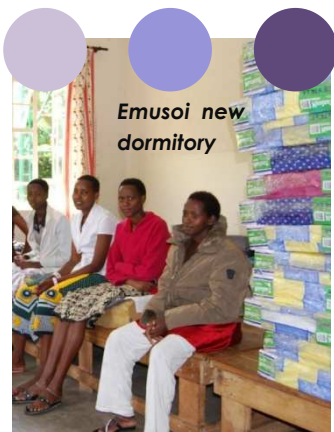
The ORCI children's cancer ward is due to relocate to Muhimbili Hospital in 2010. This move will result in improved survival chances for children with cancer due to increased accessibility to essential support facilities. The DSG has provided funding to create a wildlife mural on the wall of the children's waiting area and some 3-dimensional animals. The artwork, created by local Tingatinga artists, will provide a child-friendly and welcoming environment.

2010 Project Highlights

25 applications received

15 projects funded

Funding per project ranges from 1,5m to 8,9m Tsh



provide a healthy living environment for these vulnerable children. They live there, and participate in the nursery school and first year of primary school run on the premises. ECONEF also has an income-generating poultry project to help cover some of its running costs. The DSG supported ECONEF to buy solar panels to provide secure electricity.

Emusoi Center for Pastoralist Girls - Arusha

Emusoi supports the empowerment of girls from pastoralist communities by increasing their access to post primary education. The center is facilitating the schooling of about 600 girls. Emusoi was granted funds to equip a 4th dormitory for 24 girls with beds and mattresses.

Jamuge Orphan and Widow NGO - Mbagala, Dar es Salaam

Jamuge runs a pre-school for orphans and vulnerable children of widows created in 2006 by a kind-hearted and devoted teacher. At present it welcomes 51 children with 4 teachers. The DSG has provided funding for school furniture and classroom materials.

Kidzcare - Karege Village, Bagamoyo

Kidzcare is an organization involved in education, orphan care and community development. In 2009 DSG funds helped to renovate the orphanage. DSG is now supporting Kidzcare to build a kindergarten for the children of the local community to assist with early learning, nutrition and healthcare.

Maadili Child Care Center - Arusha

Maadili cares for and supports orphans and vulnerable children by providing them with education and basic needs, as well as raising awareness in the community about children's rights and HIV/AIDS. Maadili has purchased a plot of land and has started raising chickens for income. With DSG support, Maadili will soon begin to build a house for the orphans.

Mazingira Bora Karatu (MBK) - Karatu

MBK has created a community park by planting trees, installing a children's playground and building public toilets. In 2009, the DSG supported MBK with funds to construct a community stage to host performances and events aimed at children and youth. In 2010, with DSG support, MBK will expand their facilities with retail shop units which will provide income to pay for park maintenance and security.

Mwika Development Trust Fund (MWIDEFU) - Moshi District

MWIDEFU is a dynamic community organization the DSG has previously funded to equip a library. They have already facilitated the implementation of several community initiatives in health, agriculture and education. Two years ago, they started a microfinance project with a high success rate and decided to scale it up to reach more women (from 410 today to 880 in the coming year). This year the DSG has decided to try something new, and granted partial funding to their microfinance project.

Neema Crafts Center for People with Disabilities - Iringa

Neema Crafts Center empowers people with disabilities, and helps them out of extreme poverty through handicrafts' training and employment opportunities. It also works to change negative attitudes towards disabled people in society. This is the second year that the DSG has supported the Center in Iringa with funds for an 8-month tailoring training for deaf and physically disabled people, thereby providing them with a vocational skill which will enable them to support themselves and their families.

(Re)Claim Women's Space - Stone Town, Zanzibar

The (Re)claim Women Space in World Heritage project, working with the Stone Town Conservation and Development Authority and Zanzibar Municipal Council, has acquired a physical space, named the Women & Heritage Centre. The Centre will enable the women to implement programmes that will enhance the visibility of women in Stone Town through their three core groups: Women narrations, Women and Development Conservation and the Women Small Producers. The DSG has funded the rehabilitation of a toilet facility at the Centre.

Tegeta Mission Dispensary - Tegeta

The dispensary helps 150-200 poor people each day, for free, with a variety of medical services. The DSG has already supported the Tegeta Mission Dispensary to purchase medical equipment such as a microscope and dentistry items. This year, with DSG funds, the dispensary has bought a hot air oven for sterilizing instruments.



"Before I had no hope; no capital.... I had to beg or borrow money at high rate to do business in the market, coming back home at the end of each day with less than \$2.00. MWIDEFU's micro-finance allowed me to purchase piglets for \$40 each, after 6 months, I sold them and realized a net profit of \$64 per pig. It has changed my life! I now believe in myself and am able to see new opportunities."



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