



# Diplomatic Spouses Group Dar es Salaam Projects funded in 2011

## Project Criteria:

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

The Diplomatic Spouses Group (DSG) supports local initiatives that assist Tanzania's most vulnerable citizens, most often women, children and the physically and mentally challenged. In November 2010, the DSG Bazaar, an annual charity event held at the International School of Tanganyika, raised over 70 million Tanzanian Shillings (about US \$50,000) in support of the DSG's charitable activities.

After reviewing applications from various non-governmental organisations 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 website ([www.dsadar.org](http://www.dsadar.org)).

### ATD Fourth World – Dar es Salaam

ATD supports the poorest of the poor to express their thoughts and make their experiences known. For two years, the DSG funded ATD literacy training projects, enabling fish market workers to learn to read and write in Kiswahili. In the quarries of Kunduchi, too, many of the workers are homeless and illiterate. Several workers asked ATD to support their fight against illiteracy. This year, the DSG is funding a literacy training project at the quarry.

gender issues, education about HIV/AIDS and health, and improving their standard of living through income-generating activities. The DSG has funded COWPZ in its training of marketing and accounting skills to two income-generating groups. In addition, assistance has been provided to procure equipment for a third group.

### Chipua – Dar es Salaam

Chipua is running a "Girls in Crisis" project for underprivileged girls. It offers a holistic program that focuses on technical, artistic, social and moral education. Participants are empowered to lead meaningful lives and become agents of positive social change in their communities. The DSG has awarded Chipua funding to train 50 girls.

### Bethsaida Girls Secondary School / Olof Palme Education Center – Kinondoni District

The education center houses an orphanage and secondary school for girls aged 14 to 18. The mission of the center is to provide quality secondary education, particularly in science and technology, to orphan girls. Funding was awarded for the construction of a laundry facility.

### ECONEF – Usa River

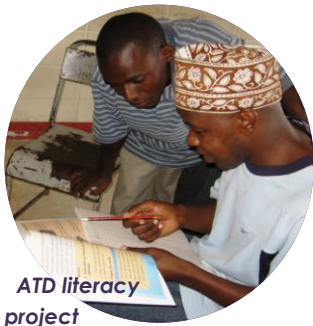
This orphanage takes care of young HIV positive children. These former street children now live at the orphanage and participate in nursery school and early primary education. This year, the DSG has enabled ECONEF to purchase a water pump and pipes to supply fresh water to the orphanage as well as to the surrounding community.

### Busega Children's Development Services and Assistance (BCDSA) - Mwanza

BCDSA's Cow Project is a well planned, ambitious fund-raising and food source project. The purchase of four cows and the construction of a cowshed was made possible with DSG funds. The cows will provide milk and income to BCDSA and this is part of a larger plan to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children in the Mwanza region.

### Jumuiya Ya Ma Albino Zanzibar – Zanzibar

In Zanzibar and mainland Tanzania, people with albinism have a life expectancy of just 30 years, with only two percent reaching the age of 40. The DSG aims to improve the circumstances of this group of vulnerable people by financing the production of a health education booklet and education seminars in local communities. The goal of the organisation is to increase awareness of the cause of albinism and to eradicate the stigma and discrimination of people living with albinism.



ATD literacy project

*" I was sitting idle at home, disappointed, without any vision. Then I found Chipua, where I learned that change starts with me. Since then, I have gone a long way. I am not the Albertina I used to be. I know how to use my hands to create money, how to start a business, how to prevent HIV/AIDS, and above all, I know that I have to help my community to develop. "*



## 2011 Project Highlights

- 80 applications received
- 15 projects funded
- Funding per project ranges from 0,5m to 8m Tsh
- € 7,000 Donation from **Ecole Pour Tous**, a French NGO, for school materials



COWPZ Women



Lake Victoria Children Tailoring Shop



Neema Crafts physiotherapist

### Kidzcare – Kerege Village, Bagamoyo

Kidzcare supports orphaned, disabled and vulnerable rural children by providing access to early learning, nutrition, and health care. In 2009 and 2010, the DSG supported Kidzcare to renovate the orphanage and to build a kindergarten. This year, Kidzcare is able to purchase medical supplies for its health care activities.

### Lake Victoria Children Organisation (LVC) – Mwanza

With the help of the DSG, LVC has purchased seven sewing machines for its tailor shop project to generate funds to provide for orphans on Ukerewe Island in Lake Victoria. The tailor shop will be staffed by volunteers and will earn income to expand the LVC project into a permanent home for orphans, as well as to develop a youth program for the island region.

### 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. A previous recipient of DSG funding, the DSG this year has provided funds towards the completion and furnishing of a new house for the orphans on a plot of land purchased by the Centre.

### Miyuji Cheshire Home – Dodoma

Miyuji Cheshire Home is a residential home for up to 45 children with mental disabilities. Quality early childhood education and care is provided for children aged 7-9 from all over Tanzania. For the first time, the DSG is supporting Miyuji with the completion and refurbishment of the dining- and multi-functional rooms at the home.

### Moyo Mmoja – Bagamoyo

Moyo Mmoja Trust is providing vocational training in design, tailoring and handicrafts' manufacture to girls and young women living in difficult and vulnerable situations. The goal is to help them improve their economic strength and self sustainability. The DSG is funding renovations at the existing vocational training centre located in the centre of old Bagamoyo town.

### 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 year, the DSG has supported the Center

with funds to equip its physiotherapy unit and to expand its treatment of disabled children from birth to age seven.

### St. Clara Secondary School – Same

Run by the Little Sisters of St. Francis, the school has provided quality education to girls from the Masai and Pare communities since 2008. The Sisters' mission is to empower the girls through education and appropriate skills' training. The DSG has enabled St. Clara's to purchase three water tanks.

### TAHEA - Mwanza

TAHEA (Tanzania Home Economics Association) is a national NGO. The DSG is funding a project that will give access to fresh water and sanitation to a Community Resource Centre. Rain water, harvested in underground tanks, will benefit women and children at the centre as well as in the wider community.



### Donation from ECOLE POUR TOUS

The French NGO *Ecole Pour Tous* generously donated €7,000 for the purchase of school materials for NGOs in Tanzania that are supported by the DSG. Six organisations are benefiting from this donation:

- ATD Fourth World – Tandale – books for the street library
- Chipua - Dar es Salaam – materials and text books for the "Second Chance" school
- ECONEF – Usa River – school materials and text books for the orphanage and pre-school
- Emusoi Center for Pastoralist Girls – Arusha – school uniforms
- Loreto Girls Secondary School – Mwanza – 50 desks for classrooms built in a recent school expansion
- National Children's Cancer Ward at Muhimbili National Hospital – Dar es Salaam – materials for the informal hospital school run for young patients receiving long-term medical care



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