



# Newsletter



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## Inuka Rehabilitation Hospital - Upgrade Project

Inuka Southern Highlands CBR is one of the main health and rehabilitation service providers in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. The Inuka upgrade project is an ongoing support program to sustain the growth of the organization and aims to provide high quality care to the people with rehabilitation needs across Tanzania.

The upgrade programme covers 2 main sub-projects. The first, the construction of a new orthopaedic clinic, co-funded by **AAJI**, a French foundation supporting projects for people living with disabilities. The new clinic mainly treats children with club-foot.

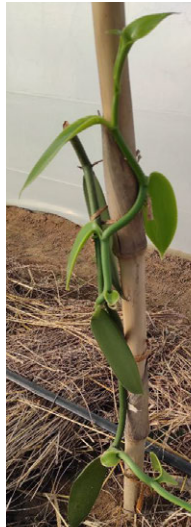
The second, the installation of solar panels to supply power to Inuka, co-funded by Italian foundation **Fondazione Prosolidar**, who have been active in the development sector since 2011. The Photovoltaic solar system will ensure energy sustainability and a continuous energy supply to Inuka, reducing its carbon footprint.

We have calculated that the initial investment will be paid back in approximately 9 years through savings on electricity bills and by tackling the loss of revenue caused by the regular electricity outages in the region.



## Inuka Rehabilitation Hospital

In addition to the upgrade project, new equipment and material have been donated to the Orthopaedic Workshop to ensure improved quality of services. From the beginning of 2020 the clinic has assisted almost 1,000 children and given out 755 assistive devices such as wheelchairs, prosthetics, orthotics and specialist shoes. Inuka has also developed a special program *Week of Intensive Treatment (WIT)* designed for children in need of multidisciplinary treatments. This includes; physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, nutrition, psychological support and epilepsy assessment. Since 2020, over 885 children have attended the WIT and approximately 7200 individual treatments have been provided to both children and adults.



## Vanilla Start-up

Hakuna Matata aims to establish a sustainable and profitable socio-agribusiness activity, producing vanilla to be distributed in Italy and elsewhere. The goal is to create a traceable and high-quality product for the buyer and yield higher profits for the farmers.

A plantation has been set up in the Njombe area with 2 nethouses and a total of 130 cuttings, the preliminary results are encouraging. This will be developed and monitored over 3-4 years in order to test the profitability of vanilla cultivation.

We hope that the vanilla project will further increase employment and income in the region.

## Forestry Project

The forestation activity, in partnership with Algebris Investments is ongoing, the Parish of Illembula planted approximately 32,000 trees during the last rainy season. We have decided to upscale the program partnering with the organization **Treedom**, increasing community involvement and long-term benefits of reforestation.

The first joint project is expected to start this year aiming to plant at least 15,000 fast-growing trees in the next rainy season, starting in December 2021.



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