



*There are children who are already alone when they come into the world. Let us help give them a future.*

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### **Hakuna Matata donates €42,800 to Project Pamoja**

Hakuna Matata has renewed funding for another year of the 'Project Pamoja' initiated by Italy's CESC project Italia (Coordinamento Enti Servizio Civile) for the Inuka Physiotherapy Centre in the southern highlands of Tanzania.

The income-generating project focuses on the production of sunflower oil using locally sourced sunflower seeds. This will ensure the next step in maintaining a sustainable community and increasing financial support for both local inhabitants and the region's local rehabilitation project: Inuka Physiotherapy Centre.

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Through early investment, the Inuka centre was able to construct and develop a small farming enterprise with the help of the Diocese of Njombe in acquiring the land necessary to build such a project. Through further finance, Project Pamoja will be in the position to train its patients and local communities in farm cultivation and sunflower oil production; relieve vulnerable families and individuals of continued hardship in providing better care for those with disabilities and job opportunities; teach local farmers and businesses to work in harmony with the shared goal of creating a sustainable community and income generation on a local level.

The Pamoja Project was developed by CESC project Italia. CESC works closely with the Diocese of Njombe in Tanzania and the local NGO Gondwana in the District of Waging'ombe, which oversees a territory of 660,000 inhabitants. Project Pamoja was presented to Hakuna Matata by Michaelangelo Chiurchiu, chairman of CESC, as an opportunity for impact investment with the objective for maintaining and creating a sustainable community by supporting local business and production. The project is also partly funded by the Tanzanian government.

Hakuna Matata support the 'Help the Village' project, initiated by missionaries Father Tarcisio Moreschi and Fausta Pina who have been working in Central Tanzania for over 30 years. 'Help the Village' seeks to provide orphans and vulnerable persons with a home and help generate a sustainable community in a familial environment.

*"The Pamoja Project means 'together' in Swahili, demonstrating a positive impact in a variety of ways: the empowerment of women and the disabled, thanks to the work offered at Inuka Farm; the contribution to the economic sustainability of Inuka rehabilitation centre, through the profit generated from the sale of sunflower oil; and most importantly, the big impact on the economy of a predominantly rural area, with the involvement of local farmers and agriculture."* Stefano Cataldo, Project Coordinator; Inuka Physiotherapy Centre

*"I feel my duty as Chairman of CESC Project Hakuna Matata is to sincerely thank the association and its president Davide Serra for the generous contribution in support of the Pamoja project. We believe that a project of this kind is a new way of working with the countries of the global south who claim not to support piety but a true partnership and collaboration with peers."* Michelangelo Chiurchiu, Chairman; CESC

*"We have been following the inspirational work of Inuka Rehabilitation since it's opening in August 2011. It is a great privilege to support and work alongside all parties involved in this initiative. We look forward to continuing our support for the project's future endeavours."* Trustees; Hakuna Matata

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