



Newsletter -
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Introduction

Hakuna Matata operates in Tanzania, with the aim of serving underprivileged communities, mainly in the Njombe and Mbeya region. In 2022 the charity was able to carry out activities and programs divided into three categories: orphans & vulnerable children; climate change & agroforestry; and people with disabilities & rehabilitation. These programs were implemented by working closely with local and international partners such as Treedom, Prosolidar, AAI, Ilembula Parish, Njombe Development Office (NDO), Shalom Development Organization and St. Francis University of Ifakara.

Help the Village

Help the Village is the first initiative funded by Hakuna Matata and involves a partnership with Fr. Tarcisio and Fausta. The initiative aims to support activities focusing on orphaned and vulnerable children and supporting the right for education.



Orphaned and vulnerable children

In 2022, Hakuna Matata continued to provide financial support to the Ilembula Parish to run activities supporting orphaned and vulnerable children. The funds were used to provide financial support to pay salaries and train the staff of Ilunda Orphanage. Ilunda currently hosts 65 children and 15 members of staff. The funds were also used to purchase clothes, medical assistance and school uniforms for vulnerable children living in the orphanage and in the nearby communities. This year, utilising funding provided by Hakuna Matata, a small chicken farming initiative was started at Ilunda Orphanage with the aim of providing additional eggs for the children's diet and to sell the surplus produce, raising income to support the running costs of the orphanage.



Education

Through the partnership with Ilembula Parish, this year we have also supported the right to education for children in the Ilembula area. Donations from Hakuna Matata have supported poorer children enabling them to attend preschool by funding school fees and providing school uniforms, shoes and textbooks to over 1500 children in 65 nursery schools.

Pamoja Project

Pamoja is a community initiative aimed at involving local people in sustainable farming and increasing revenues of their families. Through this initiative we provide support to farmers and institutions by facilitating agribusiness ventures, promoting skills and implementing measures to address climate change.



CO2 offset: Treedom & Algetrees projects

Hakuna Matata started implementing climate change mitigation projects in 2019, mostly through reforestation and afforestation activities. Since 2019, a total of 99,842 trees of mixed species have been planted. In 2022 we extended our activities, increasing the seedling production sites in Njombe and Mbeya region and distributing over 100,000 seedlings during the rainy season. The two projects, namely *Algetrees* and *Miti ni uhai* have been co-funded by Algebris and Treedom respectively. With the Algetrees project we have distributed 68,976 seedlings and with the Treedom project 32,442 seedlings. These projects have involved 450 farmers, 14 schools and over 20 other institutions such as the Njombe Prison, orphanages, etc. The cooperation with Njombe Development office, a local NGO, and the local government authorities has proven to have a positive impact. The Tanzania National Climate Change strategy has the objective to plant at least 2million trees per year and with our projects we are contributing to their goals.



Vanilla farming

The Hakuna Matata Vanilla farming activity has been further developed and currently there are a total of 1,100 vanilla vines in two production sites. The Ilembula production site, established in 2021, has a total 340 plants in four net houses; the newly established Matema production site, on Lake Nyasa, has a total of 780 vines planted in open-air fields. The first harvest is expected in 2024 from the Ilembula area (approximately 50kg of green vanilla).

In 2023 we plan to validate the supply chain scheme and quality of the product produced by the processing company.

People with disabilities and rehabilitation

Our goal with this initiative is to provide support and resources to people with disabilities, who are amongst the most vulnerable members of the community. Our aim is to reduce barriers to access to health care, rehabilitation, schooling and employment by offering both funds and expertise.



Inuka Rehabilitation Hospital Upgrade

Hakuna Matata supports the Inuka Rehabilitation Hospital with funding and technical advice through the Inuka Upgrade Project. In 2022 the project was funded by Hakuna Matata with additional funds from Prosolidar and AAJI. The main goal was to establish an X-ray service for the hospital and continue the training activities for management and staff. The X-ray building has been completed and equipped and is now running. The training component has been implemented with the assistance of medical professionals from Tanzania and abroad.



Community Based Rehabilitation and training

The activities of this project started in October 2022 with development and strengthening of new partnerships in Mbeya Town and Kyela District. The funds of Hakuna Matata will be used to strengthen rehabilitation units in the Kyela District through staff training and delivery of materials and equipment to the rehabilitation units. We will also target adults with disabilities to include them in training and employment. With this initiative we will reach children and adults with disabilities in remote areas of the Mbeya region. We are also developing an online training tool with a local university aiming to train a health workforce in disability and rehabilitation topics nationwide.

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