

SEED

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SEED (Charity number: 1101166) aims to:

- Provide education, board and lodgings for as long as each student is able to stay in secondary and tertiary education and offer vocational training if appropriate.
- Keep administrative costs down to an absolute minimum by using internet correspondence and volunteer workers to run the charity wherever possible.
- Improve opportunities for sustainable school development
- Facilitate correspondence between sponsors and students to enable friendships to prosper and bridge the cultural gap.

Dates for your diary

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic we have sadly had to postpone all of our face to face fundraising events.

However, we are glad to be able to hold a Christmas Raffle. Tickets £1 each. If you are able to buy or sell any tickets please get in touch with Julie Jenkins at julieann.jenkins@btintern.com

Our AGM will be held on Friday 11th February, 2022 at 7pm. Please contact Emma Stapley on 07767 411284 for details.

We are always very grateful for donations for prizes for our fundraising evenings, as this helps us to raise even more on the night.

For more information about events please call Emma on 07767 411284

We would like to thank the following fund raisers:

Liverpool Fitness League for their generous donation during a difficult year for fund raising.

Sponsors who gave so generously towards extras for the students during the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you have fund raising ideas for SEED please do let us know!



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A word from the chairman....

Thank you all for your kind support during this year, it has made a difficult time much easier.

It appears that life in Tanzania is gradually improving. The new President has made a positive impact on the country in regards to the pandemic.

This year the Newsletter is a few weeks later than normal, for which I apologise as this means my request for any Christmas cards is on a much tighter schedule than normal. Receiving cards means so much to the students. I will be sending cards out until the end of this month. Thank you so much to those of you who have already sent them.

Emma Stapley

Stevini is nearly a qualified vet

Covid-19 Update

Although Covid-19 is clearly present in the Iringa district, it does not appear to have directly affected the education of any SEED students to date. (One form 5 student contracted malaria but has managed to catch up on her studies and re-join her peers. Japhet has supported the student with hospital visits. Japhet also continues to help students with access to vision assessments and spectacles).

Although the Tanzanian Government encourages caution and vigilance, mask-wearing, use of hand sanitizer and social distancing are not mandatory at present. The situation on the ground is variable with some schools requiring students to use masks and hand sanitizer while others do not. SEED continues to advise all our students to be as cautious as possible. We continue to provide masks and hand sanitizer to all our students.

The Tanzanian government intends to vaccinate all Tanzanians against Covid-19.

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SEED in schools

In addition to the support given by Japhet, students attending Idodi, Kalenga and Kiwele schools receive pastoral care from a nominated teacher. The nominated teacher at Kiwele school has recently been promoted to School Head Teacher. Japhet has asked her to nominate a replacement teacher to cover her duties to the SEED students.



SEED and Higher Education

The Tanzanian government now tries to allocate Form 6 students to University courses of their choice. This is dependent on their performance in the National Form 6 examinations. Loans for contributions to the teaching costs of these courses are available. This is dependent on the course subject as well as the quality of the student's application. Japhet supports the students with choosing appropriate courses and completing the loan application form.

This year, five Form 6 students have gained University places. The courses include Natural Science, Wildlife Management and Law. All five students have been awarded a loan that will cover 100% of their University Education over three years. SEED will provide financial support to these students for the costs of accommodation and food during the University courses.

The Tanzanian government selects a proportion of Form 6 students to undergo a 3-month period of Army Training, immediately prior to starting University. Although selected individuals have no choice about this, our students regard this as beneficial as it provides education and experience in a different part of Tanzania from where they live. The Government funds the training and subsistence during this period, but students have to pay for transport to and from the placement. We reimburse SEED students for these travel costs. This year all five students going to University have been selected for Army Training.

Extracts from Japhet's reports

In addition to almost daily e-mails, Japhet writes a monthly report of all the activities he has done for SEED. These are some of the extracts from those monthly reports.....

May 2021 This month I have managed to have a meeting with all students who had already finish form six studies, the purpose of this meeting it was to discuss many thing concerning with university application and loans application. Also to see the priority university and course which they are supposed to select according to their dream. We managed to discuss all things as well as to get food together. They also all managed to write a letter for their sponsor.



Sarah

Sarah Polycarp Zenda is our student who completed form four studies at Kiwele Secondary School. She has now got the opportunity to continue with an advanced diploma in community development for three years. She is supposed to report at University which she is selected in October.

Shabani is starting A-levels



Zainuru hopes to start her sewing business this month.



Meeting with parents of students



Monthly school visits by Japhet