

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 our fundraising events.

Our AGM will be held on Friday 5th February, 2021 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

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

We would like to thank the following fund raisers:

Highworth Warneford School

Brockhampton Primary School

A kind individual for a donation received towards extras for the students during the Covid-19 pandemic.



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A word from the chairman....

This has been a very challenging year the world over, one I hope that you have all been able to cope with in the best way you can. I have been truly humbled by all the messages of concern and support from our students, past and present, regarding the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK. As you will see in his reports inside, Japhet has been working extremely hard keeping in touch with all our students throughout the pandemic. All our students are safe and well and have the extra equipment they need.

I was saddened to hear of the death of Former Tanzanian President, Benjamin William Mkapa, after contracting malaria. Whilst coronavirus appears to be in controllable numbers in Tanzania, malaria and HIV/AIDS continue to be leading causes of death.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your messages of support and continued sponsorship of our students. I appreciate just how difficult this is for many of you during this time.
Emma Stapley

Fundraising



Covid-19 has obviously curtailed our planned fundraising activities greatly. We are very grateful that some schools managed to hold events before Lockdown started in the UK. We, of course, are unable to predict when we can organise another major event due to the current circumstances. We wondered, therefore, if anyone might like to "buy a Christmas present" in the form of a donation for a vital product for our SEED students? Here is a list of some of the items that each of our school students need:

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| Mosquito Net £5 | Uniform £7 | Calculator £10 |
| Blanket £6 | Mattress £13 | Shoes £9 |
| Soap £3 | Exercise Book £1 | |

Can you make someone happy in two parts of the world by donating money and letting family or friends know that their Christmas present is one or more of the much needed items to help further the education of a SEED student in Tanzania?

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How has COVID-19 affected SEED students?

Covid-19 is obviously a worldwide problem but, so far, has affected Africa less than other continents. In Tanzania, in response to the Pandemic, schools and universities were closed on 17th March, 2020. A small number of cases of the virus were reported early on but no further national information has been released since April.

In line with international recommendations on social distancing we instructed Japhet, SEED programme manager, to stay at home and contact and support students via phone. The Tanzanian Government organised broadcasts of educational programmes via television, but access to TV amongst our students is clearly very limited.

In May, in response to local need, teachers devised written Learning Packages which were offered to students at Idodi, Kalenga and Kiwele Secondary Schools. Japhet collaborated with this project and organised for these monthly packages, which included all relevant subjects, to be distributed to key points for SEED students to collect. They could then complete the packages, return them to a drop point and collect a further package. Thus encouraging the students to continue their education whilst remaining at home.

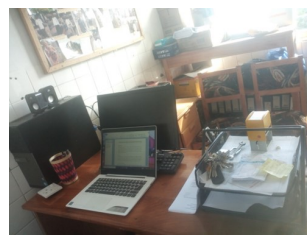
In early June Form Six and University students were advised to return to their places of education. By 29th June the remaining students were also able to return to schools and colleges. Prior to the students' return, Japhet contacted all SEED students, much to our relief he confirmed that they were all well. He emphasised the importance of social distancing, hand hygiene and use of masks to all students.

In July, Japhet recommenced visiting Kiwele, Kalenga and Idodi Secondary Schools. He continues to distribute adequate supplies of liquid soap and masks to our students.

We are so pleased to hear that, despite the pandemic, all national exams, due to their timing, have taken place. All SEED students sat the exams and ten form five students have gained places for further education in a variety of courses. These include Accountancy, Engineering, Hotel Management, Logistics and Nursing.

Clearly this has been a very challenging time for the education of young people everywhere. In spite of this, from the information available, it seems that the impact of Covid-19 on the education of SEED students has been relatively small. SEED continues to be very proud of the vital work done by Japhet during this time. His consistent contact with students, schools and SEED UK has brought great reassurance and support, which has never seemed more vital.

Julie Jenkins, Vice-chairperson



Extracts from Japhet's reports

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

March 2020: This month the government of Tanzania decided to close all schools from primary school up to University due to the spread of COVID-19, all schools are closed for 30 days as a way to take precaution against this virus.

I managed to go to Kalenga to meet with the District Executive Director for the purpose of discussing the issue of a New office for SEED. He promised us that they will give us a new office at SIASA NI KILIMO or SIASA NI KILIMO...I will start to use it at the end of April after the schools reopen.

April 2020: Due to the pandemic I (phoned) SEED students several times in order to know how they are proceeding with their new life style of staying home while they were supposed to be at school. But the good news is that all SEED students they are fine and they are doing well with their new life of stay home stay safe with their family.

May 2020: This month the government of Tanzania announced that in 1st June 2020 all University students and form six students they are supposed to go back to school. Through phone I have managed to educate our students on the issue of this pandemic and to encourage them to continue to take care everywhere and every time especially on the issue of using masks when they are going to class as well when they are in public transport but also to wash their hands every time and to use sanitizer whenever is possible. In July we expect all children will go back to school, standard seven are expect to start their national examinations in August and form two and four will have Mock examinations in September.

I have managed to prepare the holiday package for all classes from form one up to form six, teachers from Kalenga secondary school and Idodi secondary school managed to help me on making those school holiday package and to distribute to all SEED students. There were five stations where students managed to go to take those holiday package. On 15th June they will return those first holiday package and they will take the new one. One holiday package contain all subject and each subject contains 50 questions. This I believe will help our students to stay home while they are continuing with their private studies through holiday package.

June 2020: Secondary schools all went back to school on 29th Jun 2020 and they will stay at school without holiday up to December 2020. The government also managed to announce places for new form five students and college students (10). I managed to meet with form five and form six students as well students who are going to join with different colleges, the purpose of this meeting was to help them to know the issues of corona virus and how they will stay safe while they are at school.

July 2020: I have managed to visit all secondary schools to give them exercise books, soap, pocket money and hand wash. I also helped them to know how to continue to stay safe during this period of Corona pandemic.