



# TAWAH 2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT



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# Another Year of Lasting Impact

2022 was a year of building decent shelters, empowering young women in construction, supporting secondary school students and expressing love and caring for our elderly communities.

Since the establishment of TAWAH in 2011, we have made a lasting impact by helping different groups of people improve their lives. More than 480 children with special needs, 30 elderly men and women, 29 primary school teachers, 74 high school girls, 50 secondary school and 180 university female students and recent graduates in architecture, engineering, quantity Survey and urban planning have benefited.

This report covers the period from January to December 2022. During this period TAWAH's main focus was to fulfil the 2020 – 2025 strategic plan, specifically "Empowering women and girls" was identified as an area that needed intervention. TAWAH concentrated on the provision of affordable, decent low maintenance homes through training women to participate in construction activities and generate income through construction to improve their lives.



# CONSTRUCTION OF TAWAH VOCATIONAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN MHAGA VILLAGE



Tanzania Women Architects for Humanity (TAWAH) is building a women led knowledge center in Kisarawe district to bring together women business owners and employees in the construction industry to work and empower women and youth in Mhaga village through expanding their knowledge of construction techniques that use locally available materials. One focus of the center is to provide training in modern mud-brick making. The goal is to equip 120 women every year with the technical and managerial skills to spearhead the construction of decent shelters using locally available building materials, which will create enterprises and jobs in construction sector. Construction is underway.

# OUR APPROACH



Through Mhaga project, TAWAH want to show how we can support vulnerable groups in our communities. Through mobilising women to build homes for the elderly in the village as part of their training, we believe we are building a community that cares for one another.

# AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



## Earth Architecture Towards a sustainable future?



### 2.3 TAWAH Decent Shelter for All

TAWAH (Tanzanian Women Architects for Humanity), NGO Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
founded 2011  
Team: Architects, Construction engineers, environmental engineers, economist and quantity surveyors

TAWAH is a NGO established in 2011 by Tanzanian architects and engineers. It itself stands for Tanzania Architects for Humanity, where the team consists of women and men and a team solemnly existing of women and men. The team is led by a woman and is rooted in the will to strengthen the role of female professionals in the construction industry. Today's Tanzania is a country where the traditional belief is that a man's field, and on a woman's field, women face discrimination and gender inequality. TAWAH members have extensive experience in all phases of project management, including financing, identification of project needs, design, material production, construction, and improvement of buildings.

project management and turnover of the finished structure (Julius R&R Foundation, 2019). The organisation focuses on helping marginalised communities such as women, children, people with disabilities and people in poverty. By implementing a participatory approach by using locally available materials such as earth, they can achieve affordable and adequate shelter and educational facilities. These projects are usually so much more than just built structures. They also work as catalysts for economic and social development for the often small communities as they strengthen the practical building knowledge among the local people and therefore also the capacity for self-help (TAWAH, 2021a).



# WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED





Mhaga village women who are participating in ongoing trainings on sustainable brick making and construction run at the TAWAH Center for Women embarked in construction waxed homes as part of their trainings. It is such a good feeling to see women coming together to help Bibi Kisozi, Mzee Maunda and Bibi Msese who are currently living in a dilapidated house without basic facilities like a toilet and a kitchen. Their new homes under construction will have two rooms, a toilet and a cooking area.

Construction started and we can't wait to see our wazee in their new homes sometime in July, 2022. Bibi Kisozi, Mzee Maunda and Bibi Msese are just one of the 44 elders in Mhaga village who are in need of a decent home with basic facilities like a toilet.

If you are interested to sponsor a home or to contribute to this course, please contact the chairperson, Tanzania Women Architects for Humanity (TAWAH) through [tawah@tawahtanzania.or.tz](mailto:tawah@tawahtanzania.or.tz).



# BIBI KISOZI

Moved in July 2022





“I didn’t know there is humanity. I didn’t know there is luxury. I can now sleep until sunrise. I say thank you for this new house, you have saved my life, you saved me from diseases, you saved from loneliness, you saved me from feeling poor. I sleep well these days. I am grateful. Thank you!”

**Bibi Kisozi, 2022**



**MZEE MAUNDA**  
Moved in July 2022

# BIBI MSESE

Moved in the new house in November 2022





“Getting in the house was difficult. Sleeping was much more difficult, especially when it rains. I don’t sleep when it rains because water gets in the house and even when the sun shines, that gets in the house too. Going to the toilet was a nightmare. I was always afraid I might fall inside the toilet latrine because the floor was falling apart. I am grateful now that I have a new house and a toilet...”

**Bibi Msese, 2022**



April 2022, TAWAH had the privilege to host Caroline Halje and Hanna Wernersson , Master of Architecture students from Lund University. Caroline and Hanna decided to research and write your thesis on TAWAH's women empowerment project in Mhaga village. Findings will help TAWAH to learn and improve the quality of our programs.

# LUND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT TO TAWAH



In August 2022, TAWAH had a great time with 17 students from Lund University, Sweden who were so curious on learning how to produce sand cement bricks. The training was done by the trained women from Mhaga Village who are the first product of our trainings since we started brick making trainings in Mhaga village.



“This project has given us light and the vision to see that what we thought was a job only for men, women can also do it. We can mix cement and sand, we can make blocks and we can even build a house and we are sure we can work in any construction site”

**Christina Yona Naiman Mkama**

# GREENING MHAGA WITH LUND UNI STUDENTS



# MENTORING PROGRAM LAUNCH 2022 - 2024



2022 – 2024 mentorship program officially launched in November 2022. We got off to a fun start with the kick off meeting for new mentees held on 13/08/2022. 79 mentees and 40 mentors will benefit from this program. The mentorship program is meant to support young university women in the fields of architecture, building economics and engineering from different universities and colleges in Tanzania.



We are indeed grateful for the partnership and support received on 25/08/2022 from the Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB). Through the help of TCB Mhaga women are not just learning how to produce bricks and build homes in Mhaga village, but women are also learning personal and business finance and banking as they embark on starting their own businesses to generate income through construction. **28** women have benefited from this program.

# KAWE UKWAMANI WASH PROGRAM



TAWAH-KAWE WASH PROGRAM at Kawe Ukwamani Secondary School. Thanks to Kawe Teachers and Students for their time and support on this program, today TAWAH team met was officially introduced to the club members. 35 kawe ukwamani students and 2 teachers are actively engaged in the program.

## 2023 GOAL

TAWAH aspires to be an exemplary and leading Tanzania Women NGO recognized for our successful contributions to alleviating HOUSING poverty and empowering marginalized groups. TAWAH plans to broaden its efforts in advocating for sustainable approaches to construction, sanitation and income generative activities. We will engage a talented and high performing team of volunteers and establish partnerships to execute our programs. We will have diversified funding sources, which will enable us to be strategic, innovative, adaptable, and secure. This will ensure we are able to continuously meet the needs of the people we serve

