



2023 TAWAH ACTIVITY REPORT



Our impact in 2023 was only possible through the generous support of our
Partners

THANK YOU!



Another Year of Enduring Impact

2023 was a year of building decent shelters, empowering 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 an enduring significance by helping different groups of people improve their lives. More than 480 children with special needs, 35 elderly men and women, 79 women in village, 29 primary school teachers, 230 secondary school students, 350 high school girls, 210 university students and recent graduates in Architecture, Engineering, Quantity Survey and Urban planning have benefited from different initiative programs from TAWAH.

This report covers the period from January to December 2023. During this period TAWAH's main aim 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 in order for them to improve their lives.



PHASE TWO AND THREE CONSTRUCTION OF TAWAH VOCATIONAL CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN MHAGA VILLAGE.



Our journey is to make the center holistic and sustainable, through providing supporting facilities which can aid the daily activities other than construction activities. Thus after the completion of the first phase, phase two and three started immediately which was building of the volunteer accommodations, a dedicated space for children, the kitchen and cafeteria and lastly the water tower.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT TAWAH CENTER





TAWAH WOMEN BUILDERS SECURE HOMES AND REVIVE HOPE

On Tuesday, 05/12/2023, TAWAH and our remarkable Women Builders reached a significant milestone in our mission for "Decent Shelter for All." With immense joy, we handed over two more elderly homes, warmly welcoming Bi. Rehema Mwinyimkuu and Bi. Salima Kirumbi to their new home. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the dedication of our Women Builders and the expertise of our esteemed training team of Fundis. Together, we celebrate a brighter future and the power of community.

A full video was released on December 12th, 2023, on our YouTube channel.

"I never expected to find myself living in a dignified home like this, it's truly surreal to me. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to TAWAH, the sponsors of this project and to the women builders from Mhaga village who have provided me with such a wonderful living space. Today, I rest and rise without a hint of worry or uncertainty. Thank you all very much."

Bibi Salma Kirumbi, 2023

EMPOWERING WOMEN BUILDERS PROGRESS





TRANSFORMING THE BRICK PRODUCTION INTO SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In 2023, TAWAH initiated a partnership with Zanzibar University, aiming to transform brick production skills into sustainable entrepreneurship. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Sultan Omar, Head of Zanzibar University's Marketing Department, for his invaluable assistance in this endeavor. Under his guidance, 28 Mhaga women successfully transitioned their acquired brick production and construction skills into sustainable income-generating activities. This transformative journey took place at the TAWAH Centre in Mhaga Village during a two-day entrepreneurship training session. Participants actively engaged in exploring creative project initiation, honing financial discipline, fostering teamwork, and mastering the principles of proper business capital and profit accounting. The partnership with Zanzibar University has played a pivotal role in empowering these women, and we look forward to continued collaboration in our mission to support and uplift women entrepreneurs.

STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS

Health and Safety workshops.

May, 2023 TAWAH conducted a workshop on Health and Safety at the workplace in collaboration with WalterBlanca Mellows who skillfully facilitated the session, engaging 25 Mhaga women builders, 75 girls from Jokate Girls Secondary School, and 17 TAWAH new volunteers. This comprehensive workshop and training initiative underscore TAWAH's dedication to fostering knowledge, safety, and sustainable practices within the community.



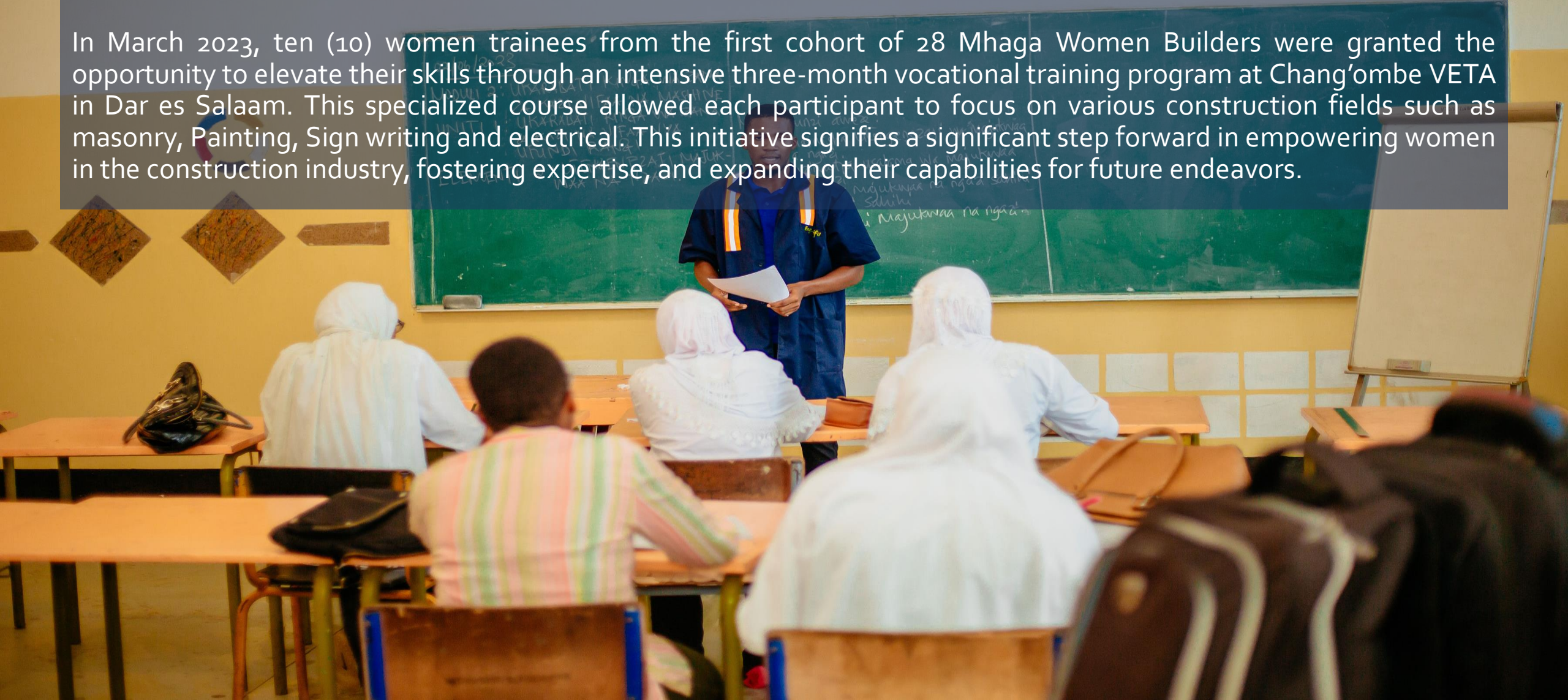


Soil testing Training

In tandem with our commitment to empower Mhaga women builders, Eng. Herry Hertibu from Building Research Institute led a hands-on session on determining soil for brick making. Through two distinct soil tests, 25 Mhaga Women Builders and 17 TAWAH volunteers gained valuable insights, contributing to the enhancement of their skills and the overall safety of their work environment.

ADVANCED VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR MHAGA WOMEN BUILDERS

In March 2023, ten (10) women trainees from the first cohort of 28 Mhaga Women Builders were granted the opportunity to elevate their skills through an intensive three-month vocational training program at Chang'ombe VETA in Dar es Salaam. This specialized course allowed each participant to focus on various construction fields such as masonry, Painting, Sign writing and electrical. This initiative signifies a significant step forward in empowering women in the construction industry, fostering expertise, and expanding their capabilities for future endeavors.





"It was my dream when I was young to go to college, but due to limited financial resources at that time, my parents were unable to support my education. However, now I am filled with great joy because despite my age, I have had the courage to pursue my dream of attending college. I encourage my fellow women to be courageous and not to lose hope, because age is not a barrier to achieving your life's dreams."

Bi Salma Selemani Mape 2023



FINANCIAL LITERACY

We are indeed grateful for the partnership and support received on 22/09/2023 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. 51 women of the second cohort have benefited from this program.



EMPOWERING VISION

TAWAH Partners with Dr. Neema Kanyaro for Eye Checks for Mhaga Women" As Mhaga women gear up for advanced training at VETA early next year, TAWAH ensures they do so with clear vision. Dr. Neema Kanyaro, Consultant Ophthalmologist and Founder/CEO of Alfa Specialized Hospitals Tanzania, volunteered to provide free eye checks. On 7/12/2023, 39 women received the gift of clear sight and more, as Dr. Neema not only distributed reading glasses but also addressed health challenges. Some brought their children for advice, making the day even more special. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Neema Kanyaro and the Alfa Specialized Hospitals Tanzania Team for their generous support, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of Mhaga women as they embark on advanced training.

ENGAGING VISIT FROM ZANZIBAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO TAWAH'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER



On June 10, 2023, the TAWAH team welcomed 17 students from Zanzibar University. This visit provided them with a unique opportunity to explore our vocational training center in Mhaga Village, Kisarawe district. Throughout the day, the students immersed themselves in the various construction activities led by the skilled Mhaga women builders. Additionally, they actively participated in landscaping initiatives at the center, gaining hands-on insights into our community-focused projects





INAUGURAL SUCCESS OF TAWAH VOCATIONAL CENTRE IN MHAGA VILLAGE KISARAWA DISTRICT.

July 1, 2023, the official launch of the TAWAH Vocational Centre for Women in Mhaga Village marked a triumphant achievement. Hon. Mwanaidi Ali Khamis graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor and laid the foundation stone for the Centre. Notably, she presented Certificates to the first batch of 28 Mhaga Women Builders who completed comprehensive training in Brick Making, Housing Construction, Marketing and Finance during the 2021-2022 period. TAWAH expresses heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, Mhaga Women Builders, and Mhaga villagers for their unwavering support in achieving this significant milestone.



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' BUILD DAY

On 06 October, 2023 TAWAH's Training Vocational Center welcomed 23 students from Lund University, Sweden. Mhaga Women builders shared construction insights, offering hands-on brick-making training. The day also included visits to elderly homes, tree planting, and a celebration of cultural diversity and communal belongingness.



GRATITUDE FOR PARTNERSHIP



May 16th, 2023, marked a significant milestone for TAWAH as we officially signed a partnership agreement with Habitat for Humanity Tanzania (HFHT). The establishment of TAWAH and its mission have been deeply influenced by HFHT's impactful work in rural Tanzania. The entire TAWAH community is excited about the promising future and eagerly anticipates years of collaboration in building homes with HFHT for many years to come.

KAWE UKWAMANI WASH PROGRAM

On 14/04/2023, 10 Team TAWAH visited Kawe Ukwamani Secondary School for a workshop with the growing WASH club, now boasting 79 members. The club has made significant strides, initiating school vegetable gardens, environmental seminars, and cleanup sessions. Special thanks to Lotaris Malecha, an environmental engineer and a TAWAH member, for leading a soap-making workshop, not only saving on detergent costs but also empowering students with practical skills for school and beyond. The team appreciates the students' curiosity, enthusiasm, and dedication to learning.



INSPIRE AND SUPPORT OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY.

July, 2023 TAWAH conducted a Youth Career Guidance Talk at Kawe Ukwamani Secondary School, emphasizing and inspiring for students to pursue science subjects and stay dedicated to their chosen careers. The session aimed to encourage and guide 30 WASH students members and 200 form four students in their academic and career paths and fostering a passion for science-related fields. The TAWAH team appreciates the active participation of form four students and WASH Club members, contributing to the vibrancy and impact of the event.



EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

On the 24th Anniversary of our Nation's founding father, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Team TAWAH aligns with his call for education-driven service to the community. On October 14th 2023, we dedicated our day to the 79 students of Kawe Ukwamani Secondary School enrolled in the TAWAH WASH Program. This initiative fosters innovative ideas, inspired students to tackle environmental challenges and improve the learning environment. In honor of Mwalimu Nyerere, we introduced the TAWAH AWARDS program, recognizing students' environmental stewardship.



EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

On Saturday, 15/04/2023, TAWAH joyfully embraced 31 new volunteers into our family. Hailing from Ardhi University (11), University of Dar es Salaam (4), Mbeya University of Science and Technology (3), as well as recent graduates and practicing architects from Tanzania (11) and Sweden (2), this diverse group injects fresh energy into our mission. With this vibrant team, we are poised to make an even greater positive impact on the communities we serve. A heartfelt thank you to all the 2023 volunteers for joining TAWAH. Special appreciation to our program partners: ITV Media, Radio One, and Segal Family Foundation.



BUILDING DREAMS TOGETHER

On Saturday, October 28th, 2023, TAWAH celebrated an amazing Volunteers Build Day at the Vocational Center for Women in Mhaga village. The day united us in contributing to the ongoing construction of volunteers' accommodation, the kitchen, and the kids' room, with a focus on foundation backfilling and blinding. The team was joined by the Centre's site managers and supervisor respectively Fundi Mudi, Bi Salma Mape Mzee Akida and TAWAH's friend Kimberly DeWitt from DeWitt Consultancy Partners, who graced us with her presence for the second time at the Centre.



ELEVATING CONNECTIONS

The TAWAH Breakfast Meeting on 9/12/2023 was a moment of gratitude and inspiration! Led by Judith Charles Rauya from Doyenne Organization and organized by Lotaris Malecha from TAWAH, the session delved into the significance of networking for personal and professional growth. The interactive discussion was a powerhouse of insights, strategies, and real-world experiences, leaving everyone inspired and motivated. Our dedicated 15 TAWAH volunteers and members actively participated in the session. We delved into the theme of fostering meaningful connections, supporting each other, and elevating our personal and professional journeys together.





EMPOWERING GROWTH

TAWAH Mentoring Program 2022-24 Workshop Unveils Professional Skills as on 24 Nov, 2023 marked a day of empowerment and growth for our 23 TAWAH mentees in the mentoring program for women in construction. The full day workshop delved on developing employability skills and professional etiquettes led by Niajiri platform at the Hotel slipway, Dar es Salaam. Our gratitude extends to program sponsors, Simba cement, and ITV, for making the event possible. Special thanks to ITV Media for broadcasting the event, spreading knowledge far and wide



ANNUAL REVENUES

Members contributions	TZS 4,315,000.00
Julius Baer Grants	TZS 261,250,000.00
Segal Family Foundation Grants	TZS 74,611,440.00
Simba Cement Company Grants	TZS 28,100,000.00
Shule Direct contribution	TZS 930,000.00
Bank Interest	TZS 4,340,108.00
TOTAL	TZS 373,546,548.00

ANNUAL EXPENSES

Project Team	TZS 51,888,600.000
Travelling and Transportation	TZS 22,215,700.00
Equipments and Materials	TZS 253,486,877.00
Communication and Publication	TZS 210,000.00
Training, Workshop and Training	TZS 41,390,400.00
Administration Cost	TZS 21,952,700.00
Other Cost	TZS 1,830,200.00
TOTAL COST	TZS 392,974,477.00

2024 GOALS

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.



PARTNERS

Kisarawe District Council

Wealth Inequality Initiative by Julius Baer Foundation

ITV Media

Segal Family Foundation

Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB)

Zanzibar University

Lund University (Sweden)

Jokate Mwegelo Girls Secondary School

The Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women, and
Special Groups

Habitat for Humanity Tanzania

Skilled male fundi's/trainers

Volunteers from the cornerstone of TAWAH's impactful network.

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