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Tanzanian Project Updates



At Emmanuel International Tanzania, we believe in working alongside local churches as they address the challenges they face while building on the strengths they already possess. Our projects are designed to bring hope, strengthen resilience, and create sustainable opportunities, improving the well-being of individuals and families. Through collaborative, community-driven initiatives, we seek to demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways while empowering communities to flourish socially, economically, environmentally, and spiritually. The following projects highlight a couple ways EITZ is partnering with communities across

Tanzania to bring about lasting change - Joel Newby, EITZ Country Director



Entrepreneurship Training

Entrepreneurship - Helping families build businesses that create lasting change

A small loan, a practical skill and a little encouragement can change the course of a family's future.

Across Tanzania, Emmanuel International is helping people move beyond day-to-day survival by equipping them with the

knowledge, confidence and support to establish small businesses. Through entrepreneurship training and Village Community Banks (VICOPA), participants learn to save regularly, access affordable loans and invest in opportunities that provide sustainable incomes.

The programme is about much more than finance. Every training session combines practical business skills with Biblical

teaching, encouraging participants to become wise stewards of the resources God has given them while supporting one another through their local savings groups.

This year, many groups completed successful savings cycles and expanded their activities. Some members invested in farming, others started food businesses, while many are now planning larger group enterprises that will create income for entire communities.

In spite of the successes, the programme faced a range of challenges too. Increasing numbers of group members created some administrative headaches, so refresher training helped build unity and shared understanding. The introduction of the Dream Save digital app also required additional support, but once users gained confidence, it made managing savings and loans simpler, more accurate and more transparent for participating groups.

For **Reinfrida Songola**, the training turned a dream into a realistic ambition:

"I am grateful for attending the hands-on entrepreneurship training, I had a strong desire to learn how to make soft chapati and delicious soup, and other Swahili foods.... I am very hopeful that after this training, I plan to open my own cafeteria."

Sylvester Kalogi, found the use of technology to be a significant benefit to the group:

"We are using the Dream Save application to record our contributions in our VICOPA without any difficulties and it automatically helps us to do the calculations on time...the system is very nice and simplifies our work"



Dreamsave Training

These stories reflect the heart of the programme. Entrepreneurship is not simply about increasing income, it is about restoring confidence, creating opportunity and helping communities discover that lasting change can grow from the gifts and abilities they already possess.

Looking forward EITZ's plan is to focus on holistic practical entrepreneurship education and skills, whilst strengthening monitoring and evaluation and increasing participation with local partners and government authorities. We also plan to facilitate



spiritual formation through the provision of subsidised bible distribution and discipleship training.

Pastors' Training - Equipping church leaders for holistic mission

A healthy church begins with well-equipped leaders.

Across rural Tanzania, many pastors faithfully serve communities with limited resources and little opportunity for formal training. Emmanuel International Tanzania is helping to change that by partnering with the Tanzania Assemblies of God to equip pastors with a vision of ministry that addresses both spiritual and practical needs.



Pastors' Training

Based at the Church Planting School in Sengerema, the programme teaches pastors that proclaiming the Gospel and serving their communities go hand in hand. Alongside Biblical studies, participants explore subjects such as

agriculture, business, environmental stewardship and community development, enabling them to lead churches that bring transformation to every aspect of life.

During the past year, twelve pastors completed holistic mission training, supported by eight experienced teachers. The programme also continued encouraging the partner church to take increasing ownership of both the training and the income-generating activities that will help sustain it in years to come.

Salome Kameli discovered a new understanding of ministry.

"I recently attended a pastor's training on holistic mission, and it changed the way I think about serving my community and my own family. The training taught me that holistic mission is about caring for the whole person; spiritual, physical, and social needs so that people can thrive in every area of life. During the training, I learned how to integrate faith with practical skills like agriculture and entrepreneurship. I applied what I learned to my small-scale chicken farming, seeing it not just as a business but as a way to bless my family and neighbours with my earnings"

As pastors like Salome return to villages across Tanzania, they take with them more than knowledge.

They carry a vision of churches that preach the Gospel, care for their communities and demonstrate the love of Christ through practical action as well as faithful witness.

As with many of our projects the focus is on future sustainability and hand over to

appropriately gifted and skilled men and women to run locally. This year we will be taking steps to complete the project and conduct the final project evaluation by October.

Strength & Dignity - Replacing fear and shame with confidence and hope

Growing up should never be something young people face alone. Yet for many girls and boys across Tanzania, puberty remains surrounded by silence,



Excitement among the girls receiving their Dignity kits

misunderstanding and embarrassment.

Without accurate information or trusted adults to guide them, many experience fear, confusion and unnecessary shame at one of the most important stages of their lives. The Strength & Dignity Project exists to change that.

Working alongside local schools and churches, Emmanuel International Tanzania provides honest, age-appropriate education about puberty, menstruation, relationships and personal health, while reminding every young person that they are deeply loved and valued by their Creator.

Since the programme began in 2019, almost 4,000 students have received holistic teaching that combines physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Girls receive menstrual hygiene resources that help them remain in school with confidence, while boys are equipped to better understand the changes they experience and to treat others with respect and dignity.

The past year brought its own challenges. Illness within the leadership team, changing school timetables and the ongoing journey towards greater local ownership all required flexibility and perseverance. Yet the commitment of local staff, volunteers and church partners ensured the work continued.

The greatest transformation cannot always be measured by numbers. It is seen in the confidence of a girl who no longer misses school because of her period, in the questions a teenage boy finally feels safe enough to ask, and in the growing understanding that every young person has immeasurable worth.

"We taught girls at Bugogwa and Igombe primary schools. We were happy to share the word of God because we want them to know God and learn how to take care of their bodies. That's why both health education and bible teaching are important to us." - Esta Charles, Field Officer

By replacing fear with knowledge and shame with hope, the Strength & Dignity Project is helping a new generation step confidently into adulthood, knowing they are valued by God and by their communities.

Goals for the coming year include, seeing more lives transformed, helping to build a new block of toilets, to grow and develop as a team and to commence teaching at Bugogwa and Kilebela Secondary Schools.