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Tunaweza Foundation



Every Child deserves to have a dream

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Message from our Executive Director

Dear Tunaweza Foundation Community,

It is with great pleasure and a sense of accomplishment that I present to you our annual report for the past year. As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs of this period, we are reminded of the incredible dedication and collaborative spirit that define our organization.

Over the past year, we have navigated through uncharted waters, adapting to a rapidly changing landscape while remaining true to our core mission. The resilience of our team, the unwavering support of our partners, and the trust of our stakeholders have propelled us forward, even in the face of adversity.

Our accomplishments have been many. We've expanded our outreach programs, reaching new communities and making a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve. Our innovative projects have garnered recognition on both national and international platforms, reaffirming our status as a trailblazer in our field of Disability Inclusion.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment and expertise of our talented staff. Their dedication to excellence and their passion for our mission continues to drive our success. Together, we have forged new paths, fostered meaningful collaborations, and demonstrated the profound change that can arise when individuals come together around a shared vision.

As we look ahead, we do so with a sense of optimism and purpose. The challenges we face may evolve, but our determination to create positive change remains resolute. We are committed to pushing boundaries, finding innovative solutions, and making a lasting difference in the lives of those we touch.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our volunteers, supporters, partners, and each member of our organization for their invaluable contributions. Our journey is a collective one, and it is through our collective efforts that we are able to create a brighter future.

In closing, this annual report is a testament to the extraordinary things that can be achieved when passion and purpose converge. Let us continue to build upon our successes, embrace new opportunities, and work together to create a world that is more just, more inclusive, and more vibrant for all.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Victo Nalule
Executive Director
Tunaweza Foundation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Half-Year Tunaweza Foundation Report provides an overview of the activities, achievements, challenges, and financial status of Tunaweza Foundation during the period from January to June 2023. We are pleased to present our progress in fulfilling our mission and making a positive impact in the lives of Persons living with Disabilities in Uganda and as well as driving the Advocacy of leaving no one behind.

Mission Recap:

Our mission at Tunaweza Foundation is to enable Persons living with disabilities to realize their abilities and aspirations to fully and actively participate in all development initiatives in society. We are dedicated to achieving and contributing to the realization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that guide our programming which focuses on inclusion and diversity of Persons living with disabilities.

Vision:

"An inclusive society where persons living with disabilities realize their full potential to effectively contribute to society"

Our thematic areas of operation:

1. Inclusive Health

At the heart of Tunaweza Foundation's mission lies the vision of a world where every individual, regardless of their background or circumstances, enjoys the right to quality healthcare and holistic well-being. Our mission is to bridge gaps, eliminate disparities, and create an environment where inclusive health becomes a reality for all.

2. Inclusive Education

At the core of Tunaweza Foundation's mission lies the vision of an inclusive society where education is a universal right. Our mission is to break down barriers, eliminate discrimination, and foster an environment where learners with disabilities thrive and contribute to a more equitable world.

3. Inclusive Governance

Central to Tunaweza Foundation's mission is the vision of a governance framework that reflects the needs and aspirations of all citizens. Our mission is to advocate for inclusive policies, strengthen democratic processes, and foster an environment where participation and representation are universal and equal to all.

4. Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Embedded within Tunaweza Foundation's mission is the vision of a thriving society where entrepreneurship knows no boundaries. Our mission is to create an ecosystem that empowers underrepresented entrepreneurs, fuels innovation, and drives sustainable economic impact.



Program Highlights:

During this reporting period, we implemented several impactful programs and initiatives:

1. **Emergency Protection of GBV response for Women and Girls(PwDs) in host communities. (CERF PROJECT)**

Tunaweza foundation has dedicated itself to ensuring inclusiveness with (PwDs) and guaranteeing that they are treated equally towards the fulfillment of the vision of “leaving no one behind.” Under assignment by UN Women as an Implementing partner, Tunaweza Foundation has spent 2021 providing Emergency protection and GBV response for women and girls (PwDs) in GBV shelters around Kampala, the project took place between February and November 2021. Through data collection by our field team noted that there were some undocumented findings about PwDs, yet these are important to ensure proper policy review and implementation by stakeholders engaged in fighting for the rights of PwDs while promoting inclusivity





According to the UBOS (Uganda Bureau of Statistics), the disability prevalence of Ugandans aged 5 years and above is 14% while 34% of PwDs have multiple disabilities. With a population of 45 million the household survey found that 61% of PwDs are among those aged 80 years & above as disability is most prevalent among older persons in Uganda, as people age and grow, their vitality decreases and are more likely to experience age-related impairments.









The Government of Uganda has made policies to ensure that PwDs have rights and are protected, the Persons with Disabilities Act (2020) provides for the respect and promotion of human rights for persons with disabilities. However, despite the good intentions stated in legislation and policies, implementation, monitoring, and compliance remains a major void.

➤ Key accomplishments

During the project inception, our target was to reach 1000 beneficiaries, at the project close we reached 2,506 beneficiaries. The project's success was based on the continued support and cooperation from our beneficiaries which mainly attributed to our mapping strategy which ensured community inclusion. It also depended on the support from community duty bearers, springing from the vast partnerships created with several sister organizations within the beneficiary communities. The unwavering commitment of our dedicated staff and volunteers also contributed to the success of every stage of the project implementation. Most importantly, there was the flexibility of the UN Women Uganda, who tirelessly reviewed our program and budget changes, and approved them in time to allow the smooth implementation of activities despite the prevailing challenges like COVID-19 and government lockdown.

Beneficiaries reached

Number of Beneficiaries	Outcomes
1. 94 	Businesses rebirthed through multipurpose cash transfers
2. 6 	New women support groups established through VSLA model
3. 50 	Counsellors, Paralegals and Community political leaders were trained in handling SGBV issues of women with disabilities
4. 49 	Men & Boys were trained as disability champions against GBV in the He4She Campaign

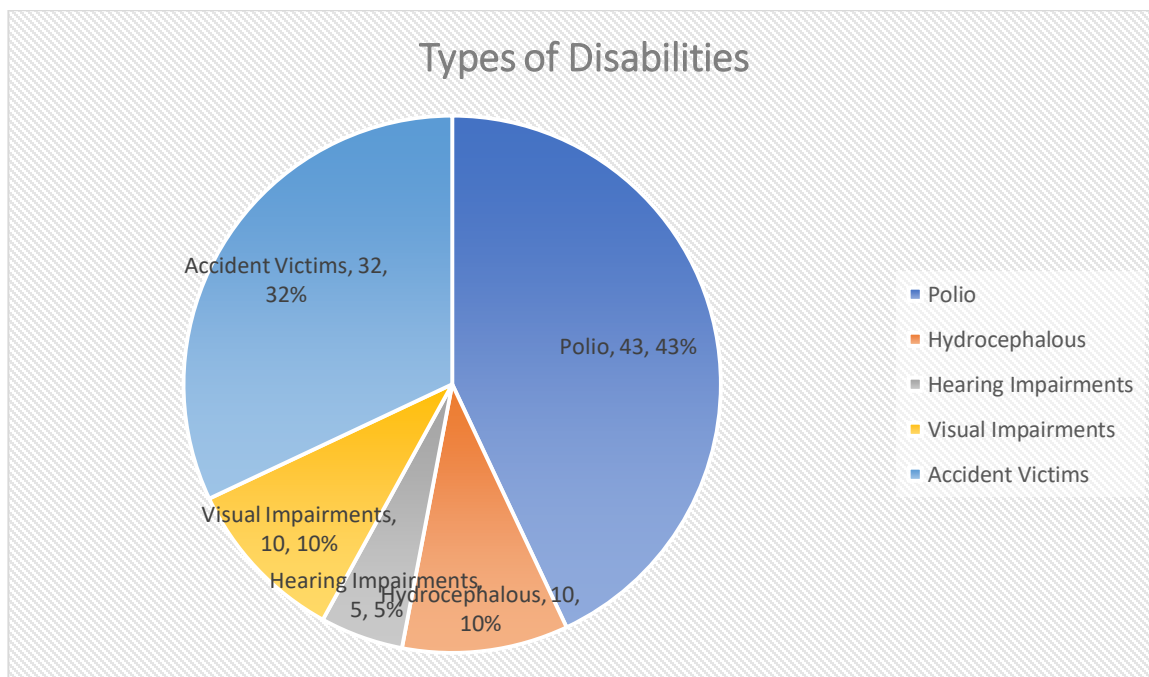
<p>5. 717</p> 	<p>Women,Men,Girls &Boys were physically reached with PSEA & SGBV awareness messages in different communities</p>
<p>6. 158</p> 	<p>Individuals received Psychosocial support</p>
<p>7. 222</p> 	<p>Calls made to our Hotline to seek Pyschosocial support.</p>
<p>8. 10</p> 	<p>Existing Women groups with disabilities were met and empowered.</p>
<p>9. 5</p> 	<p>GBV Women provided with First aid care and treatment after encountering GBV</p>
<p>10. 11</p> 	<p>Media appearances where we advocated the end of GBV among PWDs plight</p>
<p>11. 5</p> 	<p>PWDS were assessed and 4 received wheelchairs</p>
<p>12. 387</p> 	<p>Women & Girls PWDs and 4 men were reached with multipurpose cash transfers to support</p>

their personal, medical, family and business enterprises.

➤ Findings

There was a total of 526 PwDs who were reached during the 8 months project these are the findings by our field team.

Types of Disabilities



Findings



Areas

The main economic activity for PwDs is vending small foodstuffs, hawking for men and begging

PwDs engage in economic activities that do not require a lot of movement because of the disabling environment that bars ease of movement.



74% of women and girls with disabilities we assessed were facing SGBV, the law enforcers in their localities have not been supportive. A few have sought help and have come out to stand against it, most of them have kept quiet and taken it in as part of them because of the high dependence syndrome on the victims and the inability by law enforcers to help



Independent PwDs lived in Single roomed shelters and but the biggest percentage lived with their relatives/guardians



Hydrocephalus PwDs where 9% most of them are children who end up with autism and cerebral palsy. Totally blind were 9%, partially blind were 4%, and polio took up most of the disabilities faced by individuals at 39%.

Accident victims were 29%, and 10% had hearing impairments, though most PwDs with the above disabilities have multiple and fall under more than one category.

The oldest hydrocephalus PWD we assessed was 18 years old, which shows that they have a short life expectancy



Discrimination in sexual interactions, they are taken as asexual beings, neglected, and mostly exploited in all ways.



Through our assessments, PwDs earn less than the poverty threshold which is 1.9\$/day, they averagely earn 1.5\$/day



PwDs face limited access to water and sanitation, most public toilets have long stairs and zero ramps. The water is accessible but have long ques most times.



Male PwDs faced violence and discrimination from communities, and some lost jobs



community discrimination as there is stigmatization of PwDs being referred to as omens and curses, increasing their vulnerability.



ED TF Ms. Victo Nalule handing over a wheelchair to a beneficiary



UN Women Director for Normative & Humanitarian Coordination Ms. Funmi Balogun visit to Tunaweza Foundation Office

2. THE GREEN REFUGEE COMMUNITY PROJECT. (GRCP)

The YALI MWF – 2019 Cohort/Tunaweza Foundation conducted five field trips to 14 refugee and settlement areas to plant fruit trees between May 2021 to September 2021 with a funding from US Mission Uganda. The goal was to mitigate climate change and provide fruits for food to refugee communities. The planned trips included; **Trip 1** to Bidi Bidi, Imvepi, and Rhino refugee camps, all in

Arua district; **Trip 2** to Nyumanzi, Pagarinya, and Palorinya in Adjumani and Moyo districts; **Trip 3** to Kiryandongo, Kyaka II, and Kyangwali camps in Kiryandongo, Kyegegwa, and Hoima districts; **Trip 4** to Nakivale, Oruchinga and Rwamwanja camps in Isingiro and Kamwenge districts; and **Trip 5** to Bududa and Sironko mudslides settlement areas. In each settlement, we planned to reach at least two secondary schools. Each school was to receive 25 fruit trees. The project's sustainability hinged on training school environment clubs on how to responsibly care for the trees.



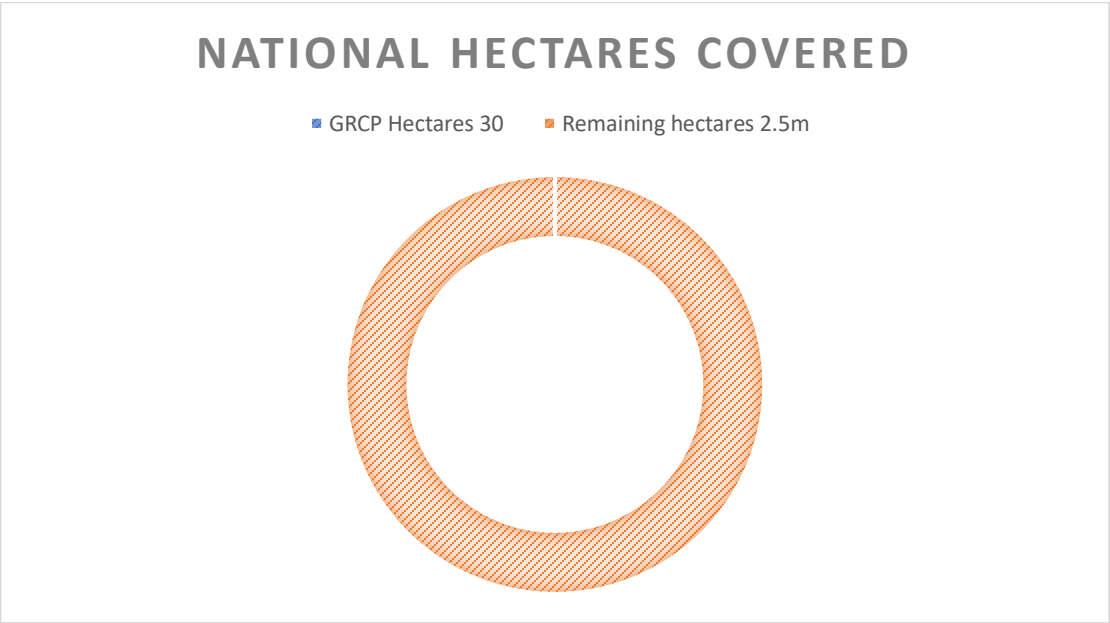
Students of Idiwa Primary School planting a tree

➤ **Key accomplishments.**

Number	Accomplishment
650 	A total of 650 trees were purchased and distributed
11 	A total of four (4) new environment clubs were established in four out of the 13 schools visited. Seven (7) other existing environment clubs were revived and provided with knowledge as shared in the training manuals.
13 	groups of students, teachers, district local leaders and camp leaders were trained in environmental management
13 	We reached thirteen (13) schools. These were; Idiwa Primary school, Twajiji, Arijju, Ariaze, and Yikuru secondary – all in West Nile camps; Kiryandongo High School in Kiryandongo; Angels Care schools, Bukere primary, Kisojo Secondary, Kajaho, Rwamurunga – all in West and South Western camps, and Bunamubi and Bukiga primary schools in the Eastern region
12 	We identified the following partners as listed; the US Mission Uganda, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) , National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA), National Forestry Authority (NFA), Windle International, Finn Aid church, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Camp commandants, School headteachers, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Network – Uganda (MWF and RLC), District Chief Administrative Officers (CAO), and the Media (NBS, New Vision).

PROJECT LEARNING

We discovered that the need to restore forest cover in the deforested areas in the country was way greater than anticipated by this project implementation. This great need calls for concerted efforts by all environment conservation bodies to avert pending climate change problems. Uganda declared a restoration commitment of 2.5 million hectares by 2030 in the Bonn challenge of the 2014 Climate change summit. However, this GRCP project only restored just over 30 hectares of land. The graph below shows a small proportion of restored land against the country's restoration need.



ED Tunaweza Foundation handing over trees to the school headteacher



Partnerships and Collaborations:

Central to Tunaweza Foundation's mission is the vision of a world where organizations and stakeholders work together seamlessly to tackle global challenges. Our mission is to cultivate partnerships that amplify our impact, foster innovation, and drive sustainable change in the communities we serve.

Key Achievements: Over the past period, Tunaweza Foundation has achieved remarkable progress through collaborations and partnerships:

1. **Cross-Sector Collaborations:** Our partnerships with governmental bodies, private sector entities, academia, and civil society have led to comprehensive solutions that leverage each partner's strengths. For instance, Tunaweza Foundation was able to partner with ActionAid GBV shelter to provide physio-social support to victims of GBV.



Tunaweza Foundation team handing over a wheelchair to ActionAid GBV Shelter in Bwaise

2. **Local Engagement:** Collaborating with grassroots organizations has enabled us to bridge cultural gaps, tailor interventions, and ensure that our initiatives resonate with the communities we work in.
3. **Knowledge Exchange:** Collaborations with research institutions and experts have allowed us to stay informed about emerging trends and best practices, enriching our projects with evidence-based strategies.

Strategic Directions: Building upon our achievements, Tunaweza Foundation is poised to continue its commitment to collaborations and partnerships through the following strategic directions:

1. **Strategic Partner Identification:** We will identify partners who complement our strengths and contribute to the holistic success of our projects.
2. **Sustainable Relationships:** Our focus will be on nurturing long-term relationships that foster trust, transparent communication, and shared accountability.
3. **Innovative Collaborations:** We will explore innovative ways to collaborate, including joint initiatives, co-creation, and leveraging technology for greater reach.
4. **Global Networks:** Recognizing the value of a global perspective, we will seek partnerships beyond borders to address challenges that transcend geographical boundaries.

Financial Overview of 2020/2021

Name (Project)	Amount (USD)	Donor	Status
CERF	49,755	UNWOMEN	Received
GRCP	24,959.29	US MISSION	Received

Donation Sources and Patterns:

Tunaweza Foundation has successfully secured donations from diverse sources, including individuals, foundations, and government grants. Donations have shown a consistent upward trend over the last year, reflecting growing support for the Tunaweza Foundation's mission and initiatives.

Donation Allocation:

The donations received by Tunaweza Foundation are allocated to various programs and projects aligned with its mission. These programs encompass areas such as education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, and more. Donors can choose to support specific projects or contribute to the general fund, allowing for flexibility in addressing pressing social challenges.

Transparency and Accountability:

Tunaweza Foundation places a strong emphasis on transparency and accountability in handling donations. Robust financial reporting and periodic updates are provided to donors, ensuring they are well-informed about how their contributions are utilized. This practice builds trust and encourages continued support.

Impact and Achievements:

Through the generous donations received, Tunaweza Foundation has achieved significant impact in its target areas. The funds have enabled the implementation of impactful projects, leading to improved access to education, access to better healthcare and HIV services, enhanced environmental conservation efforts, and positive socio-economic changes in beneficiary communities.

Fundraising Initiatives:

Tunaweza Foundation employs a variety of fundraising initiatives to attract donations. These include fundraising events, online campaigns, partnerships with businesses, and engagement with influencers and ambassadors who share the organization's values. These efforts have played a crucial role in expanding the donor base and raising awareness about Tunaweza Foundation's work.

Challenges and Opportunities:

While Tunaweza Foundation has made remarkable progress, it also faces challenges such as donor fatigue, economic uncertainties, staff salaries and evolving social needs. To address these challenges, the organization continuously seeks innovative ways to engage donors, diversify funding sources, and adapt its programs to evolving needs as well as finding solutions towards motivating the staff for better payment.

Sustainability and Growth:

Tunaweza Foundation's financial stability is a result of prudent financial management and a commitment to long-term sustainability. Beyond short-term donations, the organization is planning on establishing an endowment fund and planned giving programs to secure its financial future and ensure ongoing support for its mission.

TUNAWEZA FOUNDATION STAFF

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