



CORE Tanzania

2022 Annual Report



Celebrating 5 years!

Who We Are



Mission

Access to high quality education in rural Tanzania



Motivating Principles

All children deserve a quality education

Quality education empowers children and communities

Healthy children can learn more effectively

Environmental awareness is crucial to our planet's future





A Letter From Our President

ReadWell was piloted in grade one and received rave reviews from students and teachers alike. Twegashe launched “Activity Period”, with the last forty minutes of the day reserved for activities like singing, agriculture, service, and environment club. We constructed an innovative “girls’ urinal” to relieve congestion at the girls’ toilets. And perhaps most exciting, villagers showed their strong support by voting to donate an additional thirty acres to the school.

It’s not possible to sum up a year at Twegashe School by citing a few achievements. It’s more about moments, precious moments that I feel privileged to be here to experience – the giggles of Antidius as we read **Morris Goes to School** together, the smiles of delight on children’s faces when they discover that the greens they are eating for lunch are the ones they planted themselves in the school garden, or Zelda’s epiphany after solving a challenging math problem, “Oh, when you think, you get it!”

Thank you for making these precious moments possible!

Asante sana!

Michael Banobi
CORE Tanzania Board President

Dear Friends,

2022 is the five-year anniversary for CORE Tanzania. Looking back, it’s hard for me to believe that five years ago a quality education for children in Bushasha Village was just the dream of seven passionate founding board members, and Twegashe School just an empty grass field. Now, as 2022 ends, ninety Bushasha children are receiving quality instruction, in English, from teachers who are dedicated to uncovering the potential of each child. What’s more, these children are studying and playing in a safe and healthy environment with clean water, they’re receiving two nutritious meals a day, and they’re interacting daily with adults who know their names and care about them as individuals.

2022 saw a number of new developments at Twegashe School. We began construction on the Phase Two classroom building so students can continue receiving a quality education through grade seven. A new reading curriculum called

90 children
provided with
student-centered
education

30 students
fully-sponsored and
exchanging letters and
photos with sponsors

7 composting
biofil toilets and
6 girls' urinals

8,320 hours
of employment
created for residents of
Bushasha Village



100% solar
power used to operate
the school

30 acres
additional land donated by
the village for school
expansion and agriculture

14,440 cups
of porridge and
11,640 healthy lunches
served

2022 By The Numbers



\$524K (73%)
raised toward our \$720K
Phase 2 construction and
operation goal

70% complete
Phase 2 classroom, library,
and administration
building construction

90 parents
attended training on
positive behavior
management
techniques

100%
student retention
from 2021 to 2022



CORE Tanzania works with rural communities to provide a quality education option that will help those communities lift themselves out of poverty. Our first step is building and operating a new primary school, Twegashe School, in Bushasha village.

Our school program emphasizes community engagement, strong academics, and a focus on the whole child. Class sizes are small, and instruction is in English so students will be successful in secondary school.

Our goal is for every student who graduates from Twegashe Primary School to have the foundation they need to reach their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

How We Work





Twegashe School

Creating a path to a better future!

We opened Twegashe School in 2020 with 30 kindergarten students. In 2022, there were 90 students in grades K-2. Twegashe has four classrooms, offices, a kitchen, cafeteria, latrines, water supply, housing for six teachers, and a solar power system for

the school and teachers' houses. This infrastructure will take our first kindergartners through Grade 3. We have begun construction on Phase 2 of the school. You can read more about this project on page 10!



Academics



Twegashe's school program reflects the conviction that all children can learn if provided with adequate support. Class sizes are limited to thirty students, and teachers and volunteers spend extra time with students who are struggling. Teachers use a wide range of teaching methods to engage students in learning and to promote critical and creative thinking.

Most kindergarteners arrive at Twegashe knowing only Kihaya, the language spoken in Bushasha. Our teachers use English for instruction from the beginning, while Kiswahili, the national language of Tanzania, is introduced in Grade 2. Our aim is to

provide children with a strong background in English that will help them to be successful in secondary school, where all instruction is in English. We will also ensure competence in Kiswahili, which is vital for active participation as Tanzanian citizens.



Health and Agriculture



Twegashe works in partnership with the local clinic and with families to ensure that all students are healthy. In addition, we provide children with a nutritious breakfast and lunch

daily so that empty stomachs do not interfere with children's ability to learn. The school promotes public health through the curriculum and community events.

Our fruit and vegetable garden provides healthy foods for our students. Parents help to maintain the gardens. A parent donated several goats, and this initiated our livestock program. These agricultural projects provide hands-on learning for students and are helping the school move toward self-sufficiency.

Agricultural projects also allow us to promote positive farming practices in the local community. In 2022, villagers donated an additional 30 acres to provide more space for agriculture and for school expansion.



Environment



Twegashe School is committed to environmental sustainability. The school building is powered by solar energy. Our “microflush biofil toilets” use only a cupful of water to flush. A worm-based composting system digests the waste, rapidly converting it to compost that can be safely used on the garden.

We are currently using propane as a healthier alternative to firewood. Our school layout has dedicated space near the kitchen for a biodigester. When our agriculture program has grown to include more livestock we’ll have the option to use biogas instead of propane for cooking. We also promote environmental sustainability through the curriculum and through programs aimed toward the wider community.

Community

Community is central at Twegashe School. The campus is located on a 45-acre site donated by Bushasha Village, and the motivation for a new primary school to use English as the language of instruction came from the community. All village children are eligible for admission. Twegashe parents are encouraged to be involved in their children’s education. Parents have demonstrated their support by volunteering and also by making financial donations.



Phase 2 Construction

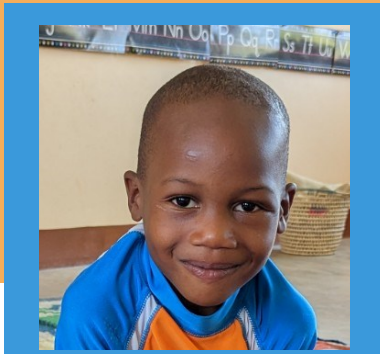


We began the second phase of construction in April 2022, adding five additional classrooms (preschool and grades 4-7), a library, administrative offices, and more teacher housing. The Phase 2 design is being led by architect Marc Oplinger and a team of other volunteers.

The Phase 2 construction team trained with volunteer contractor Bill Suhr during Phase 1. We are delighted that the entire team is from the local area. At the end of 2022, the walls were up on the new school building, and they were just about to start on the roof trusses.



Financials

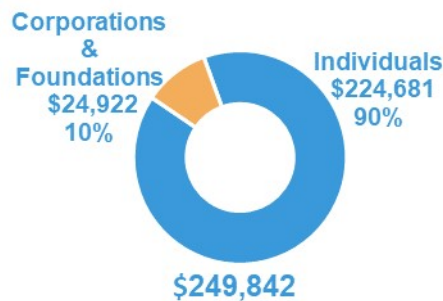


Financial Snapshot

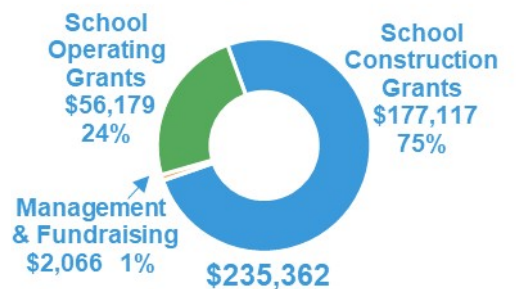
Annual Revenue



2022 Revenue



2022 Expenditures



We have a lot to celebrate!

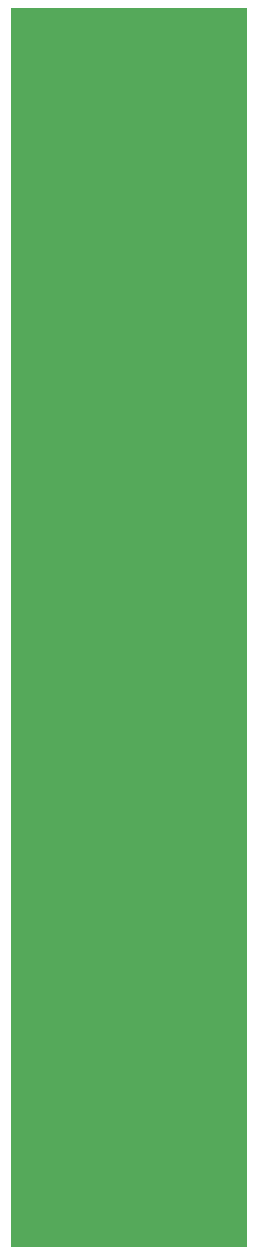
- ◆ Thank you CORE supporters! Together we raised \$524,000 (73%) towards our \$720,000 Phase 2 goal (preschool & grades 4-7 classrooms, library, administrative offices, and three years of operating costs).
- ◆ We have fully funded Phase 2 school construction costs and expect to complete construction in late 2023.
- ◆ We will continue to fundraise in 2023 to reach our \$720,000 goal, which will ensure that we have three years of operating funding.
- ◆ 100% of donations went towards school operating and construction costs. Our board members covered all administrative and fundraising costs.



Thank you



A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers and partners, the Twegashe staff, and our many wonderful donors, whose energy, commitment and generosity are making quality education possible for children in rural Tanzania.



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