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BRINGING HOPE *Today*

Harvest Hope Africa equips, transforms, and empowers disadvantaged people in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania.

We relieve poverty through education and training.

WE SUPPORT

- ◆ A Primary School in a remote part of Tanzania
- ◆ Sewing and business training program in the Democratic Republic of Congo for young victims of sexual violence
- ◆ A co-operative graduate program for students to begin their own sewing business

“What a privilege to help a startup charity that is making real impact in Africa”

DONOR

THIS YEAR WE HAVE:

In the Democratic Republic of Congo

- ◆ Established a sewing and business training program
- ◆ Graduated our first intake of students
- ◆ Resourced a co-operative with mentorship, quality equipment and rented premises for our graduating students to start their own business
- ◆ Received our second intake of students
- ◆ Provided food and clean water to vulnerable people

In Tanzania

- ◆ Provided salaries for teachers
- ◆ Provided further training for teachers
- ◆ Resourced the school with teaching and learning materials
- ◆ Provided a clean water source for the students and teachers at school
- ◆ Supported an entrepreneurship program for vulnerable mothers of the students

Relieving

**POVERTY THROUGH
EDUCATION AND TRAINING**





OUR Story

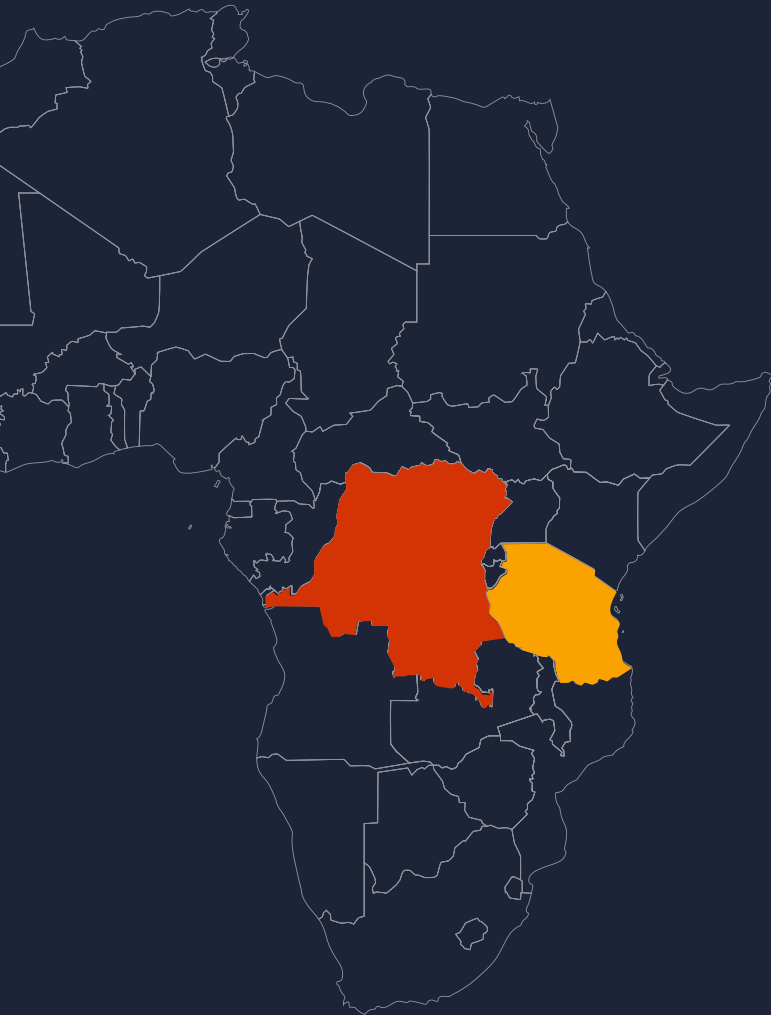
Harvest Hope Africa provides opportunities to build hope for vulnerable people. Patrick and Rebecca, founders and directors, are passionate about bringing restoration and transformation.

Having lived and worked in Africa for many years, they bring significant knowledge and experience. Now based in Australia, they established Harvest Hope Africa in 2019, to facilitate others joining the journey of providing opportunities for vulnerable people.

Having grown up in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Patrick lived and worked in multiple countries in Africa. Patrick focused his work in 1990 –2012 on training leaders and working with charities to bring reconciliation and hope. He spent six years supporting the recovery of communities post the Rwandan Genocide. Patrick’s formal training includes community development and education, and he fluently speaks many African languages. He met Rebecca in Tanzania, where she lived and worked as a teacher trainer for nine years. During her time in Tanzania, Rebecca travelled to many African countries and through local connections and personal experience, developed a deep understanding of the needs of impoverished people in Africa. Rebecca’s formal training is in education, with over 15 years of educational leadership experience.



*Bottom right: Patrick training teachers on well-being issues
Top right: Rebecca training teachers on developing literacy skills in children.*



Patrick and Rebecca's local connections led to Harvest Hope Africa's current areas of commitment.

Goma
Democratic Republic of Congo

In the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, Harvest Hope Africa's projects are in the eastern city of **Goma**, which has faced long standing civil war. Amongst many of the innocent victims are girls and young women. Their opportunities to access education have been affected and tragically, the experience of sexual violence has been far too common. This often leaves girls and young women alone and desperate. Alongside a locally registered charity, we have invested in training-based programs to provide a better future for these young women and their babies.

Masai
Tanzania

Harvest Hope Africa also works in an isolated **Masai area of Tanzania near Arusha**, where accessing quality education nearby is not possible. The families of the school live in traditional housing in the Longido district, with access to employment, health services and clean water, difficult. The school was founded with a vision to empower the community and improve quality of life by making education accessible.

HOW WE Work



Daniel Kalimbiro
Democratic Republic of Congo



Julius Rukyaa
Tanzania

Our team are highly committed, with a range of expertise and significant leadership experience in Africa.

We work co-operatively with registered charities in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania, to ensure transparency and accountability, drawing on strong local knowledge and expertise.

We have two project managers on the ground in Africa with decades of leadership experience. Daniel Kalimbiro, in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Julius Rukyaa, in Tanzania. Patrick works directly with the project managers to design projects, give clear directions regarding expenditure of finances and operational guidance. Rebecca works with Patrick and the project managers to ensure due diligence is followed as well as providing educational and leadership advice.

Structure



Harvest Hope Africa is Company Limited by Guarantee, with a Constitution that defines the organisation's mission, purposes, and powers.

Harvest Hope Africa is registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) as a Public Benevolent Institution and is accountable to the ACNC's External Conduct Standards. The standards cover:

- ◆ Activities and control of resources (including funds)
- ◆ Annual review of overseas activities and record keeping
- ◆ Anti-fraud and anti-corruption
- ◆ Protection of vulnerable individuals

Harvest Hope Africa has Deductible Gift Receipt status, granted by the Australian Taxation Office, making donations over \$2 tax deductible.

Harvest Hope Africa is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors. The board comprises of 5 members, each with their own international aid experience and complementary professional skills.



Patrick Lubilanji
Board Chair



Pascal Chitsaka
Deputy Board Chair



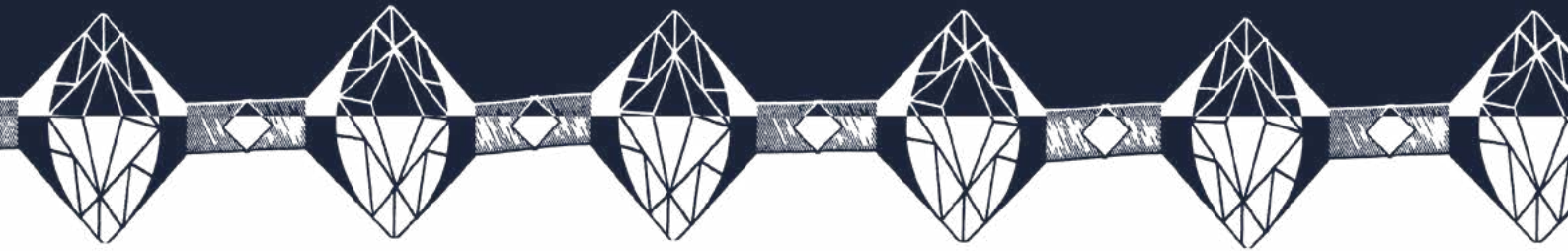
Sindhu Sundarakumar
Director



Rebecca Lubilanji
Secretary, Public Officer, Treasurer



Eugene Tshibangu
Director



BUILDING *Strong* FOUNDATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Harvest Hope Africa launched as the COVID-19 pandemic began. Despite this unique challenge, we have made remarkable achievements this fiscal year. This would not have been possible without the commitment from our board, donors, and management in the field in Africa.

“We are thrilled with the level of impact and growth that occurred in 2020 – 2021. This would not have been possible without the commitment from our board, donors, and management on the field in Africa.”

Key milestones as a newly formed charity were gaining Deductible Gift Receipt status under Australian Taxation Law, as well as registering with each state and territory’s fundraising authorities in Australia. This makes it possible for donors to make tax deductible donations and enables a broader reach of supporters. This has positioned us well as a young organisation with strong foundations for future growth.

As a Board, we set an ambitious target for financial income in 2020-21 to allow us to achieve the initial steps we had

planned for both our Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania projects. Because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we cut this to a minimalist budget of around half and scaled our guaranteed activities right back to the basics.

I am pleased to report that due to our committed donors, we were able to revert to our original budget and deliver in full, our original plans for the fiscal year. I acknowledge our Board for their hard work and determination to carry out the vision. The team worked tirelessly with our partners in Australia and in Africa to achieve education and transformation in such a challenging time.

Because of the generosity of our supporters and volunteers we have provided the help necessary to begin to transform lives, with women and children experiencing restoration. The Board is thrilled with the impact and growth in 2020-2021, and confident this has placed us well to continue to provide hope for the people we are serving in the coming year.

Patrick Lubilanji
CEO



Dreams BECOMING REALITY

• *“Transformation
of disadvantaged,
vulnerable people
is our focus.”*

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Launching a charity at the beginning of a pandemic was never going to be easy, we were confident however, it was possible. As CEO, I can say I am proud to report this year of operation has been extremely successful.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, our vulnerable students demonstrated immense courage, participating in a training program to equip them with sewing and business skills. This would allow them to begin their own businesses and provide for their young families. We were thrilled to conduct our inaugural graduation for our first intake of 17 students and accept the second intake of 30 students for the sewing training program.

We also began a co-operative for our graduating students in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This provided them with mentorship, quality equipment and a rented premises to begin their businesses. This was all achieved, not only during the global pandemic, but with a natural disaster in Goma, where one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the world erupted in the first half of the year, displacing over 400,000 people, half of whom were children.

In Tanzania we have focused our efforts on supporting an isolated primary school that provides education for around 60 vulnerable children in Masailand. Prior to our support, the school had an extremely basic infrastructure, with volunteers and almost no resources.

We supported the school in Tanzania to be registered with the local government, provide

salaries and further training for teachers, access to clean water on site, food and teaching and learning resources. We have resourced an attached training centre for vulnerable mothers of the students, where they gain entrepreneurship training.

I particularly want to highlight our team of volunteers on the ground who work tirelessly to ensure our projects are implemented. We honor these volunteers and are thankful. Our team of volunteers in Africa display unwavering commitment to our students and the programs that support their transformation.

In Australia, we have built our volunteer and donor community and are so grateful to those who have helped with fundraising events and made one-off or regular donations. The lost smiles and dreams of these vulnerable people have been restored because of our growing and faithful donor community. Together, we can equip and support transformation and empowerment of these vulnerable people, helping them to build a better future.

Harvest Hope Africa is a young charity with a significant future. We look forward to continuing the remarkable growth and transformation for vulnerable people we have seen this year into our next fiscal year.

Patrick Lubilanji
CEO



Highlights **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

It has been a year of extraordinary growth, in terms of the people we have assisted, the level of transformation achieved, and the quality of projects we have implemented. We thank you all for being a part of this.

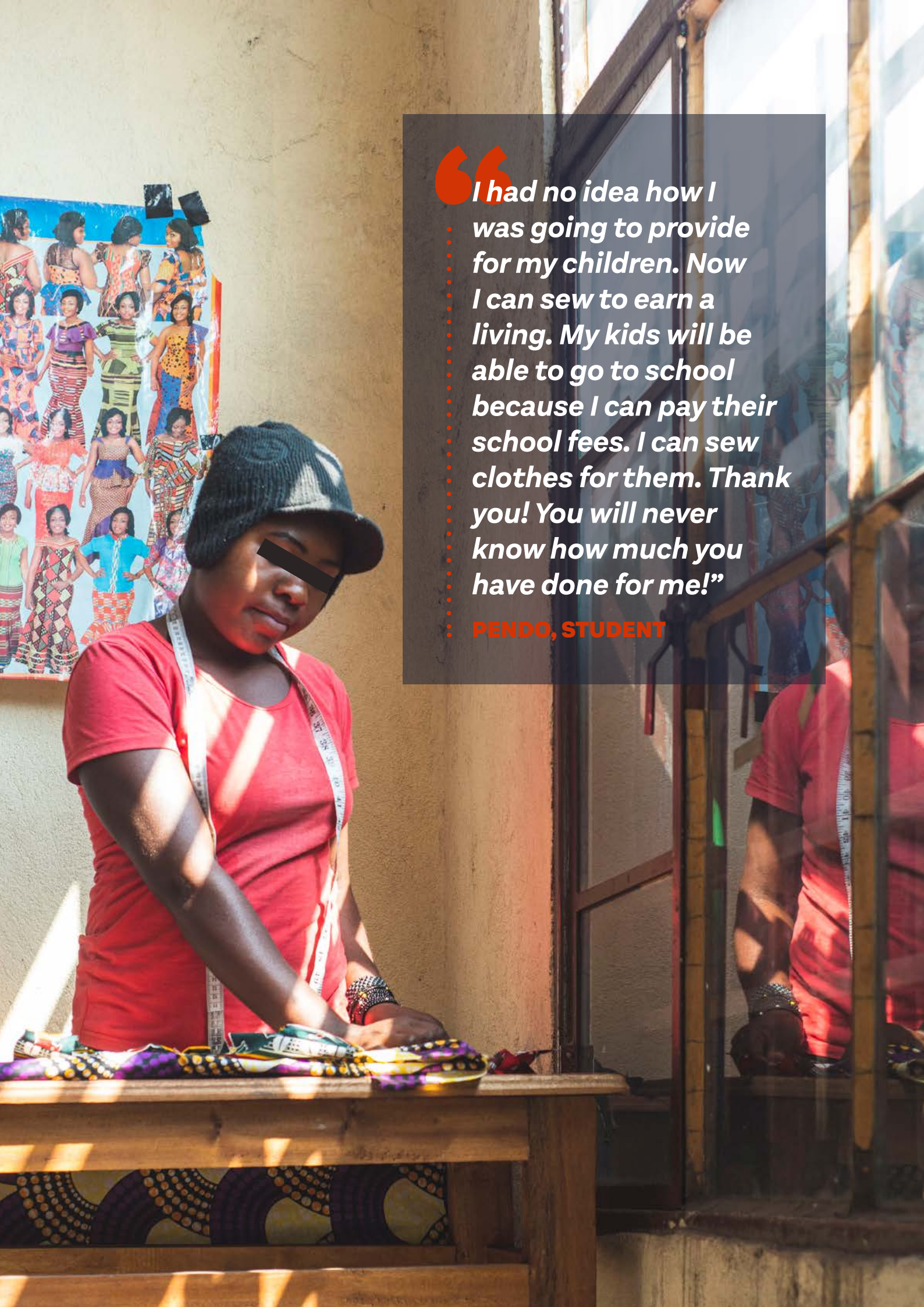
IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Sewing Training Program, Goma

This year our first intake of students graduated! What a huge achievement for our students; teenage girls with a background of sexual violence and consequential babies, who displayed great courage as they progressed through our sewing training program. This achievement did not come without its struggles. These young women

continue to battle trauma and look after their babies, when they themselves are still maturing. **15 young women managed to learn a new trade and eventually, pass their exams.** Their commitment and resilience meant they graduated, celebrating a year of learning and increased independence.





“*I had no idea how I was going to provide for my children. Now I can sew to earn a living. My kids will be able to go to school because I can pay their school fees. I can sew clothes for them. Thank you! You will never know how much you have done for me!”*

PENDO, STUDENT

For these graduating students, we introduced a pilot co-operative program.

We acknowledge it would be a huge task to transition to independence. To support the success of their businesses, we planned to provide further support through a slow-release model. **We set up our first co-operative, with 13 excited graduating students wishing to be a part of it.**

Our plan was simple – we covered the costs of the rented premises and purchased quality equipment. We employed mentors who could ensure quality control and provide on the job feedback. This allowed the participants to focus on quotes, design and sewing beautiful African clothing. The participants have done a remarkable job of building their businesses, even during the disruption of COVID-19.

“I used to get my clothes made by someone else, but now, I know that Zawadi can design and make anything I ask. I only come to her now for all my clothing purchases”

LOCAL CUSTOMER





I used to come hungry and leave hungry. The meal provided helps me to think clearly while I learn and my hunger pains go away.”

STUDENT

We also designed a food program for our students this year.

We were aware accessing nutritious food for themselves and their babies was a challenge. Whilst we did not know it at the time, we were about to have the perfect opportunity to implement the food program. In May 2021, Goma suffered a horrific volcanic eruption that saw nearly a million people evacuate the city. Electricity and water supplies were cut, and this all proved accessing food and clean water extremely difficult.

We fast tracked our program and implemented a relief food program for our students. This included providing a meal for our students and access to clean water on site. The pilot food program has been one of the best things we have done. It increased attendance, focus, and learning outcomes of students. It has also helped with nutritional support for both our students and their babies.

“We have almost 100% attendance now. The students know they will be fed when they come. Their focus is better and their ability to take in new concepts has improved.”

DANIEL KALIMBIRO

Project Manager





We also received our second intake of 30 students commencing in March 2021.

For this intake, we extended the length of the training program to two years to allow further learning growth. The Congolese government are impressed with the outcomes of our course and have encouraged us to continue to input into the program.

The benefit of the extended length is to give us further time to support our students through everyday challenges and respond to unexpected disruptions, such as when training was paused for a month during the volcanic eruption. The students are progressing well in the early days of the program and the trainers are happy with the development of sewing skills.



“I never imagined I would recover from what I have been through. Because of the help I am receiving here, I can smile again. These people have become my family.”

KAHINDO, STUDENT

Psychological Therapy

To support our students' wellbeing development, we introduced psychological therapy.

It became apparent in the early days that our second intake of students needed this support. Students range in age from 16 – 20 and come with significant background trauma.

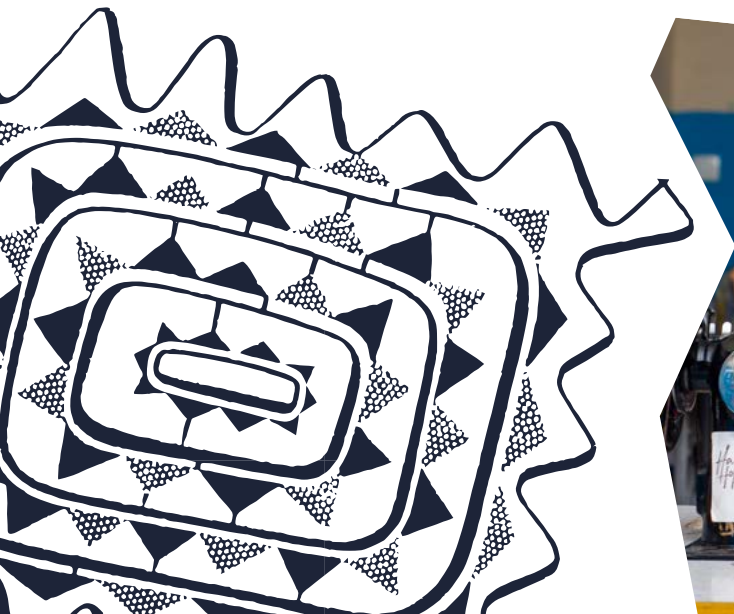
Our psychologist, Norbert, comes once a week and is available to students who would like to have 1:1 sessions. We have prioritised this service for the younger students and those who have suffered more complex trauma. Norbert also runs group sessions for the students focusing on common wellbeing issues.

• **“Coming here each day has helped me to start to forget the trauma I have been through and begin to focus on the future for me and my baby”**

• **PRECIEUSE, STUDENT**



Our psychologist, Norbert



Elizabeth



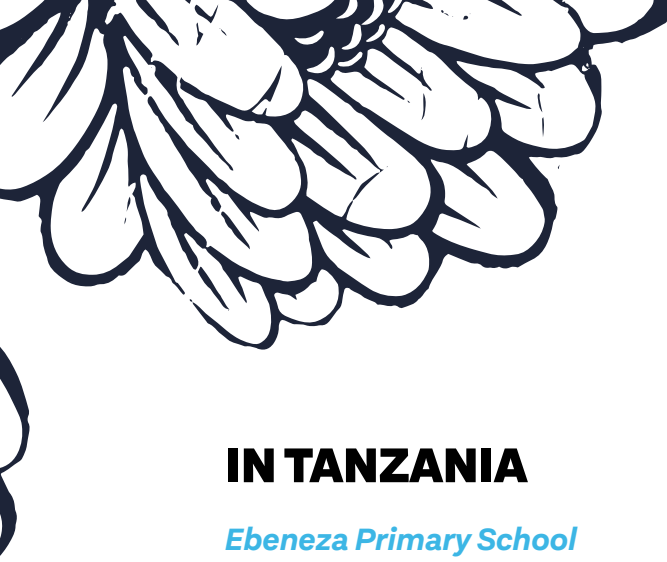
WE HAVE A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS WHOM WE HAVE SPONSORED TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY.

Elizabeth showed particular talent in the first intake of students. Elizabeth entered the program because she came from an extremely poor family that could not afford to send her to school. Her trainers expressed she had real talent and suggested we send her to university. Elizabeth is now studying a fashion diploma for 3 years.

Jacques is someone Patrick met on a past trip to Congo. At the age of 3, during the civil war, Jacques was orphaned. The perpetrators of his parent's death were successful in attacking Jacques with machetes, which he survived with major scarring. He has been in the same orphanage his entire life. We were able to offer Jacques a scholarship to study Community Development, and although delayed by COVID-19, Jacques is expected to finish in the year ahead.



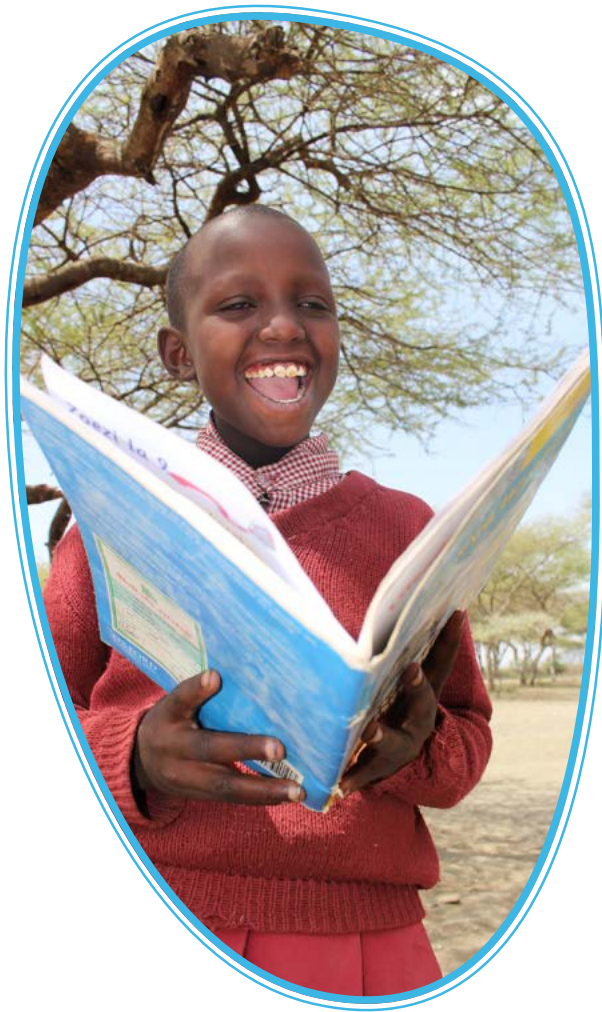
Jacques



IN TANZANIA

Ebeneza Primary School

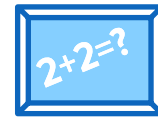
We have connected with a *remote Primary School* in the Longido region of Tanzania. Our families are from the Masai tribe, living in traditional housing in nearby villages. Without this independent primary school, founded by our Tanzanian project manager, Julius Rukyaa, these students would walk hours to reach the closest school. **The school takes students in their first two years of schooling and has two classes of around 60 students.**



OUR FOCUS OF SUPPORT HAS BEEN TO:



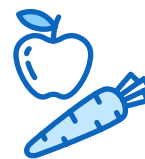
Provide consistent salaries for teachers and support staff



Provide teaching and learning resources



Offer further training to teachers



Introduce a food program for the students



Provide access to clean water



We have involved Joshua Teachers' Training College, a reputable Tanzanian teacher training college, established by The Joshua Foundation, whom our own founder, Rebecca Lubilanji worked for at the time.

Our teachers have attended *intensive teacher training programs*, learning strategies to teach literacy and manage student behaviour. Mentors from the College also make regular visits to the Primary School to provide feedback and advice.

• ***"I have noticed significant improvement in the teaching strategies used by our teachers. The teachers and students are happier, increasingly confident and we are seeing evidence of improved learning outcomes."***

• ***JULIUS RUKYAA,***
• ***Tanzanian Project Manager***

• ***"Our students used to be malnourished. Thanks to the new food program, both their physical and mental health have improved."***

• **FIELD EDUCATOR**

Part of the strategy to improve the health, wellbeing and learning of both students and staff, has been to introduce a *food program*. What a success this has been! Over the year, we have observed student's nutrition improve, and joy build. This is an essential building block to learning.

We provide an Entrepreneurship Training Program to support vulnerable mothers of the school community who have been abandoned or widowed.

The women learn basic business and entrepreneurship skills as well as specific skills, including sewing or soap making. The women also learn about issues of health, including hygiene. This is a small program with significant potential to make an enormous impact in the lives of many more families in need.





BUILDING OUR *Community* IN AUSTRALIA

We are so thankful for the early adopters who have joined our community, encouraged us, provided financial support, and volunteered.

It is because of their donation of time and talents that we have sent increased funds to our projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. Without this commitment, we would not have achieved the reported impact in the last 12 months.

We are thrilled with the number of new donors who have decided to become a part of our work this year. It has been so wonderful to have them as a part of our team.

“I am looking forward to giving my support, what you are doing is amazing and it is a privilege to support this financially.”

VESTINA, DONOR

It has also been a blessing for some one-time donors to decide to give regularly. This allows us to budget well and plan for improved programs.

“We knew providing regular donations would allow Harvest Hope Africa to plan effectively for a guaranteed contribution to local wages and resources on the ground.”

SIMONE & NEIL, DONORS

We'd like to thank our business sponsor **Greenroom Strategic** whose sponsorship enabled us to make significant inroads into our pilot programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Without their commitment and generosity, we would not be where we are today.

“Knowing the heart behind Harvest Hope Africa makes it an absolute ‘no-brainer’ for Greenroom Strategic to support them. Patrick and Rebecca’s compassion and resolve to do what needs to be done to create a better future for those are part of HHA’s programme is so admirable and we are honoured to be partnering with them.”

BEN, GREENROOM STRATEGIC

What fun!

THIS YEAR WE HAVE RUN SEVERAL SMALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN CANBERRA.

We have had two Bunnings BBQ's which have raised nearly \$4,000.

We love these events because not only do they allow us to raise much needed funds, but our volunteers gather as a community, spending time giving to a shared vision. We love this! We are thankful for their generous donation of time to help make a difference in the lives of others.



THE YEAR Ahead

IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The success and value of our pilot programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo have proven apparent. Our priority in the year ahead will be to:

- ◆ Continue the *food program* throughout the course
- ◆ Provide *psychological therapy* for the first 6 months of each intake of students
- ◆ Continue to *train students* from the second intake
- ◆ Continue to provide mentoring and resources to the participants of the *sewing co-operative*
- ◆ *Diversify training courses* when finances become available to include programs such as hospitality, providing further choice for our students



Continue to train students



Continue the food program



Kitchen to update



Toilets to update



Updated playground



Another classroom like this

IN TANZANIA

The Primary School in Tanzania has a plethora of opportunities. Our priority will be to:

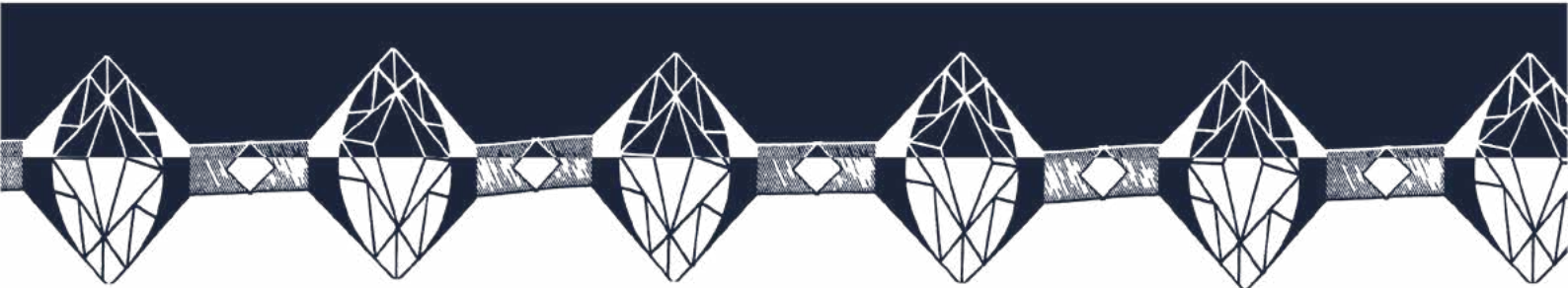
- ◆ Provide further toilets for staff and students.
- ◆ Add further water storage and playground equipment
- ◆ Begin an environmental development program. This involves planting avocado trees. They will not only increase shade for the students during the extremely hot, dry summers, they will also provide fruit for the children to eat and a source of revenue for the school.
- ◆ Focus on other capital building projects, including updating the kitchen and adding a second classroom

Harvest
Hope
AFRICA



Lives TRANSFORMED





- *“It was a dream to hit our*
- *financial target this year. We*
- *did it! We thank our donors*
- *for making this possible.”*

Every **DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

What an incredibly exciting time for Harvest Hope Africa. We have been overwhelmed with the support from our community of supporters, allowing us to take significant steps forward to transform the lives of those in remote communities of Africa. We thank our community of supporters for the part they played in that.

As a young charity, the work is done solely by volunteers. Whilst there were essential startup costs this year, ongoing administration costs have been kept to a minimum, and these costs are covered by select donors who have agreed to do so. This has allowed 100% of all other donations to go to the field.

To our committed donors, on behalf of our board and all the vulnerable people we help, I express our overwhelming gratitude. Our donors have stood by us in our early years, believed in the programs and financially given. We honor and thank you.

“In giving financially to Harvest Hope Africa, I know my donation is going to the field, helping people who really need it”

DONOR

Rebecca Lubilanji
Treasurer



HOW YOU CAN *Help*

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