

Heshima's Annual Report 2013-2014

Charity Registered No: 1114419



Mission Statement

Heshima means *respect* in Swahili. For us this means respect for all people, all cultures and all races. At Heshima we aim to promote respect for ourselves, others and our environment, through play, vocational training, the African Arts and sport.

Vision

We want to support a disadvantaged rural community in Northern Tanzania to find sustainable, economical and ethical solutions to their situation. Our vision is to establish a place where ideas are valued, learning is fun and education is creative.

Aims

- To provide a well-equipped vocational training centre.
- To promote creativity and active learning in education.
- To seek and promote sustainable, economical and ethical solutions to local community concern

PROGRESS

A quick overview!

We have had a good and busy year and made significant progress in a number of areas. A few of the highlights include

- Building of the preschool classroom
- Starting of preschool classes
- The Christmas textile fundraiser
- The volunteers who came out in the summer / autumn

Textile Project

This has been a good year for the Textiles Project. Our trainer George continued building up the trainees skills and adding new products to the Heshima range until the end of his contract in the summer of 2013. In particular Maja and George produced a lovely range of children's clothes and received a large order from one our supporters here, Lucy, who has a couple of shops.

The focus for the next term was producing products for Christmas. We had contacted a number of schools in the UK and other supporters, who pledged to sell the Christmas decoration packs for us. Altogether we sent out 150 packs, retailing for 10 pounds each.

After Christmas Heshima became Braeburn International School's textile supplier of choice and Maja and the women made a whole range of products for school from cushions to curtains. We were also the Braeburn Primary School's charity this year, so the women went into a few classes and helped the primary students complete different textile projects.

They have also produced some new products this year – from boxer shorts to beautiful bed covers.

Over the year the textile project has been completely self sustaining and even made a small profit of 200 pounds. Well done to Maja for her amazing creativity and hard work, which has kept the project going forward.

Saturday School

Saturday School continues to go from strength to strength, one week we had 140 students, though the average is nearer 50. Allison Wallace and Patrick Gordon have taken on the running of it as Minesh left to go back to the UK.

Year 6 students have helped out this year as part of their community service. Also a number of secondary students have been coming as part of their International Award. Christopher



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the life guard at the pool has taken on a positive role in trying to improve the students' swimming, which the kids love. The primary teachers have also taken a turn in coming each week, each one bringing different skills and activities to the session.

One of the highlights this year has been the artwork Mary, a 14 year old has done. Allison Wallace has been lending her some of our children's reading books and Mary has been copying the pictures beautifully every week.

Toddler and Pre-school Group

Thanks to Rob, Claire and Alan, volunteers from the UK, and also a donation from Mr Aggarwal, a local businessman, we have managed to build a small classroom for our preschool class. This started in January with Moses, an excellent local teacher and friend of Heshima teaching 15 children from 3 – 6 years old. Some are children of the textile ladies. This runs 4 mornings a week from 9 till 1 pm. The teacher is funded by a local women's group here in Arusha, headed by Chandni Aggarwal. Fina continues to come on a Wednesday and has helped show the teacher how learning through play works.

Volunteers

In the summer (2013) Megan Wilson came out for a volunteering stint and soon settled in to Arushan life. She was joined over the summer by 2 university students from Saffron Walden, Becca and Hannah. Together they ran classes for the local children and helped with the designing of some textile products.

Rob and Claire arrived in September and having fundraised some money went to work building the classroom. They were later joined by Alan who as always joined in heartily with the work.

Alan continues to do brilliant work, both when he comes here on the Heshima site and working with other local education groups and also with his talks and sales around his home in Southern Wales.

Fundraisers

Thank you especially for all the people who have donated or fundraised for us this year. Peter Gordon kindly gave £1000 to help with the building and Alan also generously donated to finish off the classroom. The volunteers who have come out have also taken products to sell and given talks back in the UK.

The Christmas fundraiser was supported by many people and schools and raised over £1000 for the textile project.

The Spanish church again chose us as their charity of 2012 and gave us 1000 Euros.

Building

Building work has progressed steadily this year and we have now got an excellent preschool classroom and a Textile Room. Thank you to Steve for all his organisation and time in making this happen.

Future Plans (April 2014+)

Our aim in the next year is certainly to finish the Textile Room and move out of the store room, where all textiles work has been done so far. We hope to get the a new textile training course started with a new group of women. Krishma is coming out in May for 3 months to help with the preschool and textile project.

Also we have linked with Rift Valley Adventures to bring some Taiwanese school groups out to volunteer with Heshima in July. A school from Eltham Hill, London is also coming out in June to work with Heshima during a World Challenge type trip.



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Real progress has been made this year and we hope next year will be even more exciting.

Financial Report

Unrestricted Funds

Direct Debits	£ 1885.00
Fundraising (Virgin Money Giving)	£ 3396.00
Donations	£ 3412.00
Gift Aid	£ 1275.00
Total	£ 9968.00

UK bank

Balance 2013	£ 1976.70	
Transfers		£ 6200.00
Other costs		£ 201.60
Total in	£ 9968.33	
Balance 2014	£ 5543.43	

Spending in Tanzania

Textiles	£ 475.00
PreSchool	£ 274.00
Running Costs	£ 262.00
Staff Salary	£ 1443.00
Capital Costs	£ 3441.00
Builders wages	£ 1173.00
Money Transfer costs	£ 125.00
Total	£ 7193

TZ Bank Account

Balance TZ 2013	£ 993	
Transfers	£ 6200.00	
Spent on TZ		£ 7193
Balance 2014	£ 0	

Summary

Balance	Amount
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2012 in TZ	£ 992.56
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2012 in UK	£ 1976.70
Total at year end 31 st March 2012	£ 2969.26
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2013 in TZ	£ 0
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2013 in UK	£ 5543.43
Total at year end ie 31 st March 2013	£ 5543.43