

Heshima's Annual Report 2015-2016

Charity Registered No: 1114419



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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 education with play and vocational training.

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 concerns

Summary of Activities

A quick overview!

Highlights include:

- 2 preschool classes
- textile training group
- opening of shop

We are now officially registered with the Tanzanian government and have set up a bank account in Heshima's name – well done Steve for working through all the bureaucracy.

Textile Project

Maja is leaving after 4 years running the textile project and moving it substantially forward with high quality products and local women skilled in making them. She will be sorely missed.

Over the last year the textile training class has continued with Adelfina as the trainer.

Maja joined a group of other women's NGOs (calling themselves Wanawake Wanaweza) to run a large stall at the Arusha Christmas fair. Heshima made 700 pounds from the stall.

The shop is now open and we need to work on getting visitors there regularly.

We have continued to get orders from Maasai Wanderings (a safari company), from Braeburn (international School) and from individuals.

Patrick has updated the website so that it has all the new products on it. Maja continues to come up with amazing new ideas.

Mwamvita our preschool teacher is going to be taking over the textile project, so Maja has been training her up.

Saturday School

Saturday school has continued serving the local children in helping them with literacy, numeracy and swimming. We have had help from the year 5 class and some boarders as part of their community service.

Minesh Patel, Patrick Gordon and Allison Wallace have continued giving up their Saturday mornings to run this. Real dedication! Sadly Minesh and Patrick are leaving this year so we have been looking at alternative models for it to run – watch this space!

The students swimming has progressed enormously with a number of the older kids becoming highly competent swimmers.



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Toddler and Pre-school Group

We now have 2 classrooms and 2 classes of students – a 3/4 year old class and a 4/5 year old class taught by Mwamvita and Costantine. Zak administers the finances of the classes.

Training has continued in Braeburn on Mondays for Costantine while Mwamvita has been training with Maja

Alan has sorted funding for a minibus, which has substantially changed how the school runs. We are sharing its use with Moses's school in Kisongo, who we have worked with for a number of years.

The Pranic Healing Group continues to fund one of the teachers' salaries. A huge thanks to them.

Patrick Gordon has been managing the preschool, but after he leaves it will be overseen by Steve Ngugi.

Volunteers

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.

Megan Wilson came out again this year and helped the set up the shop, which looks fantastic. 2 friends of Minesh (Shivani and Holly) also came out for a few weeks and worked with the preschool.

Heshima has moved forward and is now ready for new challenges and opportunities. A big thank you to Maja, Patrick and Minesh for all their contributions over the years.

Pat and Tony came for a month to work with Heshima. Pat did lots of work with the preschool and Costantine and Mwamvita, while Tony was working on the site.

Ming Dao school from Taiwan came out again last summer and helped with the building and playground.

Fundraisers

The Spanish church again chose us as their charity of 2014 and gave us 1000 Euros.

Building

The shop is finished, the rest of the building was due to be completed this summer. The playground is now looking amazing with new features being made each summer. Thanks to Steve for all his hard work and organizational skills.

Future Plans (April 2016+)

Our aim in the next year is:

To finish off the main building and connect the electricity to the site.

Discuss with the community what training they see a need for that we could help with (Computer training for example is a possibility).

Make sure that the textile and school run independently and sustainably after Maja and Patrick leave (July 2016).



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Financial Report

Unrestricted Funds

Direct Debits	£ 1600.00
Fundraising (Virgin Money Giving)	£ 3168.00
Donations	£ 3957.00
Textiles	£ 568.00
Total	£ 9293.00

UK bank

Balance 2015	£ 6783.00	
Transfers		£ 8713.00
Other costs		£ 30.00
Total in	£ 9293.00	
Balance 2016	£ 7333.00	

Spending in Tanzania

Running Costs	£ 620.00
Staff Salary	£ 2250.00
Capital Costs	£ 1700.00
Minibus	£ 4953.00
Total	£ 9523.00

TZ Bank Account

Balance TZ 2014	£ 0	
Transfers	£ 8713.00	
Donations including funding for teacher (Pranic Healing Group)	£ 810.00	
Spent on TZ		£ 9523
Balance 2016	£ 0	

Summary

Balance	Amount
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2015 in TZ	£ 0
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2015 in UK	£ 6783
Total at year end 31 st March 2015	£ 6783
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2016 in TZ	£0
Balance at year end ie 31 st March 2016 in UK	£ 7333
Total at year end ie 31 st March 2016	£ 7333