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Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives, and Empowering the Vulnerable



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1. Executive Summary

The year 2025 marked one of the most difficult yet transformative years for the Tumaini Foundation. The nation faced social instability, unrest, and the loss of many lives. Children, widows, youth, and vulnerable families were left without support, safety, and access to basic social needs. In the midst of this crisis, Tumaini Foundation stood as a pillar of hope, providing rescue services, education, shelter, psychosocial support, women empowerment, and economic rebuilding initiatives for affected communities across Tanzania.

Through strong collaborations, community engagement, and the involvement of international volunteers from more than fifteen countries, the Foundation delivered impactful programs that reached thousands of people. This report highlights the achievements, progress, and challenges of 2025.

2. About Tumaini Foundation

Tumaini Foundation is a humanitarian non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding and empowering vulnerable children, widows, youth, and marginalized groups in Tanzania. The Foundation provides holistic support through safe housing, education, empowerment programs, arts development, psychosocial care, and community transformation initiatives.



Overview of our major programs and their 2025 progress

2.1 Tumaini Orphanage – Dodoma

The orphanage provides a safe and nurturing environment for children who have lost parents through illness, poverty, abandonment, or national crises. The facility offers safe housing, food, medical care, trauma counseling, and educational support. In 2025, the Foundation intensified family reunification programs and strengthened foster-care placements. These initiatives, combined with improved economic stability among widows, reduced the number of institutionalized children from 120 to 60.

2025 Outcomes

- Academic improvement rose from 50% to 60%.
- Fifteen children were reunified with their extended families.
- Family tracing and foster-care awareness reduced long-term institutional care



2.2 Brays Crown Inclusive School – Dodoma

Brays Crown Inclusive School serves children with special needs alongside students from vulnerable backgrounds. The school implements individualized education plans, speech and occupational therapy sessions, and inclusive teaching practices. Parents are supported through empowerment sessions on inclusive education.

2025 Outcomes

- Enrolment increased to 2.29% compared to 0.29% in 2023.
- Reading and communication skills improved by 30%.
- Fifteen teachers received training in inclusive education.



2.3 Tailoring Hub for Girls – Dodoma

The Tailoring Hub empowers teenage girls and young mothers who dropped out of school. Through support from Women Power Up Hong Kong, the project received five sewing machines. Women and girls were trained to produce reusable sanitary pads, school bags, laptop bags, and other items. This has promoted financial independence and improved menstrual hygiene for girls at school.

2025 Outcomes

- Thirty-five young mothers completed training.
- Thirty-five percent started their own income-generating activities.
- Girls gained confidence, leadership, and financial literacy.



2.4 Hope Furniture Initiative

Hope Furniture is a social enterprise that employs youth who were raised at Tumaini Orphanage. They learn carpentry, furniture design, business skills, and customer service. Items produced are sold to support programs for widows and orphans.

2025 Outcomes

- Twenty youths are employed and in training.
- Twenty percent completed vocational skills certification.
- Sales from furniture supported social programs.



2.5 The Best Food & Bakery Point Initiative

This restaurant project supports widows and young mothers through employment and income generation. Additionally, through Best Bakes, the Foundation received a three-door industrial oven from Good Fortune and Wisdom International, increasing bread production for community feeding programs.

2025 Outcomes

- Ten widows and young mothers are employed.
- School fees paid for ten vulnerable children.
- Meals distributed to children in low-income communities.



2.6 Safe House for Children

The Safe House was established in response to the 2025 national unrest. Many children lost their parents or were displaced. Tumaini Foundation continues to build and expand these safe spaces in Chamwino, Dodoma, and Gairo district.

2025 Outcomes

- Sixty children were rescued and housed.
- Three children received newly built homes.
- Seventy-five percent received trauma counseling and psychosocial support.
- Construction continued for additional safe homes for girls and abused children.



2.7 Field Students Program

Each year, Tumaini Foundation hosts university and college students for fieldwork, allowing them to gain hands-on experience in community development.

2025 Outcomes

- Fifteen field students placed in various programs.
- Students worked on child protection, parenting challenges, homelessness, and education improvement projects.



2.8 Arts Programs – Kuunganisha Arts & Crochet Classes

This year, Tumaini Foundation launched a crochet class for boys and girls, designed to support creativity and income generation. In addition, the Foundation hosted the global Kuunganisha Arts team, bringing together ten international volunteers who led an arts festival across communities.

Activities included painting, puppet shows, cultural dancing, storytelling, art workshops, and movie nights. A children's book titled *The Sky Animals*, inspired by Tanzania's culture and wildlife, was published to support the program.

2025 Reach

- Over 9,000 community members reached.
- Forty-five widows participated in arts therapy sessions.
- Children experienced creativity, emotional healing, and cultural exposure.
- Plans began for the construction of the Kuunganisha Arts Village, a one-stop center for cultural exchange and children's artistic development.



2.9 School Programm

In 2025, the Tumaini Foundation continued its strong commitment to education as a key tool for breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and ignorance in our community. Through our School Program, we supported a total of 400 children and youth to access education and skills development. This included 350 children enrolled in primary and secondary schools and 50 youth placed in vocational and training colleges.

Children in training colleges are learning practical skills such as tailoring, bakery, and driving, equipping them with knowledge that leads to self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods. For children attending both regular and special schools, the Foundation provided school fees, as well as essential learning materials including school uniforms, books, exercise books, shoes, and school bags.

This year's impact has been significant, as education remains at the heart of our mission. We firmly believe that when every child is given the opportunity to learn, the entire community is empowered. We remain dedicated to ensure that no child is left behind and every child has access to quality education.

2025 Outcomes

- 400 children and youth access education and skills development.
- 350 children enrolled in primary and secondary schools.
- 50 youth placed in vocational and training colleges.



3.0 Organic Farming

The **Tumaini Foundation** in Tanzania is committed to improving the nutrition and sustainability of the communities it serves through **organic farming initiatives**. To ensure that children in their care receive balanced, healthy meals, the foundation has developed organic farm lands that follow natural growing principles without synthetic chemicals.



These gardens not only produce fresh vegetables for the orphanage but also serve as **educational demonstration plots** where local families and volunteers can learn organic farming techniques. The foundation offers training, workshops, and hands-on opportunities to teach sustainable cultivation, soil care, waste management, and creative gardening solutions—such as growing vegetables in recycled bags when land is limited. Through this work, Tumaini Foundation promotes environmentally friendly agriculture, strengthens food security, and empowers community members with practical farming skills they can use in their own homes and villages.



3.1 At the table with them Event

At the table with them is a community-centered program by the Tumaini Foundation that brings vulnerable children, widows, and community members together to share a meal at one table. The event promotes love, dignity, and belonging while highlighting the foundation's work and affirming the children's value and worth.

Hosted in a beautifully decorated hall, the event creates a special experience that inspires hope and confidence in the children. Community members contribute food and new clothing, making the day even more meaningful.

This year, 350 children, 200 widows, and other guests gathered, with a total of 700 attendees. The children showcased their talents through traditional Gogodance, crocheting, and computer learning, and media partners broadcast the event live to raise awareness of the Tumaini Foundation's impact.



3.2 International Volunteers Program

In 2025, the Tumaini Foundation welcomed fifty international volunteers from Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Canada, Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Colombia, the United States, Kenya, Sweden, Australia, India, and Poland.

Volunteers contributed through teaching, art programs, hygiene training, empowerment sessions, cultural exchange, community outreach, and counseling support. Their involvement improved program visibility and strengthened global partnerships.

Impact

- Thirty-five percent increase in children's confidence and creativity.
- Fifty percent increase in cultural exposure in communities.
- Enhanced program planning, documentation, and delivery.



4. Key Impact Statistics (2025)

Area	Achievement	Percentage Impact
Children supported	350	70% increase
Widows empowered	200	40% improvement
Youth trained	100	60% job placement
Volunteers	50	100% efficiency boost
Girls trained in tailoring	85	70% started businesses
Orphans sheltered	120	80% academic progress
Kuunganisha Arts reach	9,000+	60% cultural growth
Children rescued	60	75% recovery support
Weekly school training	2,500	70% commitment
Menstrual hygiene	1,000 girls trained	80% attendance improvement
Sanitary pads	1,000 produced	Increased school retention

5. Financial Summary (General Allocation)

Category	Percentage Allocation
Education Programs	30%
Orphanage & Safe Houses	25%
Widows & Youth Empowerment	20%
Arts & Community Outreach	10%
Food & Nutrition Programs	10%
Administration & Operations	5%

6. Challenges

Tumaini Foundation faced significant challenges during the year, including national instability that affected the safety of children and communities, limited funding for new safe-house construction, high demand for psychosocial support, understaffing in some departments, and rising inflation that increased program operation costs.

7. Future Plans for 2026

In 2026, Tumaini Foundation aims to deepen its impact by strengthening child protection, expanding education and skills development, empowering women and widows, and promoting sustainable livelihoods within vulnerable communities. Guided by our belief that dignity, safety, and opportunity can transform lives, the Foundation has outlined the following key priorities:

7.1. Completion and Expansion of Children's Safe Houses

Tumaini Foundation plans to complete the existing safe house for vulnerable children and construct additional safe houses to ensure proper care and protection. These facilities will provide separate accommodation for girls and boys, creating a safe, dignified, and child-friendly environment that supports healing, wellbeing, and long-term development.

7.2. Launch of a Youth Empowerment Training Institute

In 2026, the Foundation will launch a Youth Empowerment Training Institute focused on equipping young people with life skills and economic knowledge. The program will emphasize self-esteem development, entrepreneurship, and basic business skills, preparing youth to become confident, independent, and productive members of society.

7.3. Expansion of Special Needs Education at Brays Crown School

Tumaini Foundation plans to expand the Special Needs Department at Brays Crown School, enabling the enrollment and support of more children with disabilities and learning challenges. This expansion will include improved learning facilities, specialized teaching support, and inclusive education resources to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive.

7.4. Increased Reach to Vulnerable Children and Widows

Through integrated programs in education, protection, and economic empowerment, the Foundation aims to support 500 vulnerable children and 300 widows in 2026. This support will include access to education, safe shelter, skills training, psychosocial support, and income-generating opportunities.

7.5. Strengthening Global Partnerships and Volunteer Networks

Tumaini Foundation will expand its global partnerships by engaging more international and local volunteers, institutions, and development partners. Strengthening this network will enhance knowledge exchange, resource mobilization, and program sustainability while promoting cross-cultural learning and shared impact.

7.6. Women and Girls Economic Empowerment – Car Wash Business

In 2026, the Foundation plans to establish a car wash business for girls and women in Cairo, providing employment opportunities, practical business experience, and a reliable source of income. This initiative will promote financial independence and dignity for women and young mothers.

7.7. Food Security Through Organic Farming

To address hunger and long-term vulnerability, Tumaini Foundation will expand its organic farming program to reach more communities. This initiative aims to improve year-round food security, promote sustainable agriculture practices, and empower communities to produce nutritious food for their households and local markets.

7.8. Daycare Centres

Establish two daycare centres to serve young children from the community, particularly those raised by working mothers in the marketplace, providing them with a safe, quiet, and nurturing learning environment away from noise and unsafe conditions.”

8. Call to Action

Tumaini Foundation invites individuals, churches, organizations, companies, and friends around the world to stand with the children, widows, and youth of Tanzania. Your contributions help restore hope, uplift lives, and build a stronger future. You can support by contributing to safe-house construction, sponsoring a vulnerable child, supporting a widow's business, volunteering, or sharing the Foundation's mission with others.

Together, we can rebuild hope. Together, we can shape a brighter tomorrow for Tanzania.

The wish list, which will help Tumaini Foundation fulfill the mission

1. Child Protection & Safe Houses

- Beds and mattresses
- Mosquito nets
- Bed sheets, blankets, and pillows
- Lockers and storage cabinets
- Dining tables and chairs
- Kitchen equipment (gas cookers, cylinders, pots, plates, cups)
- Water tanks and water filters
- First-aid kits
- Fire extinguishers
- Security lights and basic fencing

2. Day Care Centres (Early Childhood Development)

- Child-sized tables and chairs
- Learning mats and play mats
- Toys (educational toys, puzzles, blocks)
- Storybooks and picture books
- Whiteboards and teaching charts
- Sleeping mats or small beds
- Handwashing stations
- Toilet training equipment
- Audio-visual learning materials

3. Education Support (Primary, Secondary & Special Needs)

- School desks and chairs
- Bookshelves
- Textbooks and exercise books
- Teaching aids and learning materials
- Braille materials and sensory learning tools (for special needs children)
- Computers or tablets for learning
- Printers and photocopiers
- Projectors for teaching
- School bags and stationery

4. Special Needs Department – Brays Crown School

- Therapy mats and equipment
- Sensory integration tools
- Speech and occupational therapy materials
- Wheelchairs, walkers, and assistive devices
- Adaptive desks and chairs
- Visual aids and communication boards

5. Youth Empowerment & Training Institute

- Sewing machines (for tailoring training)
- Baking ovens, mixers, and baking tools
- Driving training equipment (theory learning materials, vehicles where applicable)
- Computers and internet equipment
- Business training materials and manuals
- Presentation equipment (projector, screen, speakers)

6. Women & Widows Economic Empowerment

- Car wash machines and pressure washers
- Water storage tanks
- Cleaning detergents and car care tools
- Protective gear (gloves, boots, aprons)
- Cash registers or mobile payment devices
- Tailoring tools and equipment

7. Food Security & Organic Farming Program

- Farm tools (hoes, pangas, rakes, wheelbarrows)
- Irrigation equipment
- Water pumps
- Seed storage containers
- Greenhouse materials
- Drying and storage facilities
- Food processing and preservation tools

8. Health, Hygiene & Sanitation

- Handwashing facilities
- Toilets and sanitation equipment
- Cleaning tools and supplies
- Sanitary pads for girls and women
- Waste management bins

9. Office & Administration

- Office desks and chairs
- Computers and laptops
- Printers, scanners, photocopiers
- Filing cabinets
- Internet routers and communication equipment
- Office stationery
- Accounting and record-keeping tools

10. Monitoring, Evaluation & Outreach

- Cameras for documentation
- Smartphones or tablets for field data collection
- GPS or tracking tools (where needed)
- Reporting and data management software
- Conclusion

These equipment needs will strengthen Tumaini Foundation's capacity to protect children, deliver quality education, empower women and youth, and promote sustainable community development. Proper resourcing will ensure efficiency, accountability, and long-term impact.

Thank you

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of everyone at the Tumaini Foundation, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support.

Your generosity, encouragement, and belief in our mission make a real and lasting difference. Because of you, we are able to bring hope, opportunity, and positive change to the lives and communities we serve. Whether through your time, resources, advocacy, or prayers, your support strengthens our work and inspires us to keep moving forward.

We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in the Tumaini Foundation and for standing with us on this journey. Together, we are building a future filled with hope, dignity, and possibility.

Thank you for being part of the Tumaini Foundation family.

With sincere appreciation,
The Tumaini Foundation

