TWENDE
Accelerating Social Innovation
Arusha, Tanzania

WHAT WE OFFER

Build It
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Creative Capacity Building (CCB)
Learn the fundamentals of design and innovation by thinking through one of your challenges and building your own technology to solve it! Past examples include bicycle-powered washing machines, vegetable-cutting machines, and fodder-chopping machines.

Creative Livelihoods Challenge (CLC)
Learn basic business skills by using normally wasted materials to practice creating, costing, and pricing new products. We invite the public to a simulated Market Day on the last day to see how customers respond.

Mentorship
Improve your technology and/or business by working one-on-one with a mentor through our structured program. This is for more serious innovators and entrepreneurs.

Karakana/Makerspace Usage
Continue working on your technology and/or business by using our tools and our space. Our technical specialists are also happy to answer questions and give advice.

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TWENDE VALUES

We treasure Tanzania.

We believe everyone is creative enough to do more with less.

We care about the community. We listen and respond to feedback.

We collaborate to fix problems we see. We celebrate diverse teams.

We strive for excellence.

We pursue growth and learning.

We value honesty, reliability and humility.

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