



TUSHIRIKIANE

(TUSA)-CBO



TUSA in action

1. Education

For TUSA, a good education is paramount. However, the tuition fee remains a major obstacle, especially for vulnerable members (sick, single people ...). This is the reason why an education revolving fund has been established and all members contribute to it and those in need of fees borrow from it at 0% interest rate. The solidarity group itself decides who qualifies. It has become the tool to enable children and parents to pay for a decent education.

Basic Education

TUSA provides uniform and school fees for preschoolers, in primary education TUSA provides uniform and school supplies.

Secondary education

Very expensive not only for refugees but also for many Kenyans. TUSA gives a contribution to the school fees and provides school materials and uniforms too.

The EF, a solution: for instance, the leader of a solidarity group happened to learn that Grace's parents could no longer pay her school fees from their low income. Grace was expelled from school. Through the EF, the problem was solved as the family got a loan and the parents are now repaying it thanks to their business of sewing within a short period of time.

No return possible

Burundi and Rwanda are hailed here and there as examples of countries with calm, peace and economic progress, but still many flee them, as our members testify. Human Rights Watch confirms different ways in which the opposition members, journalists, bloggers were still threatened in 2023 through detentions, torture and disappearances and violence by governments and their agents on a daily basis. For Rwanda, there is also the open support to the M23 rebels in eastern DR Congo where they fight the Congolese army : a fight for the rich underground and in which civilians are always the victims : for those who survive the ordeal of looting and rape, the only thing left is to leave everything behind and flee, as far as to Nairobi. In Congo, parliamentary elections are scheduled for 20/12/2023 but corruption and violence are on the rise as the president actively fights the opposition and restricts the press.

TUSA community includes 1,323 families,
7,801 individuals
110 New families: 55 Congolese,
4 Burundian
61 Kenyan

Left for:
other countries (57)
Rwanda (2)
Kenyan camp (1)

In 40% of families,
women are breadwinners



Education support (2023):

to 161 preschoolers
to 349 elementary school students / 200 graduated
to 577 secondary students / 102 graduated
to 54 vocational students 39 graduated and working

Vocational and university education

TUSA continues to encourage vocational training because it guarantees smooth employment in the private sector. Government jobs are not accessible anyway and the informal sector guarantees a better job security. Thus, after their secondary studies, most people take courses in hairdressing, hotel management, even photography and computer science (AI !) and find jobs easily. In addition, short courses in language and computer science are still being funded. New this year : brilliant students could never go to university before due to lack of funds. TUSA has now succeeded, with the help of parents, in getting three of its best students into university and three others received scholarships from partners (including US

which provided clothing, food, shelter ... for the first three months and the family was given some money to set up a second-hand clothing business. Through the TUSA nurse, the father's severe hernia was treated at the clinic. The problem of children's malnutrition and amoeba was also addressed. The father has now become one of the most active volunteers in the group.

Becoming self-sufficient is focus number one. However, vulnerable people (disabled, elderly, unaccompanied youth, etc.) also receive support to address their nutrition and health needs. TUSA team now includes a nurse who works on a permanent basis.

Mental health is also taken into account. For this, TUSA has two counsellors who do follow up on families, addressing issues related to stress at home and at school and assist those who experience the loss of their loved ones. Therapy is provided both in groups and individually.

For example, to a 22-year-old woman with two children who was suddenly widowed. Fleeing from eastern Congo, she ended up in Nairobi. Her family decided (a tradition) to take away her children and assign her a new husband. Unbelievable! She tried to stand up to it and with TUSA help she became assertive enough to go her own way. Thanks to individual therapy and good moral support from her group, additional conversations with the family and a start-up budget for a food stall, she is now able to raise her young children, pay rent and provide for her family.

3. Pastoral care, peace building

Tensions surrounding fleeing, precarious living conditions, ... so many reasons for moral breakdown. Pastoral care offers prospects for overcoming stress and problems due to all that and encourages members to live in peace in the host country.



International University). Further motivating parents, a well-functioning education fund and the ambition of our youth opens new perspectives!

2. Health

Integration: first, the solidarity groups welcome the new members. For instance, a young family of Obando with three children under the age of 6 fled Eastern Congo in November 2022 from fire-fights through Goma, where rebels showed up afterwards. With their last money, without documents, they fled on foot, mostly at night, as far as Nairobi. A police officer put them in contact with the Kayole solidarity group,

275 medical interventions:
With 47 elderly and 228 sick people including 57 disabled people

203 individual mental therapy sessions for 77 people
42 sessions for 8 couples and 2 groups (14 members)



TUSA initiatives with a total of 2,160 participants:

- monthly meetings in solidarity groups,
- week of prayer for Christian Unity (theme: "do good, seek justice"),
- international day of the sick
- women's day (motto "stay healthy") and men's day (motto: "take responsibility in the family")
- regular meeting with vocational students,
- follow-up of families of the deceased, visits to the elderly and sick
- prayer groups,
- TUSA choir, a soccer match....

So many incentives to build a better world together !

4. Sustainability

Self-help groups

Within our solidarity groups, self-help groups were systematically created with a revolving fund from TUSA and member contributions. Self-help groups determine their own conditions for granting loans, not only for emergencies and small expenses but also for financing income-generating projects . The determination of interest (e.g. 10%), evaluation, repayment and allocation of profits, are monitored by the self-help group too.

Group Loans

Eight self-help groups have established larger projects. They implement them each as a group and take care of repayment. These "small

10 individual loans of which 9 to women

8 large loans to self-help groups that joined forces:
= 223 families or 1,115 individuals .

businesses" receive loans from TUSA and repay them with interest, and repayments are given to other groups as loans.

Education Fund

This is a revolving fund started to compensate for declining donations from abroad. With monthly member contributions (Kes. 200/1.32€), Kes 1.5 million/€ 9,900 were already raised within the 15 months. Loans for school fees (primary, secondary, vocational/university) are now currently being rolled out. They are granted without interest and are easily repaid within 3 months.



Loans through the Education Fund: 4,880 € for primary and 3,800 € for secondary & Higher Education.

TUSA Centers

One center/shop has already been established in a busy commercial area where TUSA products are exhibited and sold during workshops but also will be soon sold online.

5. ICT

Smooth reliable technology is crucial to our operations. Our database is essential for analyzing family



Informal sector is key to TUSA members' livelihood

FURTHER SUPPORT

Via Kontinenten: to KBC account BE66 7380 3734 7143 with the mention "TUSA-Kenya". together with your national registration number & your name . You benefit from a tax deduction of 45% from 40€ (best deposit before 25/12/2023).

After the tax deduction, a 40€ deposit will actually cost you only 22€ !

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problems, granting and tracking loans, making appointments and so much more.

Both our hardware and software, including the servers, must be up to date and security (privacy) must be guaranteed. Our ICT team provides support to our students through computer science courses. Work is underway on our website, the cloud storage of our data, more systematic analyses and a collaborative SMS application.

Future Perspectives

We continue to work on our 2023-2025 Strategic Plan which rests on three pillars :

1. Strengthening solidarity, peace and mutual aid
2. Holistic approach to the education and formation of our youth
3. Actions for social and economic sustainability of TUSA.



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