



SUPPORT BRIDGE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SBSD)

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PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Support for Children with Special Needs – Project ID 75741

Organization: Support Bridge for Students with Disabilities (SBSD), Tanzania

Reporting Year: August 2026

1. Project Overview

Support Bridge for Students with Disabilities (SBSD) is deeply grateful to GlobalGiving and all the donors who supported our **Support for Children with Special Needs** project.

The project responds to urgent needs affecting children with disabilities, particularly access to education, healthcare, and other essential support. During this reporting period, our priority was to ensure that one vulnerable girl with a disability could continue her education despite significant financial challenges.

2. Background and Challenge

SBSD experienced a major reduction in donor support following sudden donor funding cuts in 2025. This significantly affected our ability to provide continued support to children and young people with disabilities and placed considerable pressure on our organization.

One of the immediate challenges was securing school fees for one of the girls supported through our work for the **2026 academic year**. Without timely financial assistance, her continued education was at risk because of outstanding school fees.

Despite these challenges, SBSBD continued looking for solutions and reached out to our supporters and partners for help.

3. Donor Support and Response

We are particularly grateful to **Dr. Kirk Adams**, who committed **USD 1,500** specifically to support the girl's school fees for the 2026 academic year.

This commitment made it possible for SBSBD to address the immediate school-fee challenge and help ensure that the girl could continue her education.

We also sincerely appreciate **Dr. Lea Steinackers and other donors** who contributed to this campaign. Their contributions helped SBSBD meet the associated GlobalGiving, administrative, and bank-related costs connected with receiving and managing the funds.

Their collective support demonstrated the importance of having multiple supporters around a vulnerable child's education, particularly during a period when SBSD was experiencing significant funding constraints.

4. Funds Received and Utilization

During the reporting period, SBSD received two disbursements from GlobalGiving:

Disbursement	Amount (USD)
First disbursement	1,368.50
Second disbursement	323.13
Total received	1,691.63

The funds were utilized as follows:

Use of Funds	Amount (USD)
School fees for one vulnerable girl with a disability	1,500.00
Administrative costs and bank charges	191.63
Total Utilized	1,691.63

All funds received were therefore fully utilized, with the total expenditure corresponding to the total amount disbursed.

5. Key Achievement

The most significant achievement was the payment of **USD 1,500 in school fees** for one vulnerable girl with a disability for the 2026 academic year.

This support addressed an immediate barrier to her education and helped protect her from the risk of discontinuing her studies because of unpaid school fees.

For SBSD, this was particularly meaningful because the support came at a time when the organization was facing serious financial constraints following the reduction in donor funding.

6. Impact on the Child

The support has contributed to:

- Enabling the girl to continue her education during the 2026 academic year.
- Reducing the immediate risk of school dropout due to unpaid fees.
- Reducing the financial burden on her family.
- Promoting equal access to education for a child with a disability.
- Protecting her dignity and opportunity to continue learning.

Although the funding directly supported one child, the impact on her education and future opportunities is significant.

7. Lessons and Continuing Need

This experience has reinforced the importance of timely and flexible support for children with disabilities. When families are unable to meet school-related costs, even one outstanding fee can become a major barrier to education.

The sudden reduction in donor funding also demonstrated the vulnerability of programs that depend heavily on a small number of funding sources. SBSDB is therefore working to diversify its partnerships and develop more sustainable sources of support so that children with disabilities do not lose essential services because of funding interruptions.

8. Appreciation to GlobalGiving and Donors

SBSDB sincerely thanks **GlobalGiving and all the donors who supported this campaign.**

We extend our special appreciation to **Dr. Kirk Adams** for committing USD 1,500 toward the girl's school fees. We are also grateful to **Dr. Lea Steinackers and all other donors** whose contributions helped cover the GlobalGiving-related costs, administrative expenses, and bank charges associated with the campaign.

Every contribution played a role in making this intervention possible.

Most importantly, the collective support helped ensure that a vulnerable girl with a disability could continue her education during a particularly difficult financial period for SBSDB.

We remain committed to using donor support responsibly, transparently, and where it can make the greatest difference in the lives of children and young people with disabilities.

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