



THE GIRLS FOUNDATION OF TANZANIA

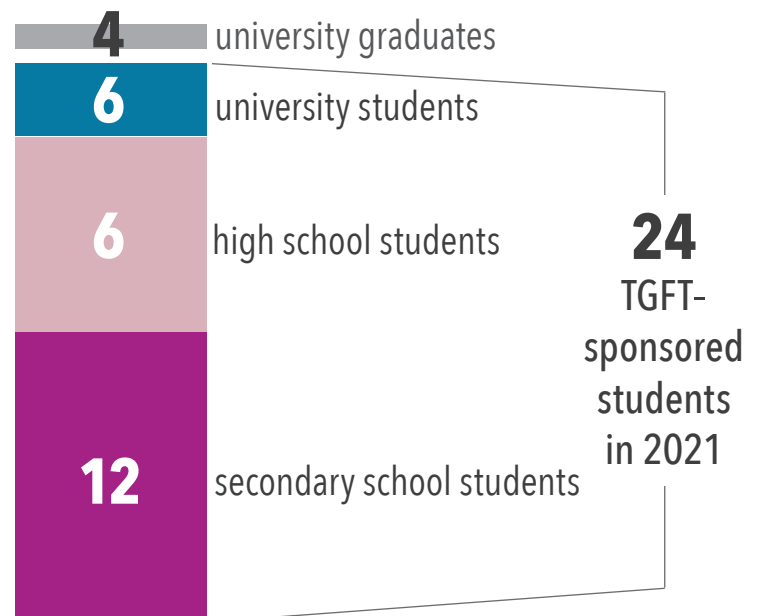
2021 Impact Report



THE TGFT DIFFERENCE: OPPORTUNITY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In 2021, we designed a comprehensive Entrepreneurship Program after our Executive Director and Program Officer graduated from *Street Business School*, an innovative train-the-trainer program. They learned how to train people to become successful entrepreneurs. Their curriculum includes researching local market opportunities, business planning, record keeping, and other hands-on business skills. Due to the pandemic, those trainings were postponed, but that didn't hinder our other entrepreneurship programs. We organized Study Tours to local businesses and NGOs to help girls integrate learnings into real-world scenarios. They learned that education is not necessarily at school or in a classroom but is all around us.

Achievements like these have positioned us well for the future. Learn more in this 2021 Impact Report.



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TGFT CARES: OUR 2021 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM



What do we know about the effects of COVID-19 on girls' return to school?

The pandemic accelerated the vulnerabilities girls face when schools closed.

AMPLIFY GIRLS conducted a survey in East Africa with nearly 400 of the hardest-to-reach adolescent girls. TGFT's Executive Director, Estahappy, was one of 16 researchers who found that 34% had lost a parent or guardian to COVID-19, and 86% could not afford to return to school. Particularly in Tanzania, lack of access to technology and unsupportive learning environments were new barriers to girls' access to education.

TGFT'S "THE GIRLS FUND" AT KIRANYI SECONDARY SCHOOL

Addressing community needs and bolstering health education for students

TGFT established "The Girls Fund" at Kiranyi Secondary School, a government school serving 1,800 students, to financially support bright, vulnerable girls who couldn't afford basic school supplies.

- Nominated 17 high-achieving scholars in financial need to receive ongoing school costs through "The Girls Fund"
- Provided 57 textbooks to scholars through a Book Drive
- Conducted menstrual health training and distributed Girls Kits (reusable pads) to scholars
- Formed a Health Club for 50 girls at school for the third year in a row
- Mentored scholars to lead monthly sessions for school Health Club



TGFT GAP YEAR PROGRAM

A transformational and empowering opportunity

TGFT's Gap Year Program is a transformational six month program for O-Level secondary school graduates who participate in trainings, internships, and community service while residing at The TGFT Girls Center.

2021: 6 Gap Year Girls

3 students from TGFT	2 visiting scholars from Mainsprings	1 visiting scholar from Jifundishe
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- 6 Gap Girls interned at a local business, Gongali Model. They learned about the benefits of filtered water, production and distribution of water filters, record-keeping, and sales.
- 3 Gap Girls were teacher assistants at Intel Primary School for 6 weeks. They learned how teachers cope with challenges in classrooms.
- 5 Gap Girls completed social entrepreneurship virtual courses: *BioEndeavor* and Babson College's *Young Entrepreneurs Leadership Program*.

Gap Year Girls focus on entrepreneurship



It is clear that the world needs more entrepreneurial leaders and changemakers. TGFT emphasized entrepreneurship in various ways to strengthen programming.

- 11 Study Tours to local businesses and NGO's integrated what Gap Girls learned in their entrepreneurship courses into real-world scenarios.
- Because of the ongoing pandemic, TGFT couldn't rely on trainers to conduct our typical 5-day Leadership Workshop. Instead, the TGFT Executive Director, Program Officer, and 3 Gap Girls facilitated the Entrepreneurship workshop to 12 TGFT students.

TGFT EDUCATES: OUR 2021 ACADEMIC IMPACT

TGFT COLLEGE GUIDANCE

Helping graduates through next steps

Often, high school graduates are uninformed and lack confidence during the daunting university application process. They may not have email accounts to apply nor knowledge about fees. In our Next Steps Program, we mentor students through this process.

Next Steps: College Guidance Counseling

- At Jifundishe Library we reached 50 students
- At Karatu Boys High School we reached 370 students
- At Ganako High School we reached 70 students



TGFT NEW GIRLS' RESIDENCY AT THE GIRLS CENTER

Welcoming four promising primary school graduates to the TGFT family

The newest TGFT girls will begin secondary school in January 2022. The 8-week residency at the Girls Center initiates them into our programs and prepares them for their future.

The four girls were mentored by our 6 university students and learned about hygiene, first aid, menstrual health, basic computer skills, English, and Math. Our university mentors helped them become more self-aware, focused, poised, and self-confident. As the new girls' big sisters and mentors, the university students also strengthened their desires and obligations to support each other.



TGFT Girls continue the After-school Program

The Little Library at the TGFT Center provides a quiet place for students in our community to study. The enrolled students receive extra tutoring and support. Due to the pandemic, we closed this program until August 2021.

- There are 521 books in The Little Library
- 25 primary school students enrolled in 2021
- 1 university student and 4 new girls conducted classes

TGFT GIRLS CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS

Since the pandemic began in March 2020:

- Students sewed and distributed 600 face masks in our community
- Students sewed and distributed 280 Girls Kits (reusable pads) to girls in our community



TGFT IN 2021: CONTINUING TO GROW STRONGER



TGFT hired alumna Pascalina Josephat as Program Officer

TGFT moved The Girls Center to a new location

TGFT established The Girls Fund at Kiranyi Secondary School, financially supporting 17 deserving female students

TGFT Program Officer, Pascalina, completed Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability Course

One student & Program Officer participate in Tanzania International Model United Nations

TGFT STUDENTS IMPACTED OVER 8,600 YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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TGFT conducted 17 peer advocacy trainings on sexual health at 11 secondary and high schools, impacting 4,683 students

TGFT Executive Director, Estahappy, joined *Umoja* Board of Directors

- TGFT staff conducted teacher trainings for 78 teachers to implement a new sports session by *Coaches Across Continents* focusing on COVID Preparedness
- TGFT staff attended and graduated from *Street Business School*

Gap Girls completed online social entrepreneurship courses: *BioEndeavor* and Babson College's *Young Entrepreneurs Leadership Program (YELP)*

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