



EOTAS Foundation aims to give deaf children in Tanzania a fair chance to become self-sufficient in their future through a curriculum tailored to offer.

## Environmental Oriented Training and Support - EOTAS

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### Greetings!

Welcome to the end of year edition of your newsletter update from EOTAS. In this December issue, we will update you on the events that took place for the last half year and what we are doing and can all do to improve the lives of these Deaf kids in the coming New Year in the most colourful way.



### The EOTAS Family!



### Return of the School Head

Mr. Kennedy Maingu has been with us since 1996. Like many of the EOTAS dedicated team members, there was a need to further better his skills. Funded by EOTAS, he had gone to Uganda for a two years study at the Kyambogo University. Now he returns as the new School Head, freshly graduated with a Diploma in Special Education taking over from Mr. Kipalo, who was filling in. Actually he is not new at all; before he left for further studies, Mr. Maingu was the School Head at the Dodoma Deaf School and he is one of the children and staff's favourite.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!**

### Personnel Meeting at the Dodoma Deaf School

"A good leader guides his team to a change; a great leader walks with his team through a change"

Shortly after the return of Kennedy as headmaster in Dodoma he organised a meeting with all the staff.

This meeting aimed to improve further the education and care for the children. By using his newly acquired knowledge, Kennedy could make establish clear agreements and improve cooperation at the school. This effort results in the children ultimately benefitting from the 2-year study of Kennedy in Uganda.





### The School Dinning Hall

As seen in the photos, for many years before, the kids had to use a makeshift dinning sitting made from pieces of stones & wooden planks as dinning chairs, (Before...) but today, with the funds from the Liliane Foundation, the school boast of a modern hygienic fitted eating area. (Now!) Although the children now enjoy comfortable meal times, more chairs & tables are still needed to accommodate the rapidly growing number of boarding kids

Before...



... and Now!



### Academic Achievements this year

An African saying; "A cat with a mouse in its mouth, mews less but spend more time grooming" literally meaning "A well fed child is a happy & a fast learning child"

Since the Ministry of Education has kept their promise to supply food, the Dodoma Deaf School has continued to excel academically and socially on a moderately well balanced diet. With redesigned classrooms, the kids enjoy a more peaceful interactive environment. The School environment remains one of the safest haven.

Last month, 3yrs old Rahma was abandoned at the School by her father, whom efforts to locate has not been possible. That means one more bed and beddings needed to accommodate Rahma and the 3 other kids from Morogoro that joined the school boarding section this year.





## Wat u deed voor dove kinderen in Tanzania

- Thanks to the Shuleni Foundation and its staff several children from Morogoro (250km from Dodoma) received support, so that they can receive good education at the Dodoma Deaf School.



Without EOTAS support

With EOTAS support



- Info Caravan Users Association (ICA) from Woudrichem (NL) secured education of a whole group of 8 deaf preschoolers for a year with their generous donation. These young children are from rural areas and need a lot of positive attention, which has become possible now.
- Wanaziwi Foundation supports deaf youth in their development towards self-reliance through financial support for the construction of a sewing workshop and training in design and production of clothing and bags.
- Through monthly sponsorship from friends in Germany 4 children can continue to receive ongoing education with great care and expertise in a safe child friendly environment.
- Thanks to several donations from a church in Baarn we were able to make more tables and chairs for in the classrooms, so that each new pupil has a place for themselves to learn in school.
- Thanks to the contribution of Sharing Worlds in the Netherlands, could EOTAS Foundation in cooperation with several other partners launch a poster to raise awareness for HIV / AIDS issues among deaf people.
- And many thanks to some loyal donors for their monthly support with financial contributions for the deaf children in Tanzania.
- We would like all (not listed) thank donors for their tremendous commitment, original initiatives and donations. Together we make the education and care for deaf children in Dodoma possible.

### Remembering Saskia Tien

Some things, even people could be forgotten, but a spirit like Saskia will forever remain a part of EOTAS and the Deaf school family. This mango tree was planted in memory of Saskia and will always remind us of the fond memories we have of her cheerful contribution to the school before she was called out of this world. May her soul rest in peace and in our hearts.





## ONGOING PROJECTS

### Wanaziwi

Under strict supervision of Mr. Robin Donkersgoed, the Wanaziwi building project is almost complete. Vigorous construction work has been going on since mid this year... Once completed, the Wanaziwi operations which at the moment are being housed in one of the EOTAS office will move to its new home. Hurray!



**Thank you for your support!**

### The Vocational Centre

The VTC is now operational, although still on a small scale and internally. EOTAS has plans next year to open its doors to other deaf students from around Dodoma to enrol for expertise hands on skills at the VTC. Below, Michael, a student who underwent training in carpentry & woodwork at the centre, train some of the deaf kids how to make a bed.



On behalf of the EOTAS Team, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the continuous donations & support to Deaf children in Tanzania. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.

With your faithful financial contributions over the years, you've demonstrated your deep commitment to our work of giving Deaf Children in Tanzania an opportunity to a dignified future through education, moral building & family support. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success; this year the school was able to enrol & admit more deaf kids to the school. However, we still seek more funding & contributions for the improvement & expansion of dormitories, classrooms & the dinning hall to be able to accommodate the growing number of deaf children at the school.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. We at EOTAS are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourself who answer the call to give again and again.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with you.

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year,  
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