

Codewa
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WATCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Sadath A. Mwamsema Co-founder and Executive Secretary, CODEWA

Dear Valued Supporters and Friends,

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable impact of CODEWA in 2023, and I want to express our profound gratitude for your generous support. At CODEWA, our mission is firmly grounded in the belief that every child deserves the best chance for a bright and promising future. Our commitment is to empower children to discover their life dreams, cultivate their ambitions, and support them in their journey toward realizing these aspirations.

Throughout the past year, our dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to inspire and nurture the potential within every child. We recognized that genuine transformation demands addressing both tangible material barriers and the intangible mental hurdles that children often confront. To achieve this, we implemented tailored programs that not only remove obstacles but also provide the tools for children to reach for the stars. These programs have not only facilitated academic growth but also kindled the flames of ambition, ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and dream on a grand scale.

The positive outcomes we are privileged to share with you today would not have been conceivable without your unwavering support throughout 2023. Your invaluable contributions have played a pivotal role in creating a brighter future for these young minds, effectively dismantling barriers and offering opportunities that were once only distant aspirations.

On behalf of the entire CODEWA team, I wish to convey our deep appreciation for your belief in the untapped potential of these children and your trust in our ability to guide them toward a brighter future. Your support is more than just a financial investment; it serves as a beacon of hope for these children. It is through your belief and unwavering generosity that we are collectively making a profound difference in their lives, illuminating the path for them to achieve their dreams.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm regards,

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in a nutshell !

We remove barriers to school

Mental barriers

- Mentorship
- Self-development seminars
- Career development seminars

Material barriers

- Health insurances
- Hygiene seminars
- School material and fees
- Clothing
- Bikes

IF I TRUST MYSELF MORE AND WORK HARD I CAN BECOME... A DOCTOR LIKE MS. HANNAH !



IF I GET SICK I AM SAFE BECAUSE I CAN GO TO THE HOSPITAL!



I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED TO STUDY PROPERLY !



LET US NOT MISS SCHOOL, IT IS A GREATEST OPPORTUNITY!





I CAN NOW REACH MY FULL POTENTIAL IN MY STUDIES



I CANNOT BELIEVED THAT I HAVE MANAGED TO BECOME A MEDICAL DOCTOR !



I CAN NOW GIVE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY AND INSPIRE MORE GIRLS TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS



What you contributed to provide in 2023...

THANK YOU



1526 Children under 15 reached



682 Youth (children aged 15 - 25) reached

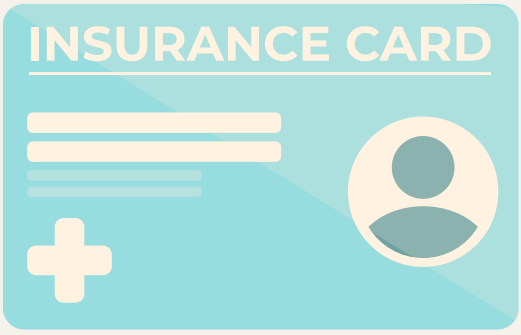


20 Seminars and workshops



VOLUNTEERS

17 and role models



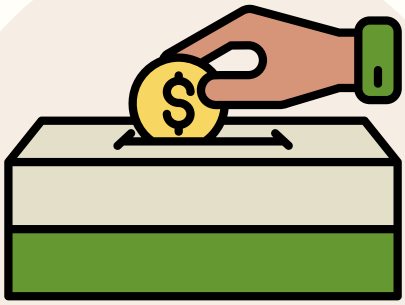
25 Health insurance provided



25 Full school material packages

7 Full scholarships provided

A UNIQUE FUNDING MODEL



Donations from abroad



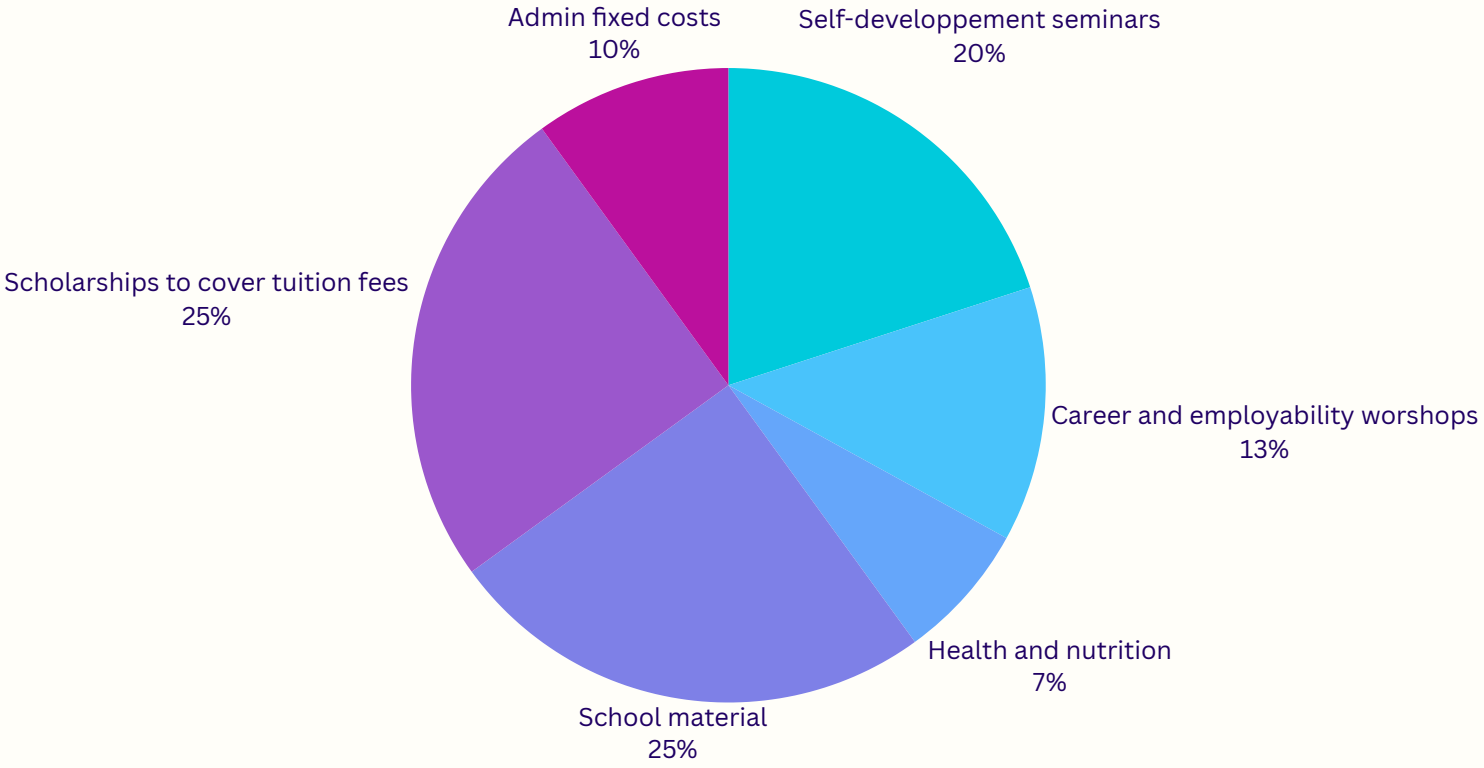
A local social business

90% of our budget



10% of our budget

FUNDING ALLOCATION



OUR LOCAL SOCIAL BUSINESS

We are proud to inform you that our fixed costs (10%) are thoughtfully covered by a milling business, a social business founded and run by CODEWA.

Therefore, thanks to the support of this social enterprise all your donations to CODEWA directly benefit our beneficiaries, with our commitment to ensuring that every contribution serves its intended purpose.

100% of your donations went directly to children







INSPIRING GREATNESS THROUGH MENTORSHIP, INSPIRATION, AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

At CODEWA, our **seminars equip children with essential life skills, nurturing their personal and professional development.** These transformative sessions cover fostering a positive attitude, building resilience, **personal safety, effective communication, teamwork, self-management, organizational skills, and critical thinking.** The dedicated work of five volunteers has sparked profound change over **18 sessions within our community.**

Our mission is to instill unwavering belief in young minds, challenging stereotypes and gender taboos that have historically hindered children, particularly girls and those from disadvantaged backgrounds in Tanzania. Gender taboos often lead to discrimination, violence, and early marriage, affecting both boys and girls.

Shockingly, the UNFPA reports that 39% of Tanzanian girls are married before the age of 18.

Our key series of seminars on **"Academic Resilience"** empower students to **pursue academic excellence despite adversities**, fostering determination. This has been especially beneficial for young girls, transforming them into confident advocates for voiceless girls in our community. We've enriched these sessions with the **inspiring stories of 11 role models.**

Your unwavering support has played a crucial role in this transformation, creating a nurturing environment where children boldly pursue their dreams, raising their voices and impacting both their lives and our community.

Salma Idd, one of our CODEWA Fellows, shared her experience with the seminars:

"Attending CODEWA's weekly inspiration and self- development seminars has been a powerful tool for helping me develop positive behaviors and attitudes. By providing positive role models and mentors who offer guidance, support, and encouragement, these seminars are helping to instill a sense of confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in me."

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EQUIPPING YOUTH WITH SOFT SKILLS FOR EMPLOYABILITY



For the past nine months, we have established dynamic **partnerships with MATI Ukirigulu and Tabora Bliss colleges** to provide comprehensive soft skills development support to their students. Through a series of workshops, a total of **682 youths have benefited, with 362 females and 320 males.** These workshops address a critical gap in traditional education by focusing on essential soft skills that are often overlooked in the standard curriculum.

Our **Soft Skills for Career Development Training,** hosted at these colleges, is designed to equip students with the essential **soft skills, ethics, and values required for young adults to thrive in any workplace.** While these skills may not typically be part of formal education, they are undeniably vital for real-world success.

John from MATI Ukirigulu said:

"I learned that having good school results are not enough. A degree will help me to get a job, but being on time at work, communicating professionally and ask for feedback to improve will help me to keep the job".

TESTIMONIAL FROM ANDREA – TABORA BLISS COLLEGE

"Community Development Watch (CODEWA) has truly been a game-changer for me. It's given me the confidence to believe in my dream to become a teacher.

The career guidance and employability workshops, in particular, have had a profound impact on my journey, providing invaluable guidance and preparing me for the career ahead.

I am excited to further expand my skills and achieve even greater goals. I feel wiser and more focused thanks to CODEWA and the incredible mentors who have inspired me along the way.

To my fellow students at the college, I encourage you to seize the incredible opportunities that CODEWA offers. Together, we can reach the stars.

Thank you, CODEWA!"





NURTURING THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION OF OUR CHILDREN

In May 2023, we made a significant stride by providing **essential health insurance to 25 orphans and vulnerable children,** transforming their lives.



This initiative grants them access to regular health check- ups and medical treatment, up to 15 times a year, ensuring their well-being. Average used in 2023 was 6 times per kid.

Children are often part of families who cannot afford taking them to the doctor. They often suffer from water related diseases or malaria, which prevent them from going to school healthy, and decreases their attendance.

Mary Joseph, a 13-year-old orphan, exemplifies the impact. She used to suffer from illnesses like malaria and urinary tract infections, lacking access to medical care. Consequently, her school attendance suffered, along with her academic performance. With health insurance, her family now has the support they needed.

Mary Joseph said: "I am not worried to fall sick again as I can now go to the hospital and receive medical attention. I feel more healthy and less stressed".


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SUPPLY OF SCHOOL MATERIALS TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN

In January, our generous supporters enabled us to provide **all school material to 25 orphans and vulnerable children, including uniforms, bicycles, stationery, clothing, shoes and more.** This support has removed some material barriers to school.

The BIKES program supports students, mainly young girls, who used to walk 8-12 kilometers to school, ensuring their safety and reducing the risk of Sexual and Gender- Based Violence (SGBV). It also saves them commuting time, allowing more time for studying.

"Alfred Selestian, one of our kids said:

"CODEWA's support transformed my educational journey, providing essential materials and descreased my fear and stress. I can now concentrate fully on my studies, and my results have improved a lot since I joined CODEWA."

Jenipher Kairuki, a single mother is delighted with the bicycle provided for her daughter. She said:

"My daughter no longer endures long walks to school, enhancing her safety and concentration on studies."

Thanks to your support, these students now carry fewer burdens and have the tools to excel in their education. Their dreams are pursued with renewed determination, and the stress of their journeys to school has been alleviated.







NURTURING DREAMS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In Tanzania, educational disparities are evident, with only 34% of boys and girls successfully graduating from secondary school, leaving 66% unable to access higher education. **Only 3% go to high school.**

A significant barrier is the associated fees, particularly for families from rural areas and low-income backgrounds.

CODEWA is addressing these disparities through the Student Scholarship Program, supported by your unwavering support.

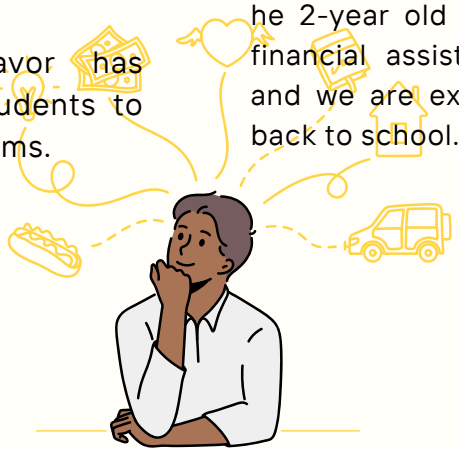
This transformative endeavor has enabled seven deserving students to pursue their educational dreams.

Four are diligently pursuing high school education, and three have ventured into college, **all 7 beneficiaries of CODEWA's 100% scholarships, which cover both fees and essential educational materials.**

Your contributions transcend mere financial assistance; they open doors of opportunity for underprivileged students. **The yearly average support, especially for families earning less than $1 per day, underscores the vital nature of this aid for these young scholars.**

Kelvin said: "I never thought I could afford studying agriculture in a technical college. The fees are almost one year of the salary of a school teacher, and my family would have never been able to afford this.Codewa is a life changer for me. "

7 of our fellows passed in second year. Unfortunately, Johar lost her mother, and he 2-year old and 14-year siblings need a financial assistance. She is now working, and we are exploring solutions to get her back to school.



More testimonials



Sada Kambona

"The school supplies that I have been receiving from CODEWA are helping me to reduce material barrier that I was facing in accessing quality education.
They are helping to improve my academic performance, increase my confidence and motivation and reduce burden and stress for on family" .

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Salma Idd



Happy Kitanga

"Volunteering with CODEWA was an amazing experience which gave me the opportunity to develop new mentorship skills, gain valuable experience, and build relationship with others in the team who share their passion for making a difference in the world.
It also helped me to develop a sense of purpose and meaning in my life".

TOGETHER WE CAN !



PIERRE - Chairman



SADATH -
Executive Secretary



FRED -
Education Director



KIGUMI -
Youth Empowerment
Lead



Dr. NURU -
Health Advisor



JUMA -
Entrepreneurship
Coordinator



MARISOL -
Communication Lead



Inspiration comes both ways...

NOTHING WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU ...





THANK YOU



TO HELP US TO INSPIRE MORE CHILDREN CLICK ON THE CROWDFUNING

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