

# GREEN WATERS FOUNDATION PROJECT REPORT 2010



Project name: MIKITA  
Location 2010: Kilimanjaro - Moshi  
Project number: GW2007 – KvK 24417959 – 25062010- 01  
Partner in Tanzania: **MKOMBOZI VTC** (Photo below)



The first group consisted of 10 women. Only 8 were able to complete the course.

1. Beatrice Yona Mille
2. Mwajabu Shabani
3. Mwajuma Rajab
4. Neema Costa Nyela
5. Ruth Hans
6. Zulfa Mkilindi
7. Asia A. Kilaghai
8. Samia M. Msofe
9. Sekunda W. Makundi
10. Sophia T. Mlay











The second group consisted of 15 women. Only 13 were able to complete the course.

1. Irine Gabriel
2. Hadija A. Muki
3. Sara Selemani Kizali
4. Theresia Joseph
5. Azama Suleimani Bashiri
6. Beatrice Joseph Msole
7. Judith Abel
8. Magdalena Yona Lyimo
9. Faith Renson Kimori
10. Agness Maiko Mhina
11. Amina Swalehe Bakari
12. Janeth Singano Gosso
13. Philomena Edward Mlacha
14. Fatuma Sariboko
15. Ester Azimio Rajab







Green Waters foundation first came in touch with Mkombozi VTC via a suggestion from a friend, who does humanitarian work under UNHCR program. Mrs Mwajuma Kitoi then put our organization in touch with the vocational training college. We learnt from the director that the college has a program that offers free education for 10 vulnerable women every year. Because this is in alignment with the goals of our foundation, we built a partnership. Green Waters then agreed to give financial support to the first group of 10 women to attend the making of tie & dye courses. This course was successfully implemented. The foundation then managed to raise further funding to support 15 more women to attend the courses of making tie & dye materials.

The total funding from Green Waters for both groups has been 1,500 Eur excluding bank costs. We would have liked to do more, however the economic crisis has put us in a complicated situation. Nevertheless, project MIKITA 2010 in Moshi has been 95% successful.

**The positive points of the project are :**

- Out of 25 women who were supposed to be part of MIKITA tailoring skills training project, 21 women have attended and completed the courses successfully.
- It was possible for our partner who is a vocational training college (Mkombozi VTC) to give an intensive course about the art of making Tie & Dye making materials.
- The course of Tie and dye has opened up a lot of new possibilities for the women. They can now make patterned materials for sale, as well as be tailors.
- The product quality is good and can sell in the local markets.
- Mkombozi VTC is reliable in project execution and delivering accurate information on time.

**Other results:**

During their course the women:

- Learnt some English. They need assistance to learn more.
- They met other Mkombozi Women once per week.
- They exchanged ideas and looked at their problems in order to find solutions.
- It is an agreed consensus that they need to learn about health issues, nutrition and entrepreneurship in order to bring positive change to the family life and community at large.
- They agreed to start a small saving and credit scheme (Kibati) where they will give each other small loans for their individual project.
- The group has formed its own saving and credit scheme where each contributes a registration fee 1000/= Tsh. and monthly contribution of 5,000/= Tsh. which will help to sustain the project.

**The negative points of the project are :**

- 4 women out of 25 couldn't attend the courses
- Mkombozi VTC needs further financing to develop the projects and cover teacher's costs, material costs.
- It is not possible to get sample products from the location unless we visit the location.
- Due to poverty, poor health and nutrition and lack of domestic support, 4 of the women had poor attendance and therefore didn't complete the whole course.

**The Short term goals for project MIKITA have been realized:**

- The training was completed in November 2010. The women have received their diplomas and are currently certified professionals.
- The women have improved their knowledge as well as their products quality.
- They have learnt a new skill which helps them to create products for selling within the local market.
- They have formed a group that is a support system to each other. They no longer feel excluded.
- The women are willing to help others in the community to learn some skills.

**Our long term goals are not yet realized:**

This includes the increase in production, creating a market niche for MIKITA products and creating employment opportunities within a production house.

The project is still young. The women need extra support in starting their “classes” and within classes they will increase production of the products they choose to make.

For the year 2011, the plan is to create more opportunities for the attendants and to further assist the trained women to build up their working places where they will also give trainings to women.

With increased production and demand, we foresee a future corporative being formed by our target groups that being “production houses” in different locations.

Other results that have come to light:

1. In order for the foundation to be able to perform at its best, we need a permanent project coordinator in Tanzania as well as a permanent project manager in Netherlands. This means, we have to take into account the salary of at least 2 people.
2. We started this project with the aim to empower the target group of the women who applied for project MIKITA trainings, to increase their household incomes. Along the way, we realized that these women also want to make a difference in their communities where they live and where they originally come from. The women have asked how they can make projects for the improvement of their communities. These women are very motivated because they come from a difficult background. In reality, they can implement a lot with proper guidance. The only thing they lack is the knowledge about where to go for information, i.e. Project plan development, asking for financial assistance, how to coordinate things with partners in a proper way.
3. We have received requests from other regions of Tanzania to implement project MIKITA trainings. This is a big step for us, we realize that women in the villages need opportunities and we want to give them this chance.
4. It has also come to light that the training colleges are sometimes too far for the women to attend without consequences. Some of the consequences include leaving dependants for a whole day with neighbors. This means an extra expense for the women which sometimes is difficult for them to cover.



All activities and strategies have been implemented as planned.

The women who applied for project MIKITA in Moshi filled in our questionnaires as provided by the coordinator. This gave us an overview of who they are.

We then asked a representative from Mkombozi vocational training college. Ms Asha Mshana, to speak to the women and hear what they need. Ms Mshana visited their “working spaces” to evaluate their primary skills. She then wrote a report to us to let us know which skills the women need to learn and how much it will cost.

We sponsored the tie & dye making project of 25 women in two terms.

The women attended the course and graduated with certificates in November 2010

The strategy that has proven to be the most effective for us to implement MIKITA is that we made a partnership with a vocational training centre to give these courses.

This cut down the costs of hiring our own trainers, paying rent and electricity for a place that women can go for the trainings, and also ensuring they are in an academic environment which motivated them to learn and even get interested in other courses offered by the institution.

### **Factors which have had a negative influence:**

#### **Additional costs**

The fact that the women had to attend college meant that the daily costs are higher, daily production had to stop, they had to find care takers for their dependants, they had to leave household duties unattended. This brought other challenges and 4 women couldn't complete the courses.

#### **Target group**

The target group also experienced many other challenges.

Some within the target groups have health challenges. This made it very tiring for them to make the trip, pay attention in class and then make the trip back.

#### **Internal**

The foundation team including the coordinator/managing director of Green Waters foundation works 100% as a volunteer. However, because of the economic crisis, this has weakened our resources.

### **Factors which have had a positive influence:**

#### **Internal**

It has been possible to reach out to other networks inside and outside the Netherlands. We foresee sustainable partnerships for future projects.

#### **Project challenges**

The challenges we encountered have made our team more experienced and we have become more closer and willing to take on the next challenges. We now consider ourselves experienced.

#### **Vocational training college Mkombozi**

Our partner has proven to be reliable and hard working.

#### **Feedback from Tanzania**

The feedback from Tanzania made us see how much we have helped the women improve. This has been our goal all along.



## Project MIKITA in Tanzania

Our project started in Dar es salaam in 2009. In 2010 our aim was to help the women in Tabora however coordination was not possible. The project then spread to Moshi and it has been quite successful.

We wish to raise more awareness in Tanzania. We would like to do some promotional campaigns using local institutions in different regions. This is because the most marginalized groups haven't been reached as yet. The rural areas need this project, but it will require having a permanent project coordinator in our staff to be able to do the research, negotiations with nearest training college, preparing budget, coordinating the project.

For the year 2011, we plan to work closer with coordinators in Tanzania, to create a campaign that will get more people involved in the community development projects.

The direct impact of this project for the year 2010 is on:

- 25 women who received training
- Dependants and partners of the women

The indirect impact of this project for the year 2010 is:

- Community members
- Mkombozi VTC
- Green Waters Foundation
- Green Waters Facebook fans

### **Sustainability:**

The project sustainability will depend on the ability of the women to make competitive products, to train more women, to support each other as a community.

In order to make competitive products, the women need exposure. Currently the women do not have easy access to newspapers, magazines or TV in the village. Therefore, they don't get to see 'fashion television' or anything to give them an idea about 'what the market wants'.

Exposure and products training is important for them. Learning English is also important for them.

Green Waters would like to be able to coordinate the project and build it to 'sustainability' level, however this is a financial challenge which we can not afford so far.

Green Waters management team sincerely thanks everyone who has given us support for the successful implementation of project MIKITA in 2010.

We hope we have established a sustainable working relationship and we can continue to work together and enable more women to receive trainings through project MIKITA – *Mitindo ya Kimataifa Tanzania* for the coming years.

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