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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In Tanzania, prisoners are facing a number of challenges including inadequate health care services, spiritual immorality, inadequate counseling services, limited clothing materials, inadequate legal aid while the ex-prisoners' challenges are mainly related Economic Marginalization, Social Stigma, Limited Education and Skills and High Risk of Recidivism. These issues are compounded by systemic gender inequalities, inadequate access to credit, and a lack of social safety nets, creating a pressing need for targeted interventions. The Government alone cannot solve all these challenges without involvement of individuals, community, NGOs and other actors. The TANZANIA PRISONERS HOPE FOUNDATION (TPHF) was established and registered in 19th April 2022, with registration number ooNGO/R/3102 to fill this gap, by mobilizing funds and materials from individuals, private and public agencies within and outside Tanzania. Since its establishment, TPHF implemented three service oriented projects to prisoners and ex-prisoners in Dar es Salaam region consistent with its objectives, vision and mission. Our vision, mission and objectives are as follows;

Vision: To be an organization that endeavors to transform the prisoners' and ex-prisoners' lives, socially, morally and materially for their self-reliance.

Mission: To Promote and Rehabilitate the Welfare of prisoners and ex-prisoners in Tanzania.

Objectives

- (i) To conduct counseling services to prisoners and ex-prisoners to be good citizens
- (ii) To distribute spiritual and other reading materials for knowledge change.
- (iii) To provide health care and sanitation services to complement government's efforts in providing prisons' welfare services.
- (iv) To establish and promote the library services in some prisons
- (v) To assist the reintegration of the ex-prisoners into the society particularly providing them with small capital for establishment of small scale enterprises such as farming, bricks making, gardening, carpentry, building, etc. depending on the knowledge gained while in prisons.
- (vi) To facilitate the prisoners with the necessary body clothing materials, tooth paste, mattresses and other necessary requirements.
- (vii) To provide justice and legal assistance particularly to children, women and people with special needs.
- (viii) To design and implement projects that will enable prisoners and ex-prisoners to improve their living standards.
- (ix) To facilitate resources mobilization to support prisoners and ex-prisoners.

(x) To liaise with other organizations and foundations in promoting and effecting the objectives of the Foundations.

2.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND ACHIVEMENTS DURING 2025

In its Board and Annual General meetings held on 21st December 2024, the members approved two projects to be implemented during 2025 among other resolutions. The approved projects were as follows;

- 1. Prisoners life empowerment Project in Dar es Salaam region**
- 2. Empowering Formerly Incarcerated Women Platform known as “JUKWAA LA WANAWAKE WALIOTOKA MAGEREZANI TANZANIA (JUWAMATA)” with sustainable economic, social and advocacy engagements.**

This report highlights the performance of the projects, activities performed and challenges that were encountered during the year 2025. The report also proposes the projects and activities to be implemented during 2026 for Board’s and Members’ approval.

3.1 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

3.1.1 PRISONERS LIFE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT IN DAR ES SALAAM REGION

3.1.1.1 PROVISION OF CHILDREN NEEDS AT SEGEREA PRISON

On May 20, 2025, the Tanzania Prisoner Hope Foundation (TPHF) reaffirmed its deep commitment to compassion, dignity, and service through a meaningful outreach at Segerea Prison. The initiative focused on supporting children under the age of three who reside in prison with their mothers, a group often overlooked yet deeply in need of care and protection.

Led by TPHF CEO, Lucas Mwimo, the Foundation delivered a carefully selected donation of essential child-care items, including Lactogen and Al Mudhish milk, juice, biscuits, soft-care pampers, and toys. These items were thoughtfully chosen to address both the nutritional and developmental needs of young children during their critical early years.

The donation was warmly received by the prison administration and brought visible joy and relief to both the children and their mothers. Smiles, gratitude, and renewed hope filled the atmosphere, reflecting the true spirit of humanity and shared responsibility.

This initiative went beyond material support—it served as a powerful call to action, reminding society of the importance of restoring dignity, care, and hope to the most vulnerable members of our communities.

IMPACT OF THE ASSISTANCE

- **Impact on the Children**

- (i) Improved nutrition and health, supporting proper growth and development.
- (ii) Enhanced emotional well-being through toys that stimulate learning and joy.
- (iii) A safer and more dignified early childhood experience, despite the prison environment.

- **Impact on the Mothers**

- (i) Reduced emotional and financial stress related to meeting their children's basic needs.
- (ii) Renewed hope and encouragement, knowing their children are cared for and remembered.
- (iii) Strengthened sense of dignity and inclusion, fostering positive maternal bonding.

- **Impact on Prison Management**

- (i) Support in fulfilling child welfare responsibilities within the facility.
- (ii) Strengthened collaboration between civil society and correctional institutions.
- (iii) Improved overall environment and morale within the women and children's section of the prison.

Through this act of compassion, TPHF continues to demonstrate that hope can reach even behind prison walls, transforming lives and planting seeds of restoration for a better future. The picture 1 below shows the delivery of items of Prison Management.

Picture 1: TPHF's CEO delivering children donation to Segerea Prison Management



3.1.1.2 MEDICAL AND HYGIENE SUPPORT TO KEKO PRISON

On 25th September 2025, Tanzania Prisoner Hope Foundation (TPHF) demonstrated its unwavering commitment to compassion and human dignity by extending critical medical and hygiene support to inmates at Keko Prison. Led by TPHF CEO, Lucas Mwimo, the Foundation delivered a well-coordinated donation aimed at improving the health and well-being of incarcerated individuals. This initiative was undertaken in response to a formal request from Keko Prison management, who had identified urgent medical needs within the inmate population. Acting promptly, TPHF supplied a variety of essential medicines to address common illnesses affecting prisoners. In addition, the Foundation provided bathing soap and toothpaste—basic necessities that are often scarce but vital for maintaining personal hygiene and dignity.

Inmates and detainees were gathered to witness the handover of the donation, creating a powerful moment of connection and hope. The beneficiaries expressed deep gratitude for the care shown toward them, recognizing that they had not been forgotten. During this gathering, CEO Lucas Mwimo was invited to offer a prayer, providing spiritual encouragement and reaffirming faith, hope, and restoration among the inmates.

IMPACT OF THE ASSISTANCE

Impact on Inmates

- **Improved Health and Well-being:** Access to essential medicines helped address untreated illnesses, reducing suffering and improving overall health conditions within the prison.
- **Restored Dignity:** Hygiene items such as soap and toothpaste enabled inmates to maintain personal cleanliness, fostering self-respect and confidence.
- **Emotional and Spiritual Uplift:** The visit and prayer reinforced a sense of worth, hope, and belonging, reminding inmates that they are valued members of society despite their circumstances.
- **Renewed Hope for Rehabilitation:** Acts of compassion contribute positively to inmates' mindset, supporting rehabilitation and personal transformation.

Impact on Prison Management

- **Support in Resource-Constrained Settings:** The donation eased pressure on limited prison medical and welfare resources.
- **Improved Health Management:** Availability of medicines helped prison authorities respond more effectively to inmates' health needs.
- **Strengthened Partnerships:** Collaboration with TPHF strengthened trust and cooperation between civil society and prison institutions.
- **Enhanced Institutional Morale:** External support reinforced the prison's efforts to uphold humane standards of care.

Serving with Purpose

TPHF's outreach to Keko Prison reflects its broader mission to restore dignity, hope, and healing among marginalized and often overlooked populations. By addressing both physical needs and spiritual well-being, the Foundation continues to stand as a beacon of compassion, faith-driven service, and social responsibility (Picture 2).

PICTURE 2: TPHF'S CEO HANDING OVER MEDICINE TO KEKO PRISON MANAGEMENT TEAM



3.1.2 EMPOWERING FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN PLATFORM WITH SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS.

Tanzania Prisoners Hope Foundation didn't implement this project due to lack of funds. It has been rescheduled to be implemented during 2026 upon availability of financial resources.

4.0 GOOD GOVERNANCE

For the NGOs to prosper in executing its mandate, the good governance is needed. It was from this backdrop that, the TPHF general meeting approved the team of eight 8 experienced and dedicated Board Members with high academic qualifications to oversee and protect the image of the organization among other functions as stipulated in Article 19 of the constitution. Out of 8 Board members, 5 of them have Master's degree in different fields and worked/working in different public and private institutions. This enabled them to advise the organization prudently to execute its mandate to attain the stipulated objectives. The eight board members with their brief CVs are attached as appendix 1. The organization has been conducting its Board and General meetings during the year as required by the Register of NGOs in the country as per Article 18, 22 and 23 of the TPHF constitution.

5.0 CHALLENGES AND HOW THEY WERE ADDRESSED

The TPHF encountered the following challenges during the course of implementing its project;

- (i) Inadequate funds. During 2025 TPHF didn't receive grants from Women Fund Tanzania –Trust and other sources for implementation of its projects as planned. The TPHF received funds from four individual stakeholders as well as contributions and fees from members. The demand for prisoners and ex-prisoners' requirements is extremely high compared to the fund's availability.**
- (ii) Few staff members. All staff in TPHF works on voluntary basis and most of them are working in other Government and Private Offices, making it difficult to implement some of the core functions of TPHF.**

The TPHF used the following ways to address the challenges for improvement and widening the scope of its operations;

- (i) The organization continued to sensitize other stakeholders to support it through physical visits, telephone calls and use of social media like TPHF website <https://tphf.or.tz> and Facebook platforms. The organization will continue to request members to pay their annual fees timely.**
- (ii) The TPHF management team continued to engage with other stakeholders during 2025 with a view of learning, experience sharing and seeking for financial**

and technical assistance. During 2026 we expect more engagements and this may increase the flow of funds from domestic and foreign grants.

6.0 THE WAY FORWARD

In its Board and Annual General meetings held on 27th December 2025, the members approved two projects to be implemented during 2026 among other resolutions. The projects to be implemented upon availability of funds include;

1. Empowering Formerly Incarcerated Women Platform known as “JUKWAA LA WANAWAKE WALIOTOKA MAGEREZANI TANZANIA (JUWAMATA)” with sustainable economic, social and advocacy engagements.

2. Prisoners life empowerment Project in Dar es Salaam region

Following the gained experience from implementation of various projects and engagement with various stakeholders since our establishment in April 2022, the proposed projects will be implemented smoothly during 2026 upon availability of funds. The TPHF will allow domestic and foreign volunteers to work with us to minimize operational costs and share experiences and impart more knowledge to our staff.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The successful implementation of TPHF’s projects at Segerea Prison and Keko Prison stands as a powerful testament to the Foundation’s unwavering commitment to compassion, dignity, and holistic restoration. Through timely and well-coordinated interventions—addressing the needs of children living in prison environments, supporting mothers, and providing essential medical and hygiene supplies to inmates—TPHF has demonstrated that meaningful change is possible even in the most challenging settings.

These initiatives have gone beyond material support; they have restored hope, strengthened trust between inmates and prison management, and affirmed the humanity of those often overlooked by society. For prison authorities, TPHF’s partnership has eased operational burdens and reinforced shared responsibility in safeguarding health, welfare, and dignity within correctional facilities. For beneficiaries, the assistance has brought relief, encouragement, and a renewed sense that they are not forgotten.

Guided by accountability, and a deep sense of purpose, TPHF continues to serve as a beacon of hope—calling upon individuals, institutions, and partners to join hands in transforming lives, restoring dignity, and building a more compassionate society for all.

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR BRIEF CVs

- 1. Mr. Odemari Nitunga Rushita- He is the first chairman of the Board of Directors TPHF since its establishment in April, 2022. He is an experienced leader and currently works at Roads Fund Board from July 2023 to-date as a Principal Accountant. He is a Certified Public Accountant -CPA (T). Before joining the Roads Fund Board, he worked at Engineers Registration Board from 2008 to June 2023 as Director of Finance, CCT –WAMA, Christian Council of Tanzania as a Finance and Administrative Manager from 2000 to 2008. He holds MBA degree from ESAMI and Maastricht School of Management (MsM) Nairobi, Kenya Campus and Advanced Diploma in Accountancy (ADA) from the Institute of Finance Management, Dar-es-Salaam Tanzania.**
- 2. Lucas Mwimo- CEO and secretary to the Board. Prior to TPHF, he worked with the Bank of Tanzania as an Economist for 32 years and 7 months and he retired as a Director-BOT Mtwara Branch in February 2022. While working with the Bank of Tanzania, he was seconded to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – Office of the Resident Representative in Tanzania for 2 years (July 1997 to June 1999) as a Research Assistant charged with the implementation of IMF-supported programs in Tanzania. He holds a M.Sc. (Macro-economic Policy and Planning in Developing Countries) from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom and a B.A. (Economics) from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Mr. Mwimo is also a preacher of gospel at Segerea, Keko and Ukonga prisons where inmates get the opportunity to hear the word of God every Sunday. The word of God has greatly helped some prisoners and detainees to shape their bad habits and immorality.**
- 2. Mohamed Majengo Athuman- General Secretary –TPHF. Currently works as a School Quality Assurer - Ministry of Education Science and Technology (Kinondoni Municipality Division). He holds Master of Education in Administration, Planning and Policy Studies (MED - APPS) from OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA (OUT).**
- 3. Gloria Athumani Kitiku – She is a Treasurer- TPHF and an experienced business woman with a certificate in Agriculture and Livestock development. As a Treasurer, she works closely with the Chief Accountant, Mariagoreth Joseph Ndibalema who holds Master’s degree in Finance and accounts from Institute of Finance Management (IFM) and she is a Certified Public Accountant -CPA (T). Thus financial management, reconciliation and reports are properly prepared.**
- 4. Nuru Lamek Mtema- – He holds BA in Theology and Community development and he is currently a PROJECT COORDINATOR – ZANZIBAR AND MAFIA Fida International community development program.**

5. Shida Athumani Kitiku- She currently works with NMB and she graduated at University of Dodoma (UDOM) and was awarded Bachelor degree of Commerce in Accounting.
6. Justine Lucas Mwimo – He holds Master’s Degree in Project Management from Institute of Accountancy Arusha. He is currently a Director of a tourism firm in Kilimanjaro region.
7. Eng. Joseph Jingu Kijeruda- He holds a Master of Science in Textile Engineering from China. He worked at Tambaza High School as a Teacher and Second Master (1989-1990). He worked as Quality Control Manager, Technical Manager, Production & Technical Manager (consecutively) at Urafiki Textile Factory (1991- 2005). He worked with Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) as Principal Tax Management Officer (2006-2022) and retired in December 2022 after attaining 60 years of age. He has been a Member of Textile Technical Committees of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) from 1995 to date, and a Chairperson of the same Committees from 2012 to 2023. He was a founder chairperson of WAENDELEE Community Development Organization Board of Directors from Nov.2015 to 2022. WAENDELEE is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in Singida DC engaged in assisting in Education, Health, Water and Environmental protection activities -in collaboration with the Government). Currently he is a Board Chairperson of Temboni Government Secondary School (March 2022 to date). He was a Council Secretary General of Manzese Catholic Parish in DSM (2001-2006), Vice-Chairperson of Temboni Parish (2013-2016) and a Chairperson of Msingwa Outstation of St.Augustine Parish-Temboni (2010- 2019).