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ACKNOWLEDGMENT



As part of an evolving team of young girls and women, I want to say that, it becomes a beautiful world when there are people who want to develop and lead others, and it is even more beautiful when there are people willing to share the gift of their time and skills to mentor future leaders; “this is purely girl guiding spirit”.

I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you, for your efforts in making the quarterly planned activities a success.

Connections create success! We believe that through this newsletters, all our girl guides shall strive to be visible and connect with our stakeholders; hoping that this will impact our programs with tremendous positivity and will help to reach our goal of getting to touch the lives of every girl.

Thank You

Wintapa Luila

National Secretary

Tanzania Girl Guides Association

FOREWORD



One thing struck my attention as I was putting the final touches on the collection of the articles featured in this newsletter. Every snapshot that was taken portrays passion, unity, and enthusiasm. Every year as well as last days are typically used for reflection, looking back, and taking stock of the year's calendar's accomplishments. Then, I'm hoping you'll relish the TGGA's achievement in 2022 and treasure the changes it brought about for all its members, as well as the girl child. Much has been shared in this Newsletter, including Girl Led Action on Climate Change program sending its advocacy champion as one of six (6) WAGGGS delegate to COP 27 in Egypt, the Annual General meeting that brought together, Regional Leaders from all the Guiding region and TGGA Board Members, reading club, that helps to instill reading skills among children, and the commemoration of the 16 days of activism. These activities were crowned during the Annual General Meeting, during which, a detailed annual report was shared.

In addition, I would like to congratulate the head office team and the regional leaders for the great work you have been doing. You are leaving a remarkable mark in the hearts of the girls and Young Women. Thank you all for making our dream come true. Heartfelt congratulations to everyone whose hard work has successfully counted to upgrading TGGA to the top ten largest growing Member organization. All these have been among our major achievements. Bravo team. I would like to commend the editorial team, for their commitment, dedication, and creativity in making the TGGA Newsletter a success.

Thank You

Mary Richard

Chief Commissioner—Tanzania Girl Guides Association

ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

The enrolment Ceremony not only welcomes new girls to each unit but also an opportunity for continuing members to reaffirm their commitment to the values of Guiding. At the enrollment ceremony, the girls are expected to recite their Guiding promise. On October 1st, 2022, the Chief Commissioner of the Tanzania Girl Guides Association swore in 48 brownies, 204 Guides, 101 rangers, 14 Young Leaders, and 40 Adult Leaders.

At the Enrollment Ceremony, the TGGA Chief Commissioner, Mary Richard called upon parents and guardians with girls aged 3 years and above to enroll them to join Girl Guiding, for them to acquire new skills and enhance their potential. "A Guide is someone who is independent, who uses both hands to succeed and achieve in life, she does not throw in the towel when faced with difficulty " added Mary Richard.



A Patrol Leader from Kisarawe raising the flag during the swearing-in ceremony



TGGA Chief Commissioner after swearing in a group of Guides from Temeke

Whilst Girl Guides from Dar es salaam and Kisarawe Region were being sworn in, Arusha Regional Commissioner, Ms. Iris Naushad, swore in 70 girls from the Rangers group from Notre Dame Secondary School in Arusha. Tanzania Girl Guides Association hopes that the girls enjoy being with other young women, and try different activities and new things, so that they have a safe space to be part of, find their voice, meet new friends, and make a difference in the world.



Guiders reciting their Guiding Promise



Girl Guides from Notre Dame Secondary School in Arusha amid the enrolment ceremony

GIRL - LED ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Using our new Girl-Led Action on Climate Change curriculum, developed with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), we are educating tens of thousands of girls and young women on climate change and its gender dimension through our Girl Led Action on Climate Change (GLACC).

As the Girl Led Action on Climate Change activities continue taking place in the regions, Girl Guides from Kigamboni, Kisarawe, Bagamoyo, Lindi, and Singida had a two-day training camp, for Girls to take action against climate change. The Girl Guides had the opportunity to meet Girl Guides from different schools and learn together from their peers. Along with the training, all the girls who attended the camps were able to complete the curriculum of Girl-led action on climate change where after the training they are required to share what they have learned with their communities.



Bagamoyo Girl Guide Regional Leaders, at the GLACC regional camp



A Guider supervising group discussion at the GLACC training camp



Girl Guides from Singida Re-use the plastic bottles by planting fruit seedlings

In line with the activities carried out by Girl Guides in Singida region, Girl Guides from the Mughanga Primary School Unit, have succeeded in developing vegetable farming using drip irrigation from plastic bottles and plastic bags that have been used as fields/ gardens for planting vegetables due to having a small area to start a garden, so they have been able to take advantage of plastic bags and bottles that are thrown away and use it as an opportunity to do drip farming where it uses less water.



Drip irrigation farming at the Mughanga Primary School, Singida

GIRL - LED ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Clara Benjamin, COP 27 WAGGGS delegate from Tanzania

At the **Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference (COP 27)**, countries came together to take action toward achieving the world's collective climate goals as agreed under the Paris Agreement and the Convention. The conference took place from 6th -20th November 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

Climate change remains the most significant global threat to human life. This year through the **"GIRL – LED ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE"** Programme, Tanzania Girl Guides Association had an opportunity to send Clara Benjamin, one of its Young Leaders as a WAGGGS Delegate for the UN Climate Change Conference COP 27 At the Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

Clara is one among 20 Girl Led Action on Climate Change Advocacy Champions, a program that motivates girls and young women to directly engage in climate change mitigation and adaptation and to have their voices heard.

at COP 27, Clara and her fellow delegates were given the opportunity to speak out, share their concerns, and spread the urgent and vital message that to solve the Climate Crisis, we need to Bring in The Girls.



Clara Benjamin with fellow Tanzanians in a shared picture with Hon. January Makamba and Hon. Selemani Jafo at COP 27, Egypt



WAGGGS delegate , At the Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference (COP 27)

READING CLUB

When we read with others it is easy to find common interests and make friends. Friends are important because they support us and we can talk to them if things feel difficult (they also make us laugh, make us birthday cards, and hang out with us)



Most importantly, being part of a reading club encourages us to be passionate about reading, it increases our memory, creativity, and knowledge. You will learn new words and be able to analyze books, finding symbolism and meanings.



Throughout the quarter we have managed to hold reading clubs that brought together Girl Guides from more than 4 schools. as the newly established HQ guiding unit had already started, the girls who were newly recruited also got a chance to participate in our monthly reading club, and for this quarter we have reached 33 girls aged between 7 to 14.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign calling for an end to violence against women and girls. It takes place every year and begins on the 25th of November, the International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and finishes on Human Rights Day, the 10th of December. Through the power of innovation, each of us can travel across many miles within seconds. Connection made possible by the internet. Ingenuity, possibility, and freedom.

All at our fingertips, the benefits of digital progress are daily met for learning, work, and fun, and yet, we are also aware of the darker side of technology. Its vast negative impact and influence on the lives of girls and young women worldwide. And this year Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world focused on **defending and creating digital spaces of equality** as our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign.



Our 2022 campaign provides education and information, shares resources, and is centered on lived experience. We explored the reality for girls online and together develop solutions that move us closer to a safe digital life for all: free of harassment and violence. Where **#SheSurfsFreedom**.

We successfully trained girls and young women both secondary and university students using the WAGGGS 16 days of the activism activity pack. Our activity pack's curriculum supports girls and young women to learn about violence; understand their rights; and develop the skills and confidence to speak out and take action against violence in their own lives and in their communities. Furthermore, girls and women can explore how to get more out of their time online and connect positively with local and global communities. And look into ways one can actively participate in digital communities and practice being a digital citizen responsibly.



The 16 Days of Activism Online Photobooth



Online Violence against women is sharing sexual and private images without one's consent



GBV training at Kilenzi Memorial, College of Health and Allied Science

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



TGGA members from 19 regions in a shared picture with TGGA Board Members

Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a mandatory annual assembly of an association's members, National Executive Board, and other stakeholders. This year Tanzania Girl Guides Association successfully held the Annual General meeting which was attended by Members of the Tanzania Girl Guides Association from 20 regions (Mainland and Island), the TGGA National Executive Board, and the Board of Trustees. At the AGM, the regional leaders presented their regional annual implementation report, where they indicated how many members have been reached so far, accomplishments, challenges, and recommendations towards the betterment of Girl Guiding in the regions. Amid the conference, the TGGA'S Board of Trustees Report, the Association's annual report, and the five years strategic plan were presented.

Kigamboni Girl Guides leadership received an appreciation award for their outstanding work in providing accurate information about the members and proper mobilization of the annual membership fee for the year 2022.



Suzana Mrope, Regional Youth Chairperson, presenting Mtwara Regional report



Wintapa Luila, TGGA National Secretary, presenting TGGA's 5 years Strategic Plan



TGGA Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson, Adv. Victoria Mandari presenting Annual BOT report



Rose Goima, Kigamboni Regional Commissioner receiving her appreciation award from the TGGA Chief Commissioner, Mary Richard

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