

# TANZANIA GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER



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## FOREWORD



Esteemed readers; welcome to our 1st quarterly newsletter for the year 2024! It is with immense pleasure that I share with you to address you our Association's latest updates on output and achievements from January to March 2024. Guiding training and programmatic activities have continued to play an integral role in shaping the future of our girls and young women in all aspects of life and driving positive change and innovation in our society.

I extend my gratitude to the dedicated Board Members, Staff, Volunteers at all levels, and the team of YESS volunteers and participants for they have all been instrumental in the success of our endeavors. I continue to be amazed by your unwavering commitment to the growth of the Association and impacting positive change for its members.

Tanzania Girl Guides Association is incredibly grateful to the URT Government, partners, networks, and communities that continue to support our work, pushing us to greater heights.

As you delve into the content of this newsletter, let us continue to support and uplift one another in the work that we do, to continue empowering girls and women across the country. Your feedback and contribution will be very much appreciated as an integral part of our progress.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and for joining the Tanzania Girl Guides Association in making a lasting difference in the lives of the female population of Tanzania.

With warm regards,

**WINTAPA LUILA**  
**National Secretary**

# YESS GIRLS ARRIVE



Early this year, the Tanzania Girl Guides Association had the privilege of hosting participants from 5 countries, including Bangladesh, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, and Uganda, in the YESS program. The YESS program is an international exchange program that provides young women aged 18 to 35 with the opportunity to work together with young women from different cultures. The exchange program runs for a total of six months to one year, during which the young women are challenged to undertake six core initiatives. These initiatives include the Yes Girls! Can campaign, Green Tech Generation campaign, Welcome to My World, Friend of Guiding, Red Pride, and Good Turn Community Project.



The YESS participants were officially welcomed by the Chief Commissioner and the International Commissioner of the Tanzania Girl Guides Association. We had a wonderful time celebrating together and getting acquainted with each other. The participants expressed their happiness and felt warmly welcomed.

# WORLD THINKING DAY



On February 22, 2024, in Tanzania, Girl Guides celebrated the WTD at Uhuru Wasichana Primary School. Approximately 200 girls from four districts of Temeke, Ilala, Kinondoni and Kigamboni gathered for the event. The celebration involved activities like poems, drama and songs that aimed at fostering global awareness.

During the World Thinking Day (WTD) event, our TGGGA team and YESS girls effectively delivered the activities from the WTD activity pack to the 200 girls from different schools. They skillfully organized engaging and enjoyable activities to commemorate the day. One of the highlights was learning about habitats and exploring the interconnection between humans and animals within a single ecosystem.



Furthermore, the young leaders actively participated in World Thinking Day by raising awareness among girls and young women about environmental issues that specifically affect them. They passionately educated and engaged their peers, emphasizing the importance of addressing these concerns and taking collective action.

# INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On the 8th of March every year, we celebrate International Women's Day, a global occasion dedicated to honoring the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It serves as a powerful call to action in advocating for gender parity. The Tanzania Girl Guides Association participated in the commemoration of this significant day in Nyamata primary in the ILALA district. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the essential role of girls and women in society and advocate for their rights and empowerment and inclusion.



This year, the Yes Girl Can Campaign focuses on the theme of "YES GIRLS CAN DO STEM ." It aims to address the issue of barriers that hinder girls to take science subjects. Unfortunately, many girls encounter difficulties in taking science subjects due to the culture beliefs, perception and school environment lead them to fear and thinking that only boys can take the science subjects.



**NYAMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# GLACC activities

## FACILITATORS AND REGIONAL TRAINING

In February 2024, the GLACC program organized a training session for facilitators aiming at equipping them with the necessary skills to effectively deliver the activity pack to the girl guides who would be implementing the program. The training likely focused on various aspects, including understanding the content of the activity pack, effective communication techniques, facilitation methods, and how to actively engage participants. Facilitators were provided with resources and guidance on how to adapt the program to the needs and interests of the girl guides they would be working with. Overall, the training aimed to ensure that facilitators were well-prepared to support and empower the girl guides through the GLACC program activities.



Facilitators training



*Regional training conducted in 6 regions of Arusha, Morogoro, Chalinze, Temeke and Kinondoni.*



The Regional leaders from 5 regions were equipped with the skills and knowledge on how to deliver the activity pack to their girl guides from their units in schools.

## Guiding quest activity

*From January to March, our Training department hosted two inspiring GUIDING QUEST events at TGGAHQ, for the aim of bringing together Girl Guides from various schools to explore guiding and participate in fun activities like painting and drawing for fostering joyful connections.*



**Drawing session**



## Young Leaders Connect

From January to March, the Training department hosted two Young Leaders events at TGGAHQ, providing a platform for youth to network, exchange ideas, and enhance their understanding of seizing opportunities within WAGGGS.



**Second event for young leaders connect**



**First young leaders connect event**



# GIRL GUIDE ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

The enrollment ceremony is not only a warm welcome for new girl guides to join the movement but also an occasion for existing members to reaffirm their commitment to the guiding values. During the enrollment, girls are expected to recite their guiding promise. In March, Tanzania Girl Guides Association had the honor of administer the pledge and officiate the enrolment of 81 rangers from RAFSANJAN SECONDARY SCHOOL. The TGGA National Trainer encouraged girls to join the guiding movement, emphasizing the acquisition of new skills and the enhancement of their potential.



National trainer Rehema Kijazi during the enrollment ceremony for Rangers of Rafsanjani Secondary School



Patrol leaders from Rafsanjani Primary school making the PROMISE during the enrollment



# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

This quarter, various regions actively engaged in community activities. In Arusha, Girl Guides managed to organize World Thinking Day (WTD) events and visited the maternity ward at Mount Meru Hospital, showcasing their commitment to service and solidarity with their community's needs.



Girl Guides from Arusha celebrating WTD



Rangers from Norderdem School during WTD Service week

Tanga Girl Guides actively engaged in various activities during the WTD Service week, and trained girls on guiding especially the World Thinking day history. They visited women in jail and provided some of their basic needs.



Girl guides from Arusha Secondary School visiting the maternity ward at Mt. Meru Hospital.



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