



# IMPACT REPORT

2023



## OUR VISION

A Tanzania where individuals thrive in a society that is **prosperous, equitable, and sustainable.**



**450,000+**  
Lives Touched  
since 2001



**EDUCATION • HEALTH CARE • WATER**

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# WHO WE ARE

The Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF), founded by Mohammed “Mo” Dewji in 2014, is a dynamic, data-driven philanthropic organization. Grounded in principles of innovation and sustainability, MDF is dedicated to employing modern, long-lasting solutions to enhance the quality of life for Tanzanians through three core pillars: education, health care, and water.

Through its flagship education program, the Mo Scholars Program, MDF is laying the groundwork for long-term economic prosperity and supporting the Government of Tanzania to strengthen its institutions. Going beyond comprehensive scholarship support, MDF’s hands-on mentoring and job placement partnerships serve as a beacon of hope for young Tanzanians, helping future leaders develop skills to drive change.

MDF’s health care initiatives are equally transformative. Partnering with health partners like Tumaini La Maisha (TLM), MDF ensures that pediatric cancer patients in Tanzania have access to life-saving treatment. Additionally, MDF’s public health care camps, which provide essential care for families affected by cataracts, spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and more, are driving health innovations through data collection that assesses critical community health needs.

The rural water program, which ensures access to clean, safe water, underscores MDF’s holistic approach to community development. Beyond constructing and maintaining wells, MDF is leveraging data-driven strategies to ensure the sustainability and long-term impact of its water projects.

Keep reading to learn more about MDF’s initiatives, and the thousands of lives impacted.



## Education

MDF is helping Tanzania’s bright youth realize their dreams. Through bridging the education and employment gaps in Tanzania, the Mo Scholars Program is empowering Africa’s next generation of leaders.

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## Health Care

MDF is on a mission to provide affordable, quality healthcare in Tanzania through strategic partnerships, targeted programs, and data-driven mapping.

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## Water

MDF is committed to expanding the provision of clean, safe water, to rural communities in Tanzania. MDF leverages modern data mapping to inform government partnerships and to advocate for sustainable water management practices nationwide.

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# VALUES

## EMPATHY

## INTEGRITY

## INNOVATION

## EXCELLENCE

## PARTNERSHIPS

## Our Mission

Improve the lives of Tanzanians with access to higher **education**, accessible **health care** and clean, safe **water**.





# FOUNDER'S STATEMENT



## MOHAMMED DEWJI

“From day one, my parents have been instrumental in instilling the ethos of philanthropy particularly my responsibility as a Muslim to give and care for the less fortunate in our society. Our role as citizens of this world is to truly support the betterment of our society so that our future generations and their offspring grow up to live even better lives and strive for even more than they think is possible for them today.”

When I reflect on the past year at the Mo Dewji Foundation, I am filled with gratitude for our achievements and excitement for the new era of data-driven philanthropy that we are entering. As a former Member of Parliament in the Singida region of Tanzania, I was able to impact hundreds of thousands of lives. I promised to continue supporting Tanzania after my term, and this report serves as a testament to that promise, to our progress, and our unwavering commitment to transparency.

Our journey in advancing higher education success is building the next generation of leaders in Tanzania, and our on-the-ground health care work has impacted countless lives and triggered strategic shifts to amplify future health investments. As we bring clean, safe water to the communities that need it most, we continue to embrace data collection to enhance our efficiency, increase our impact, and refine our community support strategies.

Driven to uplift Tanzanian individuals and communities to economic dignity, we look forward to continuing to forge strategic partnerships and leading ground-breaking initiatives. Above all, we remain dedicated to Tanzania's future and its people.

Yours in Service,

*Mohammed Dewji*

Click or scan to learn more about Mohammed Dewji and the work he leads across the globe!



INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Our Founder, Mohammed Dewji with mothers and children suffering with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

“I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN TANZANIA. A LIFE IS EQUAL TO A LIFE, NO MATTER WHAT.”



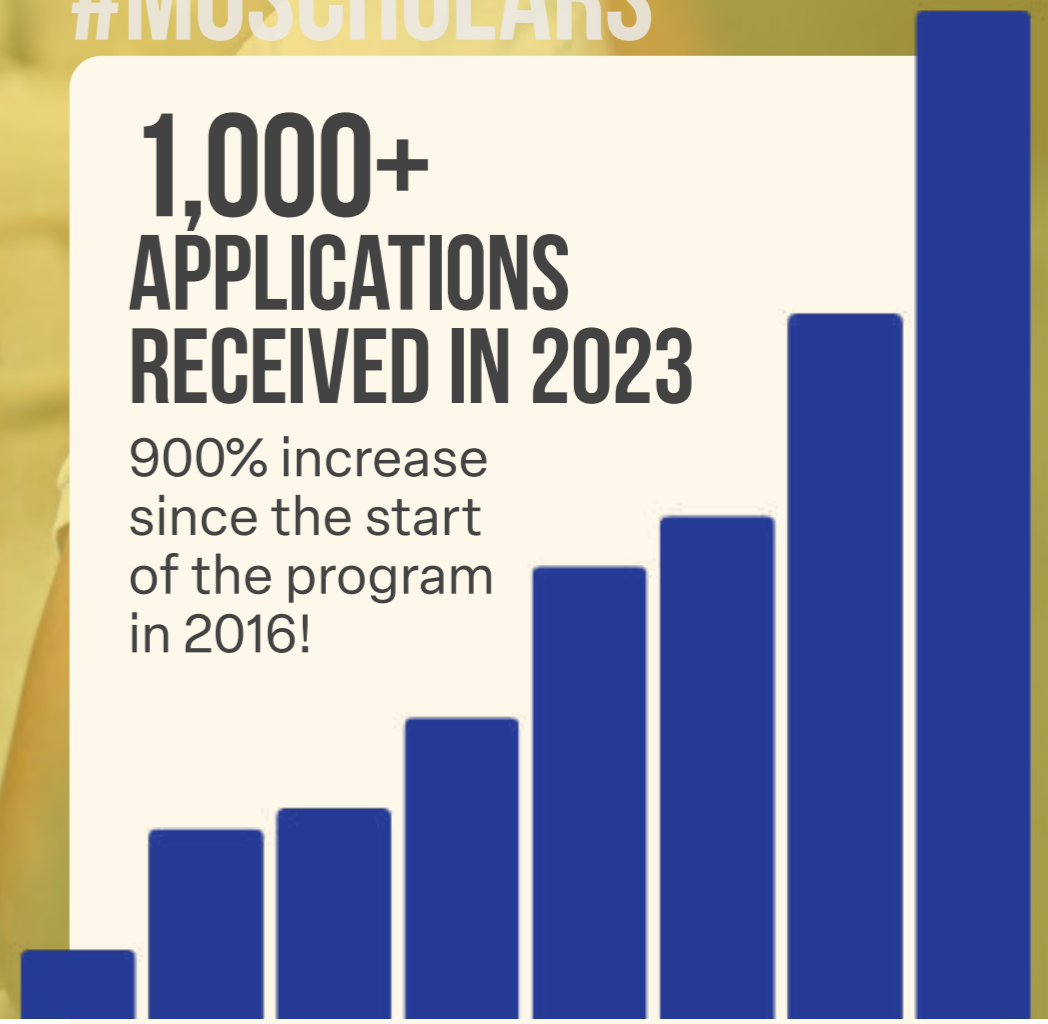
# EDUCATION



## #MOSCHOLARS

**1,000+**  
**APPLICATIONS**  
**RECEIVED IN 2023**

900% increase since the start of the program in 2016!





# MO SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Access to higher and specialized education is a significant hurdle for many young Tanzanians, with only 12% of youths achieving post-secondary education. In alignment with the government's educational objectives, the Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF) is committed to advancing education and inspiring the next generation of leaders via comprehensive support and mentorship.

Launched in 2016, the Mo Scholars Program is a scholarship initiative designed to support determined, underprivileged youths pursuing tertiary education. The program serves as a catalyst for empowering Tanzania's youth to actualize their career aspirations and fulfill their dreams. Currently, the Mo Scholars Program provides support to nearly 100 students across diverse fields of study, including Civil Engineering, Medicine, Agriculture, Economics, Law, and more.

As Tanzania's largest private sector employer and the corporate arm of the Mo Dewji Foundation, Mohammed Enterprises Tanzania Limited (MeTL) is deeply entrenched in the country's economic landscape. Leveraging MeTL's extensive private sector network, the Mo Scholar's Program is working towards a 100% placement rate within three months of graduation. The Mo Scholars are provided with invaluable opportunities for hands-on experience, offering a seamless transition from academic learning to application in real life situations. The Mo Scholar's Program is not only shaping Tanzania's future workforce but it is driving socio-economic development to foster a brighter future for Tanzanian youth.



## Meet, Sandra.

Sandra Ruhizi is a 3rd year student in the Mo Scholars Program. As an Agricultural Entrepreneur, Sandra is working to transform Tanzanian agriculture by investing in female farmers, educating them on best practices, and training them to become business leaders. She is a role model and an inspiration to her peers and community.



**2**  
companies started  
Kijana Factory & Her Shamba

**25**  
women in her farming  
Growing organic vegetables, herbs and spices

# 54%

OF TANZANIA'S AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTION WORKFORCE IS  
COMPRISED OF WOMEN

INTERACTIVE ELEMENT

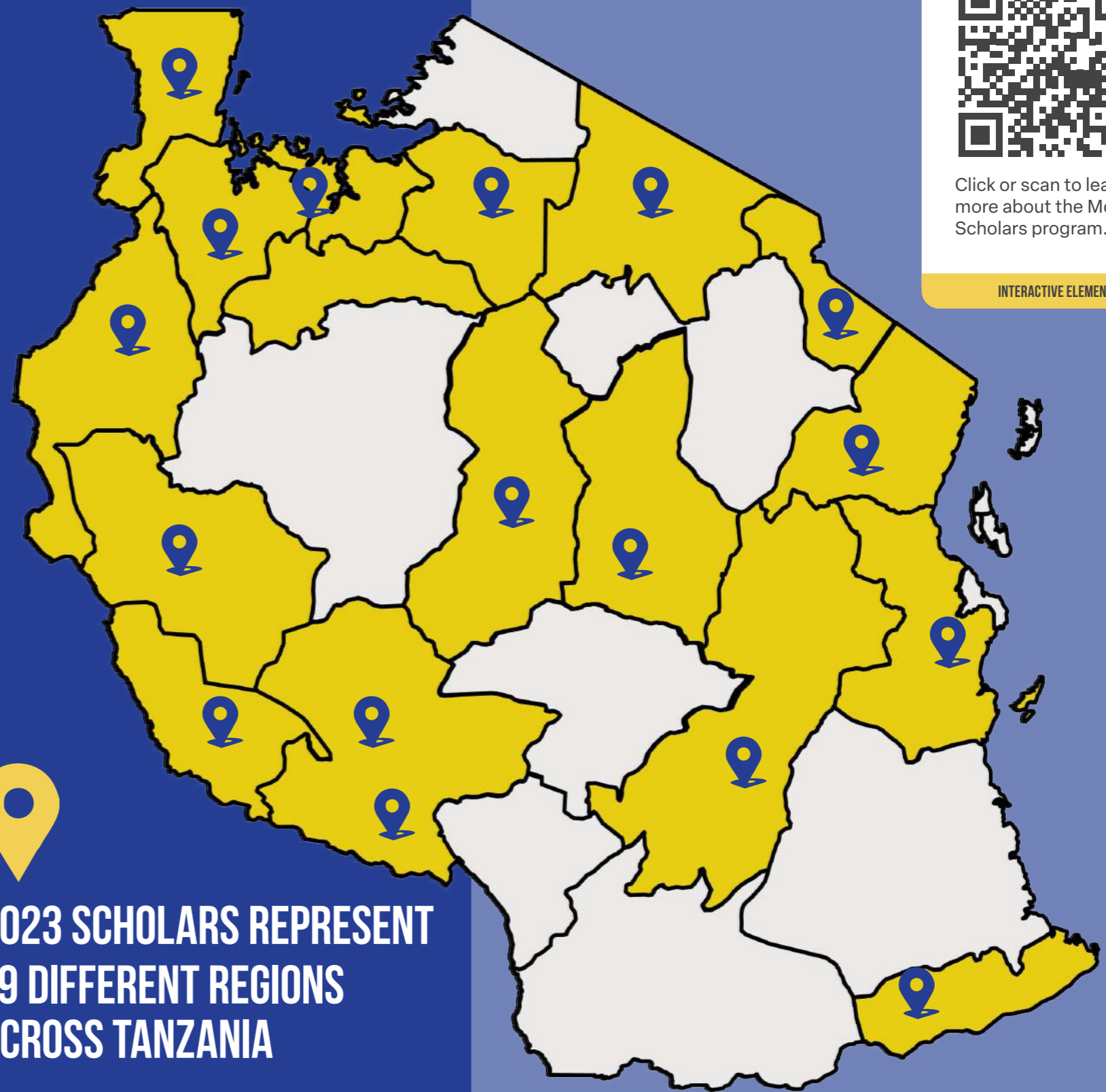


Click or scan to learn more about Sandra!



## WHAT OUR SCHOLARS STUDY:

**BUSINESS**  
**ECONOMICS**  
**ENGINEERING**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**ACCOUNTING**  
**MARKETING**  
**AGRICULTURE**  
**FORESTRY**  
**HEALTH SCIENCES**



**2023 SCHOLARS REPRESENT  
19 DIFFERENT REGIONS  
ACROSS TANZANIA**

### WHERE THEY STUDY:

University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) • University of Dodoma (UDOM) • Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) • Mzumbe University (MU) • Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) • Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) • State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) • Center for Foreign Relations (CFR) • Institute of Social Work (ISW) • National Institute of Transport (NIT) • College of Business Education (CBE) • Institute of Finance Management (IFM) • School of Library Archives and Documentation Studies (SLADS)



Click or scan to learn more about the Mo Scholars program.

INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



# HEALTH CARE

#MOCARES

**3,500+**  
pediatric cancer patients treated

**3,229**  
screened over  
3 days eye camp

**267**  
cataract surgeries performed

INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Click or scan to learn more about MDF's health care initiatives.



# TUMAINI LA MAISHA (TLM)



**Tumaini La Maisha**  
CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH  
CANCER IN TANZANIA

Tumaini La Maisha (TLM) is the largest Childhood Cancer Center in East Africa and has been a recipient of MDF support and funding for more than 13 years. In 2013, the survival rate for a child with cancer in Tanzania was 1 in 10. Today, the survival rate has increased sixfold thanks, in part, to MDF's partnership.

In 2021, TLM officially began the National Children's Cancer Network (NCCN) with the goal of opening 34 centers across the country. Their aim is for no child to be more than a 4-hour journey from cancer treatment care. Thanks to the support of the Mo Dewji Foundation, TLM has been able to implement a comprehensive support system for children requiring cancer treatments at Muhimbili National Hospital and their partner centers, including covering the cost of drugs and diagnostic tools.

From treating children in 1 small room in 2013, to now supporting families across the country via more than 14 dedicated healthcare centers, TLM's mission to support Tanzanian families impacted by childhood cancer is more impactful than ever.

In 2013, 9 out of every 10 children diagnosed with cancer lost their battle.

**NOW?**

**60%**  
increase in survival rates

**600%**  
increase in available treatments



**Before TLM, less than 10% of children diagnosed with cancer were able to reach treatment facilities.**

**Now, TLM is covering the cost of chemotherapy drugs, implementing comprehensive support systems, hiring additional medical personnel and so much more.**

**Through the establishment of the National Children's Cancer Network (NCCN), TLM is working to establish more than 30 centers across the country to ensure that no child is more than a 4-hour journey from a treatment site and medical support.**

INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Click or scan to learn more about TLM, their important work and how you can donate today.



# EYE CAMPS

Eye diseases are among the top 10 health conditions afflicting the people of Tanzania. In response to this crisis, MDF founded an on-the-ground, mobile eye camp in Singida in 2023, offering free screening and testing of cataracts, free reading glasses, medication, cataract surgery, and other related procedures.

MDF has deepened its commitment to combating eye disease by building a community health profile in each location the camp serves, and by working with the Ministry of Health to leverage its statistical data and analyses to shape Tanzania's national health policy.



**3,229**  
patients  
screened over a  
3-day period

**1,360**  
pairs of reading  
glasses distributed

“For years, I was living in darkness and robbed of the joys of life... The Mo Dewji Foundation restored more than just my vision, they renewed my hope and faith in humanity.”

-Juma Saidi  
Eye Camp Patient



“Eyes are a treasure...”

“After my surgery, I saw a bright light that I haven't seen in a long time. So much light.”

- Sofia Mnapunda  
Eye Camp Patient



“I can see again, and I can now insert the thread into the needle and continue my sewing business.”

-Kassim Mohammed  
Eye Camp Patient



**2,062**  
eye drops  
given

**267**  
cataract surgeries  
performed





# EYE CAMPS: PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE CARE #MOCARES

Our eye camp process flow chart demonstrating the quality of care and patient experience



## 1 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT & COORDINATION

MDF receives an invitation from the Government Town Council, and an MDF Program Coordinator evaluates the feasibility of the eye camp by conducting a site visit to review medical capacities and plan for infrastructure needs.

## 2 LOGISTICAL PLANNING & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

After the invitation has been accepted, MDF undertakes two stages of preparation, internal planning and on-site preparation including planning public announcements and raising awareness for the camp.

## 3 FINALIZING PATIENT CARE PLANS & DETAILS

The first MDF team arrives on the ground a week in advance to raise awareness and arrange on-site logistics including planning, arranging catering and family support details, and more.

## 6 SURGERY & POST-OP SUPPORT

Those needing surgery are evaluated further, reconfirmed after a physical examination, and treated. After surgery, both they and their caretakers receive lodging, meals, and follow-up care ahead of being cleared and released from medical care.

## 5 CAMP KICKOFF & PATIENT VISITS

The 3-day eye camp begins with thousands of patients receiving comprehensive eye examinations and treatment, including evaluation for cataract surgeries, eyeglass distribution, and more.

## 4 MEDICAL STAFF ARRIVES & DOES RUN-THROUGH

A team of 25 medical professionals and operations staff arrive the day before the camp starts to do final run-throughs, greet district authorities and finalize surgical plans.

## 7 2-WEEK POST-OP VISITS

First comprehensive post-operative check-in with patients to ensure they're healing well and to eliminate any complications ensuring optimal outcomes.

## 8 4-WEEK POST-OP VISITS

Second and final post-operative check-in to ensure maximum surgical successes and to talk with patients treated and learn from their experiences.

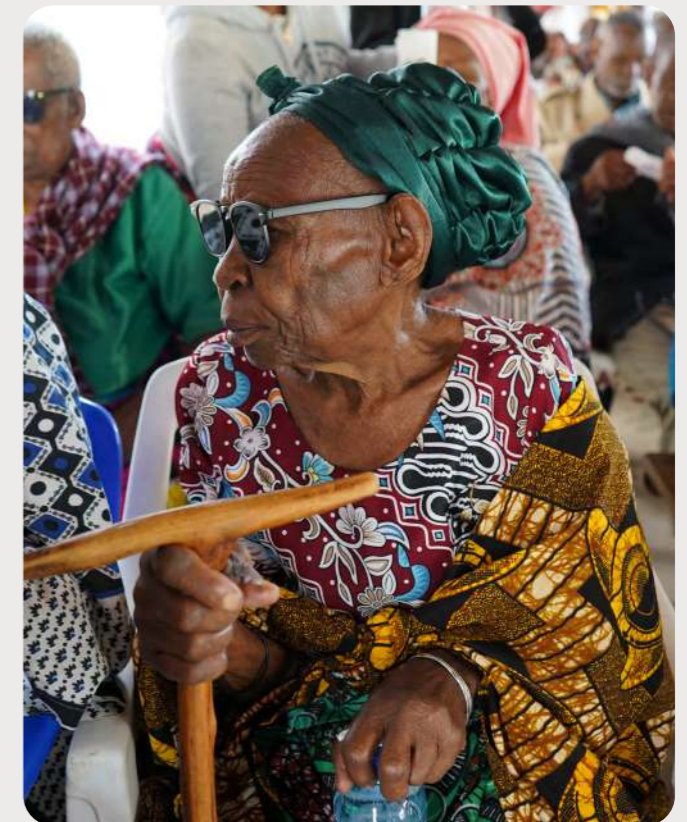
## 9 FINAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

MDF's pilot eye camp programs exceeded expectations, with a significant number of patients served, surpassing screening and surgery targets, and receiving positive feedback from all patients regarding the services provided.



“Today, I can see the beauty of the world around me once again, and I owe it all to the generosity and compassion of the Mo Dewji Foundation.”

-Abdallah Shaban  
Eye Camp Patient





# SPINA BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS SUPPORT

Spina bifida is a congenital condition characterized by the incomplete closure of the spinal cord during fetal development. When untreated, infants may lose their lives. For babies that survive birth with spina bifida, many develop hydrocephalus – water on the brain – which causes enlargement of the head. Tanzania has one of the highest rates of spina bifida and hydrocephalus on the African Continent.

The Mo Dewji Foundation is committed to working with the Ministry of Health to free Tanzania from this congenital condition while advancing a holistic treatment approach that includes curative and preventative care. MDF does so by raising awareness, providing financial assistance for surgical procedures, advocating for improved prenatal health care and combating stigma associated with such conditions.

**7.5k**  
CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY THESE CONDITIONS EVERY YEAR

**60%**  
OF CHILDREN AFFECTED LOSE THEIR LIVES DUE TO INACCESSIBLE TREATMENT



**MDF is partnering with the Ministry of Health, Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI), and the Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus in Tanzania (ASBAHT).**



**MDF funds comprehensive care support including travel from distant and rural villages, meals and accommodation, and the highest quality medical treatment.**



**Children suffering from these conditions face stigmatization, discrimination and exclusion leading to a lack of social and financial support. MDF combats this via continuing education and advocacy.**



# WATER

#MOCARES



INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Click or scan to learn more about MDF's water access initiatives.



# WELLS & COMMUNITY MAPPING

The Mo Dewji Foundation works in partnership with the Singida Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (SUWASA), and the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) to ensure clean and safe drinking water is accessible to Tanzanians nationwide.

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Water, MDF recently conducted an audit of its 34 existing water wells, rehabilitating 18 and treating 4, to ensure that the infrastructure continues to serve its target communities. By 2024, MDF plans to rehabilitate 50 additional wells, which will improve the lives of over 15,000 Tanzanians.

MDF also plans to construct 50 new wells utilizing a village-centric approach: identifying existing water sources and finding ways to sustainably extend distribution to all communities within each village it targets.



**“I applaud this foundation for their support to the communities in Tanzania. This will enable the unprivileged to acquire basic necessities of life.”**

- Danson Kaitira, Water Engineer, Singida District

**20 YEARS**

our earliest well since 2003 continues to serve the community with clean water

**34 WATER WELLS**  
operating in 13 wards

**11,350 PEOPLE IMPACTED**  
by MDF operated wells



# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

## Georgetown Pivot Program

Launched in 2018, the Georgetown Pivot Program is a professional development program for career-oriented individuals who have previously been incarcerated in the United States. Through rigorous classroom training and hands-on work experience, Pivot Fellows discover potential vocational paths and develop the skills needed to succeed in both the workplace and as leaders in their communities.

MDF proudly funds the Georgetown Pivot Program, recognizing its significant impact on the Georgetown community and its transformative influence on the lives of incarcerated Americans. This independent initiative demonstrates MDF's commitment to empowering individuals through education and career advancement.



**“By supporting strategic philanthropic endeavors, we hope to transform lives by sustaining individual and community well-being.”**

- Mohammed Dewji

INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Click or scan to learn more about The Georgetown Pivot Program and how to support them.

## The Giving Pledge

The Giving Pledge is a simple concept: an open invitation for the wealthiest among us to publicly commit to giving the majority of their wealth to philanthropy either during their lifetimes or after. Started by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, The Giving Pledge is comprised of more than 240 of the world's wealthiest individuals, from 29 different countries, all of whom convene annually to strategize solutions to pressing challenges facing the globe today.

In 2016, MDF Founder Mohammed Dewji signed the Giving Pledge, committing to donate at least half of his fortune to philanthropy. Mr. Dewji is one of four African signatories of the pledge, demonstrating his leadership in philanthropy on the African Continent.

**By signing this pledge, I hope to inspire my peers, fellow Africans, and citizens of the world to take a close look at the funds they truly need to maintain their families versus their ability to give. We all have a moral obligation as the more affluent in society to give back as best we know how.”**

- Mohammed Dewji



INTERACTIVE ELEMENT



Click or scan to learn more about The Giving Pledge.



# JOIN US AND MAKE AN IMPACT

#MOCARES

Since Mohammed Dewji started his work in 2001, **nearly half a million lives have been impacted by the projects of the Mo Dewji Foundation.** Our unwavering vision – a prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Tanzania – has propelled us forward in our mission to affect sustainable, scalable change.

As we continue to engage in our communities, assess new opportunities for support, and invest in those around us, our commitment to improving the quality of life for Tanzanians only continues to grow. Each success story serves as a testament to the power of the Mo Dewji Foundation and those who support us. Together, we are laying the groundwork for an even brighter future for our nation.

While we take joy in celebrating the achievements of 2023, we are only scratching the surface of our potential. We are at the beginning of our journey: the possibilities for positive impact, future partnerships, and amplified impact are limitless.



## VISIT US ONLINE TO LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED



### Volunteer with the Mo Dewji Foundation!

Scan the QR code above, or visit us at <https://modewjifoundation.org/volunteering-with-mdf/> to learn more about how you can support the work we are doing both in Tanzania, and across the globe.

INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS





# THANK YOU!

“I am humbled by the impactful strides we’ve made together at the Mo Dewji Foundation.

**We look forward to continuing our journey, empowering communities and creating lasting change in Tanzania.”**

-Imran Sherali,  
Executive Director



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