

IMPACT REPORT 2024



Inspiring Change, One Life at a Time.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

INSIDE THE REPORT

Who We Are

Message from the Founder	3
About the Mo Dewji Foundation	4
Year 2024 - Big Impact in Numbers	5
Our Programs	6

What We Do

Education

The Mo Scholars Program	9
Student Achievements	12
Our 2024 Graduates	14

Health Care

Eye Camps and the Real Impact	18
Cancer Care	22
Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus	23

Water Access

Wells & Community Mapping	26
International Partnerships	28
Get Engaged & Learn More	29



Click or scan to visit us online at modewjifoundation.org where you can learn more.



At the Mo Dewji Foundation, our work is shaped by a simple truth: a life is equal to a life, no matter what. This belief drives everything we do, from restoring sight in rural Tanzania, to supporting children battling cancer and offering scholarships that unlock futures.

2024 has shown us what's possible when we listen to communities, act with purpose, and commit to solutions that are both human and bold. I remain immensely proud of the extraordinary team on the ground whose dedication fuels this work, and I am deeply committed to building on these foundations by forging synergistic alliances with partners both local and international, that allow us to accelerate our developmental impact.



As we look ahead, we will push boundaries -integrating eye, maternal, and pediatric health services, piloting early childhood screenings, scaling youth employability programs, and testing new water innovations that meet the needs of both today and tomorrow. I believe Africa does not need saving, it needs backing. It needs platforms, trust, and the right kind of support to rise on its own terms.

Through this Foundation, I will remain steadfast in that mission. My hope is that, by sharing this journey with transparency and ambition, we can inspire even more of you to stand with us -to help build a future where every life -every life- can live with dignity.

- Mohammed (Mo) Dewji, Founder



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

@moodewji
#mocaes

WHO WE ARE

The Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF) is a bold and responsive philanthropic organization committed to improving lives and expanding opportunity across Tanzania. Established in 2014 by Mohammed “Mo” Dewji, MDF focuses on three vital pillars - education, health, and water, recognizing these are the essentials for human dignity and national development.

At the Mo Dewji Foundation, **we do things differently**. We believe that real change doesn't come from the top down, it rises from the ground up. That's why we don't just fund programs. We listen. We learn. We embed ourselves in the communities we serve. Because to us, understanding is everything.

Our work is grounded in depth -the kind that comes from spending time on the ground, asking the right questions, and paying attention to the details. Those small signals, those lived realities, those unexpected insights—they're the foundation of everything we do. This is what makes the Mo Dewji Foundation different.

We're not just a philanthropic organization. We are a learning engine. A pulse-checker. A bold actor with an ear to the ground and eyes on the future. And because of that, we are becoming the organization people turn to for real impact.



Imran Sherali,
Executive Director

When I look back at this past year, I don't just see numbers, I see moments. A grandmother seeing her grandson's face for the first time after years of blindness. A child receiving cancer care that gives their family hope. A young woman no longer spending four hours a day fetching water, now able to learn, earn, and live with dignity. These are the moments that define our work. And together, they add up to something extraordinary. **In 2024, the Mo Dewji Foundation reached over 75,000 people** -more than four times the impact in just one year. This growth was the result of sharper systems, deeper community roots, and our unwavering belief that every life matters.

But the real story goes beyond scale. We are not just a philanthropic organization; we are a **learning engine** -listening closely, acting boldly, and constantly improving. Our ability to marry data with human insight is making us more agile and effective. And it is for this reason that we are becoming the organization that delivers **real, lasting impact**.

I am deeply grateful for the exceptional team I have the privilege to work alongside, a group whose dedication and passion are aligned with the mission. As we look to 2025, we remain guided by that same belief, and we are setting out to **build on the momentum we've achieved -reaching more communities, deepening our impact, and doing so with focus and humility**.

Our path forward is clear: we will continue to listen more closely, use data more intelligently, and make decisions that are not just bold, but thoughtful. Because we know that real change doesn't happen from one direction alone -it is built together, with people who care deeply and act decisively. Thank you for being part of this journey. The work ahead is immense, but so is our commitment to building a Tanzania where every individual has the opportunity to live a life of dignity, purpose, and possibility.

2024 OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



EDUCATION

- 250+ scholarships
- 21 higher education institutions
- 96% post-graduation success rate
- 3.8 grade point average

HEALTHCARE

- 35,689 patients treated
- 2,333 eye surgeries
- 15,003 reading glasses
- 3,500 children with cancer supported

WATER

- 49 wells operated
- 24,500 lives reached



Click or scan to visit us online at modewjifoundation.org where you can learn more and get engaged!

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Our Values

Empathy • Integrity • Innovation • Excellence • Partnerships



OUR PROGRAMS

The Mo Dewji Foundation is driven by the belief that every Tanzanian deserves the chance to live a healthy, dignified, and empowered life. Through our three core programs, **education to enhance livelihood, healthcare, and water access and climate action**, we invest in the future by providing scholarships to bright students, life-saving medical support to those in need, and clean, safe water to under served communities. Each initiative is rooted in compassion and a deep commitment to creating lasting change, one life, one family, and one village at a time.

As you explore this year's impact report to learn more about our work, we challenge you to also think about how you can help amplify our impact and play a part in shaping a brighter future for Tanzania.

-  **EDUCATION** ...Page 8
-  **HEALTH CARE** ...Page 16
-  **WATER ACCESS** ...Page 24



OUR TEAM

At the heart of the Mo Dewji Foundation's success is a dedicated team of passionate professionals who work tirelessly to turn vision into impact. Their commitment, creativity, and resilience drive every project, partnership, and life we touch. **We are proud to celebrate the incredible individuals who bring our mission to life every day, fueling progress across education, healthcare, and water access, and shaping a brighter future for Tanzania.**

MEET A MO SCHOLAR



SAMSON CHADAL

Class of 2023 | Program Officer, Education & Vocational Training, Mo Dewji Foundation

Samson now leads MDF's vocational education initiative, preparing young people with the skills they need to thrive outside of formal education. His goal: reach 45,000 youth in the next five years through hands-on training that builds lasting opportunity.

"My scholarship gave me more than a degree -it gave me purpose. Today, I'm helping others unlock that same potential."



Click or scan to learn more about our work and program areas.



Click or scan to meet more of our incredible team!



WHAT WE DO EDUCATION

Closing Tanzania's Higher Education Gap with the Mo Scholars Program

Education is not just about access, it's about agency. At the Mo Dewji Foundation, our vision for education is to unlock potential by equipping young people with the tools, confidence, and clarity they need to shape their own futures. Since 2016, the Mo Scholars Program has awarded over 250 university and college scholarships, achieving a 95% post-graduation success rate in employment and self-employment. We work across 21 higher learning institutions in Tanzania, identifying and supporting first-generation students who face the highest financial and structural barriers. But we don't stop at tuition.

Through our unique Learner's Journey model, we deliver a structured three-year path of skills development that goes beyond the classroom -building identity, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and leadership. This approach bridges the persistent gap between academic theory and market realities. Our scholars, like Gregory Simeo on a journey to list his agri-business on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, or Asia Juma who now serves in the State Attorney's office - the highest legal office, are living proof of what is possible.

250+ SCHOLARSHIPS

21 HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERS

SPANNING 16 REGIONS



DID YOU KNOW?

Despite economic growth, only 5.22% of Tanzanian youth are enrolled in higher education, and graduates typically search for 5.5 years to find employment post-graduation.



"Education is the first step toward changing not just a life, but an entire community."
-Mo Dewji, Founder

LOOKING FORWARD

As we look toward 2025 and beyond, MDF is expanding its educational impact into the informal sector, where over 95% of Tanzania's high school graduates reside. Recognizing that tertiary education is not the only pathway to human dignity and opportunity, we are developing a vocational education initiative that will provide practical, hands-on training for youth excluded from formal systems. Our goal is to reach young people -those who are too often invisible to policy, but vital to powering our economy. The early work of Mo Scholars alumni like Samson Chadal, now leading this vocational arm at MDF, signals our readiness to act. Whether through coding and AI in partnership with IIT Madras or mentoring girls into digital careers, our education work remains future-focused. Because we believe that when young people are empowered with knowledge and purpose, they don't just change their own lives -they become change agents across the continent.



Click or scan to learn more about the Mo Scholars program!
#MoScholars #WatotoWaMo



Click or scan to learn more.

THE LEARNER'S JOURNEY

The Mo Scholars Learner's Journey presents a deeply intentional, structured, and human-centered approach to scholar development that exemplifies the Mo Dewji Foundation's commitment to empowering young Africans. Over three transformative years, the journey nurtures identity, critical and creative thinking, emotional intelligence, and real-world readiness -building from foundational self-awareness to immersive application, and culminating in leadership, visioning, and systems thinking. With individualized scholar tracking, adaptive learning pathways, and robust assessment mechanisms, this journey bridges the gap between academic theory and practical life skills. It is a pioneering model of education reimagined -equipping scholars not just to succeed, but to lead with purpose in their communities and across the continent.

COMMUNICATION

Onboarding Session

Advanced Digital Literacy & Internship Application Workshops

Financial Literacy, Public Speaking & Presentation Workshops

Post Graduate Life Skills & Financial Literacy Workshops

In-Person Events

Personal Check-Ins

Speakers & Mentors

Alumni Coaching

Accepted to MSP Program

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Graduation

PROBLEM-SOLVING

Basic Digital Literacy & Career Mapping Workshops

Career Guidance Workshops

Virtual Events

Advanced Personal Branding, Networking & Entrepreneurship Workshops

CREATIVE & CRITICAL THINKING

LEADERSHIP

Soft Skills Workshops

Introduction to Business Concepts & Job Application Workshops

JOB PREPARATION

100% OF MSP SCHOLARS RECEIVE TARGETED CAREER TRAINING & ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

74% OF MENTORING PROGRAMS SHOW A POSITIVE LINK TO IMPROVED CAREER OUTCOMES.

(Roberts and Dubois, 2019)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

75+ PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY MO SCHOLARS' COMPANIES

480M TZS GENERATED ANNUALLY

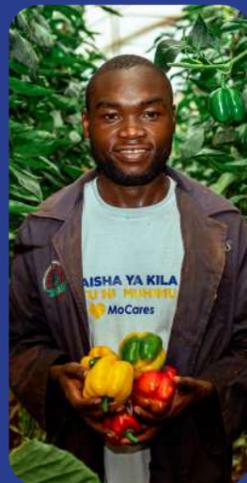
From founding and growing an agri-business to the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange to making it into the highest office in the Tanzanian Justice System, **our scholars are making an impact nationwide, and we are so proud to celebrate their achievements.**

GREGORY SIMEO

Class of 2024 | Founder & CEO, Sokoine Agri-Enterprises Public Ltd

Gregory Simeo turned his Mo Scholars stipend into a multimillion-shilling agribusiness. Today, his company generates over TZS 480 million annually, employs more than 40 people, and is preparing to go public on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, a first for a Mo Scholar.

“The Mo Scholars Program has been instrumental in my success- it gave me the stability and capital I needed to pursue my dream. It laid the foundation for everything I’ve built.”



KELVIN NASSARY

Class of 2019 | Founder & Managing Director, Tanzania Safari Operations Ltd

Kelvin Nassary launched his tourism company in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Against the odds, he **grew his business to TZS 118 million in revenue last year**, with a target of TZS 195 million in 2025. His company also gives back to the community, funding education for six children in need.

“When we invest in our communities, we create a ripple effect that goes far beyond one business or one life. Through my company, I’m proud to support children’s education and show that success can, and should, be shared.”

60% OF OUR SCHOLARS COME FROM RURAL AREAS IN TANZANIA

52% of our 2024 Mo Scholars were female students -a new record for the Mo Scholars Program!



ELINE NJUNWA

Ongoing Scholar, Computer Science

Eline Njunwa is breaking barriers in tech. A current MDF Scholar and student at the University of Dar es Salaam, she’s using her voice and skills to uplift other young women entering the digital space. Since 2022, **she has mentored women through initiatives like Help to Help’s IT Bootcamps**, where she’s **trained over 100 participants in digital literacy** -from mastering Microsoft Office to navigating online safety and professional communication.

With the support of the Mo Dewji Foundation, **Eline is focused on creating a more inclusive future for women in technology.** As a Rotaractor and Tai Ambassador, she’s a passionate advocate for digital empowerment and works to ensure that more women are equipped to thrive in Tanzania’s growing tech economy.

“I’m incredibly grateful to the Mo Dewji Foundation for supporting my education and giving me the chance to pay it forward. This journey has changed my life—and I’m committed to using my skills to help more women break into tech and succeed.”

ELISHA GEORGE

Ongoing Scholar, Mass Communication

Elisha George, a first-year student at the University of Dar es Salaam, **lost his sight as a toddler** due to a childhood illness. Raised in a low-income household and educated in under-resourced schools, he faced steep challenges, but never gave up. When he discovered the Mo Scholars Program, **he applied independently using accessibility software.** The program offered him more than just a scholarship: it provided the tools, mentorship, and support he needed to thrive.

Now studying Mass Communication at the University of Dar es Salaam, Elisha uses braille software and screen readers to fully participate in academic life. His dream is to become a journalist, using media to advocate for people with disabilities and create a more inclusive society. Whether he’s mastering braille tech or playing piano to unwind, Elisha’s story is a reminder that true vision comes not from sight, but from purpose. Through the Mo Scholars Program, he’s not only pursuing his own dreams—he’s clearing a path for others to follow.

“Without MDF’s support, affording university would have been incredibly difficult. I’m deeply grateful for the opportunity and hope more students like me can access the assistive tools and support they need to pursue their education and dreams.”



Click or scan to read the latest Mo Scholars Sphere newsletter.



OUR 2024 GRADS

Centre for Foreign Relations

Mohammed Bakari • Prosper Siayako • Victoria Kibona

College of Business Education

Akibaru Kaizege Hamad • Alisen Beyanga Kazinduki • Sandra Ruhizi

Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology

Baraka W Mbilinyi • Erick L Shayo • Fadhili K. Khamis • Happyness Bahati • Liberus V. Mnyandweke • Rosemary Rudovick

Institute of Finance Management

Catherine Faustine Mgifi • Medson Enock Chimande • Peruth Zizi Ntalima • Sumaiya Rashid • Zuhura I Bakari

Institute of Social Work

Neema Athanasi Bandola • Stivin Salum Exavery

Mbeya University of Science and Technology

Mariam Mussa • Mussa Masumbuko Mabula • Prisca Kivali Petro

Mzumbe University

Erenest Mathayo Erenest • Esther Hamis • Godwin Ezra • Martin John • Michael Godfrey Malamba • Naomi Enos

Sokoine University of Agriculture

Gregory Pankras Simeo • Jamal Seif Mnzava • Rehema Said Abdallah • Riziki Mohammed • Upendo Sakei Miteengi

State University of Zanzibar

Ezrom Elisha Nyamtogota • Raiye Hamis Salim • Sabra Kassim Seif

University of Dar es Salaam

Baby A Mohamedy • Catherine Fredy Moshi • Flora Kagoma • Jerome Mugeyi • Joan Priscus Mushi • Luckson Evarist Mayeka • Theodosta Sila Jeremayo

University of Dodoma

Helmut Dismas Kimario • Maltilda Joseph Reuben • Mwaka Yusuph Lule

96%
GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT
RATE

3.8
AVERAGE
GPA



Asia Juma **Class of 2020 | Lawyer**

Asia Juma's path to becoming a State Attorney began with the Mo Dewji Scholarship, which enabled her to study law at the University of Dar es Salaam. Beyond tuition, the program's mentorship and leadership training helped her build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of purpose. After graduating, Asia began her career at MeTL Group and now serves at the Office of the Solicitor General, contributing to Tanzania's legal system. She credits the Foundation for providing not just opportunity, but the tools to thrive, and encourages young people to believe in their potential.

"The Mo Dewji Scholarship was more than a stepping stone, it was a launchpad that propelled me toward my ambitions. I'm deeply grateful for the support and mentorship that shaped my journey. To any young person unsure about their future, I want you to know: opportunities like this can be truly life-changing. With an open heart and determined spirit, you can rise to meet your full potential, just as I did."



Click or scan to learn more about how to support the Mo Scholars Program

WHAT WE DO HEALTHCARE

Restoring Sight. Rebuilding Futures.

In 2024, our healthcare work focused on some of the most urgent and overlooked conditions affecting Tanzanians today - vision loss, childhood cancer, and neural tube defects. Through a deliberate mix of mobile outreach, surgical intervention, and early detection, we brought lifesaving care directly to people who often fall outside the reach of the formal health system.

Our eye care program expanded its footprint with data-backed surgical camps across under served districts. In parallel, we supported paediatric cancer treatment and holistic family care through our long-term partnership with Tumaini La Maisha, and strengthened the national response to neural tube defects, spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are preparing to launch targeted gynecological services for women in rural areas, and to integrate these services into a unified, multi-specialty health camp model. This next phase will move us from siloed interventions to stitched-together care, increasing our reach, improving efficiencies, and delivering a broader impact to those who need it most. What follows is a closer look at the human stories, clinical outcomes, and decisions that shaped this year's impact.

47 AVERAGE PATIENT AGE

BENEFICIARIES



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT Recognized for Impact. Positioned for Innovation.

Our 2024 eye care initiatives were carried out in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and local governments, and we are actively seeking technology partners and ophthalmic innovators to expand mobile diagnostics, remote monitoring, and surgical precision for future camps.



Click or scan to learn more.

8 MOBILE EYE CAMPS HOSTED ACROSS 5 REGIONS

Kabla ya kambi ya macho, sikuweza kuona sura ya mjukuu wangu mdogo. Nilikuwa nimekaa ndani kwa miaka, nikihisi kama nimeachwa nyuma na dunia. Baada ya upasuaji, macho yangu yalifunguka -nililia kwa furaha nilipomuona kwa mara ya kwanza. Sasa ninaamka mapema kila siku, nakwenda msikitini, na maisha yangu yamerudi mikononi mwangu.

"Before the eye camp, I couldn't see the face of my youngest grandchild. I had been stuck indoors for years, feeling left behind by the world. After surgery, my eyes opened—I cried with joy when I saw him for the first time. Now I wake up early, go to the mosque, and feel like life is back in my hands."

—Mzee Juma, 70, Kondoa District, Dodoma Region

VISION FOR PROSPERITY



Click or scan to learn more.

Eye Care That Powers Livelihoods, Learning, and Local Economies

In Tanzania, losing your sight can mean losing your livelihood, your independence, and even your place in the community. At the Mo Dewji Foundation, we bring sight, and life, back to people who have been living in the shadows for years. **In 2024, our mobile eye camps reached over 35,600 people, delivering 2,333 sight-restoring surgeries, 15,003 reading glasses, and over 22,000 doses of medication and multivitamins across eight under served regions.** But our impact is best captured in what happens after surgery.

We tracked each patient across four stages, from pre-op to one month post-op, and saw 93% regain functional vision (6/12 or better), while 72% achieved perfect sight (6/6). **These results not only reflect exceptional clinical outcomes, they surpass global WHO benchmarks.** One elderly patient came to us seeing only light -a state known as PL (Perception of Light)- and left with full, clear vision. In just four weeks, he crossed 14 levels of visual acuity, a transformation that turned complete dependence into full independence. These aren't just clinical results, they are stories of people getting their lives back.

IMPACT SHOWCASE Data Driven Excellence that Changes Lives

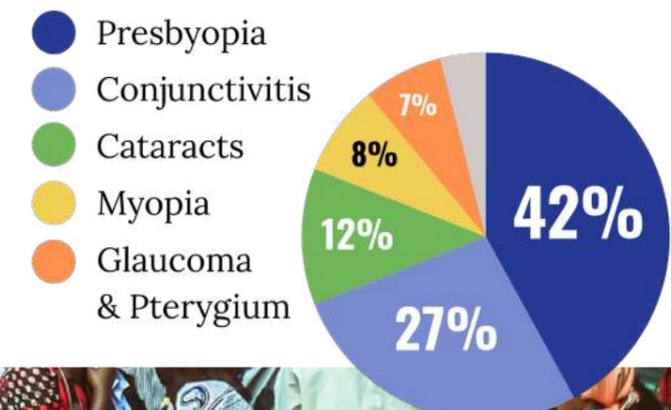
The Mo Dewji Foundation's eye camps don't just meet global standards—they surpass them. While the World Health Organization defines surgical success as achieving post-operative visual acuity of 6/18 or better in 80% of cases, **MDF's Kivule Eye Camp saw 94.4% of patients reach 6/18 or better just one month after surgery.** This dramatic improvement reflects MDF's clinical rigor, follow-up care, and commitment to data-driven excellence. **By embedding outcome tracking into every step of care, MDF ensures not only high-quality interventions, but accountability and ongoing learning, proving that community-based care can be world-class.**



DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show that restoring sight delivers rapid economic gains. In Kenya, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, cataract surgery led to household income increases of 36–88%. In Nigeria, nearly all patients reported higher earnings post-surgery. Backed by this global evidence, **MDF's 2024 eye interventions helped many elderly farmers and caregivers return to work within weeks—boosting household income by 30–50%.**

Surgeries Performed at MDF Eye Camps



LOOKING FORWARD Investing in the Future of Healthcare

To ensure a long-term, sustainable impact, the **Mo Dewji Foundation** is investing in the next generation of Tanzanian surgeons through **scholarships and international training** in response to the country's shortage of specialized care.

Two of our sponsored doctors, Desmond Mgyabusu Katunzi and Dr. Reyner Mtasingwa, are currently pursuing neurosurgical training at the University of Nairobi. Their journey not only addresses Tanzania's urgent need for specialized care but also strengthens our long-term capacity to deliver life-changing medical services, ensuring more lives and livelihoods are restored for years to come.



Macho yangu yalikuwa yameharibika kwa miaka mitatu. Nilikuwa naona aibu kwenda sokoni kwa sababu nilikuwa nikianguka mara kwa mara. Leo, ninaweza kuuza dagaa wangu tena bila msaada. Mo Dewji Foundation imenirejeshea heshima yangu.

"My eyesight had been deteriorating for three years. I was ashamed to go to the market because I kept falling. Today, I'm back to selling my sardines on my own. The Mo Dewji Foundation gave me back my dignity."

—Mama Rehema, 58, Small Businessowner, Korogwe District, Tanga Region



THANKS FROM THE COMMUNITY

In recognition of their work and collaboration with the Ministry of Health and local government, **MDF received an Excellent Performance Award in Muheza District from Hon. Batilda Nurian, Regional Commissioner of Tanga.**



2

**NEUROSURGEONS
MASTERS TRAINING
SUPPORTED**



Nilidhani maisha yangu ya shule yameisha. Sikuwahi kuona ubao darasani, na nilikuwa na ndoto ya kuwa mwalimu. Baada ya kupata miwani na matibabu, sasa naona vizuri. Nimepata nafasi ya pili ya kufuatilia ndoto zangu.

"I thought my school life was over. I could never see the blackboard, and I dreamed of becoming a teacher. After receiving glasses and treatment, I can now see clearly. I've been given a second chance to follow my dreams."

—Amina, 17, Student from Masasi District, Mtwara Region

GET ENGAGED



Click or Scan

Join Us and Help Expand Access to Equitable, Life-Enhancing Health Care

Help us bring transformative eye care to underserved communities across Tanzania. **Whether you're a medical professional, a health tech innovator, or an organization with tools and expertise to share, we want to partner with you.** From AI diagnostics to on-the-ground surgical support, your contribution can help restore sight, enable the next generation and change lives.

Ready to make a difference? Let's build the future of accessible eye care, together.



Advancing Pediatric Cancer Care in Tanzania to Give Every Child a Fighting Chance

In Tanzania, a child diagnosed with cancer still faces daunting odds -not because the disease is untreatable- but because access to timely, quality care remains out of reach for too many. An estimated 3,000 children develop cancer each year, yet fewer than 900 are officially diagnosed, and many must travel hours to reach a treatment center. The Mo Dewji Foundation has proudly supported Tumaini La Maisha (TLM), East Africa’s largest pediatric cancer center and the founder of the National Children’s Cancer Center Network, for over a decade.

In 2024, 900 new children were enrolled, with 3,000 receiving ongoing care, and survival rates climbed to 50%, a fivefold increase since 2013. MDF funding supported critical areas: covering 50% of chemotherapy and supportive medications, supporting the center-school program (25%), play therapy (5%), life skills training for guardians (10%), and nutritional support (10%).

Beyond clinical care, we shared TLM’s vision of expanding access, bolstering rapid diagnostics, building a national electronic medical record system, and supporting Ujasiri House (a family hostel) and psychosocial services. These investments -clinical, educational, emotional, and logistical- are together raising the standard of pediatric cancer care in Tanzania and helping to close the survival gap.



6
NEW REGIONAL CENTERS ADDED TO THE NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER NETWORK

3,500 PEDIATRIC CANCER CASES SUPPORTED IN 2024

“After months of fear and swelling in my neck, I was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin Lymphoma. I started chemotherapy while learning to read and write. I’m now healthy, learning again, and more hopeful than ever.”

- Soji, age 14, Mbeya



Click or scan to support TLM’s life-saving work.



Protecting Futures: Expanding Access and Advocacy for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Neural tube defects such as spina bifida and hydrocephalus remain some of the most devastating yet under-addressed health challenges in Tanzania. With an estimated 7,500 children born with these conditions each year, and less than a quarter receiving treatment, the stakes are tragically high especially when over half of affected children do not survive beyond the age of three.

In 2024, the Mo Dewji Foundation doubled down on its commitment to change this reality. We supported 51 life-saving surgeries at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute and in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, co-funded the training of two future neurosurgeons, strengthening the national pipeline of expertise. Through our partnerships with ASHBAT and Child Help Tanzania, we’ve also advanced advocacy for better care and inclusion, while beginning to expand services outside major urban hospitals. These efforts reflect our deep belief that children born with disabilities deserve more than survival; they deserve access, equity, and the chance to thrive.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2025, MDF is shifting from urgent intervention to long-term transformation with a strategy focused on early detection, curative care, and prevention. We’ll launch neonatal screenings at the community level to catch conditions early, before complications escalate. At the same time, we’re addressing root causes—like maternal malnutrition—through food fortification advocacy and improved access to fresh, organic produce. By integrating this work into our existing mobile health camps, we aim to strengthen rural healthcare systems and change outcomes for thousands of children each year.

“I never thought my child would ever receive treatment because I couldn’t afford the high costs of the surgery. I am beyond grateful to the Mo Dewji Foundation for the care they have shown us. May God bless you all.”

- Neema Daniel, Mother

WHAT WE DO

WATER

Expanding Clean Water Access to Expand Opportunity for All

In 2024, the Mo Dewji Foundation continued to deliver clean and reliable water to communities where safe drinking water remains out of reach. **Through our village-centric model, we partnered directly with local governments to construct and maintain 49 water wells across Singida, Morogoro, and Tanga, bringing safe water access to 24,500 people.** These interventions drastically reduced water collection times -from four hours to just ten minutes per trip- allowing women to reclaim their time, children to return to school, and families to live healthier, more dignified lives.

In places where walking for water consumes entire mornings, our wells do more than quench thirst, they protect health, safeguard livelihoods, and open doors for women to participate in income-generating work and community life. Every borehole drilled is a promise: that no one should have to choose between time, health, and survival.

4 HOURS SAVED DAILY
FETCHING WATER



“Before this well, I spent hours walking with my children to find water. Now I can care for my family and my business without that burden.”

- Mariam, Mother of Four, Singida

“We used to share river water with livestock. Now we have a safe, reliable source—and my children are healthier and back in school.”

- Hamis, Farmer, Tanga



24,500
LIVES IMPACTED
BY MDF'S WATER
PROJECTS

49
WELLS BUILT AND
MAINTAINED IN
2024



 Click or scan to learn more.



Click or scan to learn more.



LOOKING FORWARD

Looking ahead, we are reimagining what water access means for rural Tanzania. Our future focus goes beyond drinking water alone—we aim to unlock multiple uses of water for household resilience, food production, and income generation. In 2025, we will explore rainwater harvesting, and scaling proven, climate-conscious solutions alongside new, innovative methods that test the boundaries of efficiency and sustainability.



REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: TANGA

In Tanga, MDF's clean water initiatives have sparked tangible progress in health, education, and equity. Villagers report fewer cases of cholera and dysentery, improved hygiene, and a notable rise in school attendance—especially among girls. Children now save 2–3 hours a day previously spent fetching water, time they now spend learning. Women are using that same time to grow small businesses and take on leadership roles, showing how clean water drives lasting community change.

100% CLEAN AND SAFE WATER ACCESS DELIVERED TO HOUSEHOLDS IN 10 RURAL VILLAGES

GET ENGAGED



Click or Scan

Join Us and Share Your Expertise to Build Sustainable Water Solutions

We invite researchers, innovators, and technologists to join us in expanding access to water through smart design, bold thinking, and locally grounded solutions. Because when communities have water, they have the power to grow—not just survive, but thrive.





PARTNERSHIPS & RECOGNITION

As global philanthropy evolves, a new model of leadership is emerging -one where foundations from the Global South are no longer just recipients, but strategic funders of high-impact initiatives around the world. **The Mo Dewji Foundation is proud to be part of this shift, supporting bold, values-aligned programs across Africa, the United States, the United Kingdom, and beyond.** From justice reform to digital education and youth employability, our international partnerships are grounded in shared purpose, mutual respect, and the belief that solutions can come from anywhere, and serve everywhere. At the heart of this work is a conviction Mo Dewji lives by: *“A life is equal to a life, no matter what.”* That **belief in the equal worth of every human being, regardless of geography, guides how and why we choose to engage globally.**

GEORGETOWN PIVOT PROGRAM

The Mo Dewji Foundation proudly supported the **Georgetown Pivot Program**, an initiative dedicated to the reentry and reintegration of formerly incarcerated Black Americans. Over the course of three years, Mohammed Dewji through the **Mo Dewji Foundation contributed \$350,000, helping empower 80 justice-involved individuals with career pathways, entrepreneurship training, and second-chance opportunities.** As of June 2024, **over 90% of graduates secured employment within three to four months**—many in industries previously beyond reach, and more than 15 have launched entrepreneurial ventures.

Dr. Alyssa Lovegrove, Executive Director of the program, noted *“By engaging in this work, we are sending a strong signal that no one should be denied the opportunity to contribute to our society and fulfill their human potential.”* This partnership reflects a powerful shift in global philanthropy, where a Southern foundation invests in social justice and equity efforts in the North, demonstrating a shared commitment to dignity, opportunity, and the universal right to a second chance.

IIT MADRAS, ZANZIBAR CAMPUS

This year, the Mo Dewji Foundation partnered with IIT Madras Zanzibar—often called the “MIT of India”—to equip Mo Scholars with world-class training in AI and Data Science. These future-focused fields are critical to Tanzania’s digital and economic growth. Through this collaboration, scholars gain global exposure, technical expertise, and the tools to drive innovation across healthcare, agriculture, finance, and more—helping future-proof Tanzania’s workforce.



Click or scan to learn more.



KING'S TRUST INTERNATIONAL

In February 2024, the Mo Dewji Foundation formalized a partnership with The King’s Trust International (formerly The Prince’s Trust) to scale the Enterprise Challenge Program across East Africa. Already delivering strong outcomes in Kenya and Uganda, **this program equips young people with critical entrepreneurial, financial, and digital skills to succeed in today’s economy.** With over **600 youth engaged regionally** and **71% transitioning into education, employment, or training**, the Enterprise Challenge is a proven model for youth transformation. MDF’s support enables this work to expand into Tanzania, unlocking potential among underserved youth and complementing our existing education and livelihoods strategy.

GET ENGAGED



Click or Scan

Join Us to Inspire Change, One Life at a Time

We invite you to share bold ideas, breakthrough innovations, and advanced technologies that can accelerate and multiply our impact. Whether through volunteerism, sharing expertise, or material support—your contribution can help us reach further, move faster, and transform more lives.





2024 IMPACT REPORT



PO BOX 22196,
5th floor ABSA House,
Ohio Street, Dar Es Salaam,
Tanzania.

+255 763 387 531

info@modewjifoundation.org
www.modewjifoundation.org



Click or scan to
visit us online at
modewjifoundation.org
where you can learn
more and get engaged!