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**STICHTING KASULU ANNUAL REPORT  
MUZINGA WOMEN DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
2025**

**Summary**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Annual Report for the Sewing Project of the Muzinga Women Development Group in Muzinga, Muleba District.</b>
<b>Period of the report</b>	2025
<b>Implementation</b>	Stichting Kasulu, Muzinga Women Development Group
<b>Funding</b>	€ 3000
<b>Sources of funds</b>	Stichting Kasulu
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## **Welcome to Stichting Kasulu,**

Dear sponsors and friends of Stichting Kasulu,

We offer you a 2024 development report for one of our projects in Muleba District, Kagera Region, Tanzania. The last few years have seen the foundation creating more cooperatives, where we believe that by working together, communities can better own the development process and choose what fits their environment. Stichting Kasulu plays both a technical and financial role. Using on-the-ground expertise and volunteers from elsewhere in the World, we help groups form a cooperative and fund initial activities.

From our sponsorship programmes for individual children and young people to small business formations, the foundation wants to be at the heart of the development process, while remaining wholly locally owned. We encourage people to visit the projects in Tanzania whenever possible; it is a great opportunity to exchange knowledge, learn where your donations go, and join the conversation about improving lives using local means. We would love to welcome you to Tanzania also as a volunteer.

Thanks to donors and sponsors, the Kasulu Foundation has helped more than 200 children access education; 83 young adults are now working as clothes makers, electricians, mechanics, and masons; 4 women's groups are currently working together for their development; and the training centres in both Kasulu and Monduli are almost operational. We welcome you to our World, where every little help makes a significant impact on individuals and their communities.

This report is fully written by the Muzinga Women Development Group. We hope you will enjoy reading about their journey to social and economic freedom,

Dr Paul Wabike



Chairman, Stichting Kasulu.

## **A. About Stichting Kasulu**

The Kasulu Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to give children from low-income families in Tanzania the opportunity to attend school. The foundation, which was founded in 2004 in the Netherlands, has initiated many education/training programmes for young adults to learn skills they can use to earn a living. The foundation operates on different projects relating to education and health. We work through four distinctive programmes;

1. Sponsorship programmes – where children and young adults are sponsored to attend an education
2. Sponsor-a-skill programme – where a sponsored person learns a specific skill (such as tailoring, masonry, mechanics and electricians)
3. Training centres – we have built a training centre in the Kasulu district so that the local population can acquire basic skills. We are working to realise another centre at Mto wa Mbu, Monduli district, Arusha.
4. Building cooperatives - we have built small groups of people who work together. These groups typically focus on one or two business activities. We support these groups with initial funds to start a business. Examples are Muzinga Women Development Group (Muleba district, Kagera region), Rehema Group (Mwanza city) and Maisha Pamoja (Monduli district, Arusha).

## **B. The Muzinga Women Development group**

Mzinga village is in Nshamba Ward, Muleba District, Kagera Region, Tanzania, East Africa. Young women in this place are economically poor and socially marginalised in terms of owning land and family properties. Furthermore, they are subjected to early marriage and end up with earlier families that are vulnerable to a lack of basic needs like shelter, food, and clothing. Also, we are working with local groups such as churches, civic groups, and mosques.

During our daily activities, we met Leah Muganyizi, a native of Muzinga Village, who is familiar with the Kasulu Foundation. She advised us to apply for sponsorship from the foundation. We are grateful that our application was accepted. Kasulu Foundation sponsorship included the following.

- ❖ Supplying sewing equipment, such as fabrics.
- ❖ Instructor.
- ❖ Venue (rent).
- ❖ Bites for ten people.
- ❖ Transport.
- ❖ Allowance for ten participants.

## COSTS FOR TRAINING.

Item	Quantity	Period	Cost per Unit	Total Cost
Instructor	1	30 days	25,000 per person	250,000
Venue	1	30 days	15,000 per day	150,000
Beverages	-	30 days	1,000 per person daily	300,000
Materials	3 rolls	-	70,000 per roll	210,000
Transport	1 trip	-	100,000 per trip	100,000
Allowance	10 people	30 days	10,000 per person daily	3,000,000
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>2,210,000</b>

### B1: Training

We have one instructor who will assist us as a group, and we are starting from 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM. This is being conducted every day from Monday to Friday. During working hours, the program was divided into two parts: an open discussion and a one-on-one between the trainee and the trainer.

### B2: Post-Training Support.

- i. After the training, the Kasulu Foundation provided ten (10) sewing machines, which cost a total of Tsh 2,800,000, with each machine costing Tsh 280,000. Additionally, the technician who installed all the machines was paid Tsh 100,000 at a rate of Tsh 10,000 per machine.
- ii. We were sponsored Tsh 3,610,000 for fabrics to facilitate our sewing program. Which led to the following contracts:
  - ❖ Sewing school uniform of Gukeka vocational training centre (15 students).
  - ❖ Roman catholic choir (23 members).
  - ❖ Baptist choir (20 members)

### SEWING OF SCHOOL AND CHOIR UNIFORM, PROJECT COSTS:

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Roman catholic choir	22,174	23	510,000
Baptist choir	17,500	20	350,000
Fabric for students	13,334	15	200,000
Transport for student materials	-	1 trip	120,000
Sewing school uniforms	20,000	15	300,000
Fabric for choir members	20,000	43	860,000

Transport of choir materials	-	1 trip	194,000
Sewing choir uniforms	22,000	43	946,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	130,000
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>3,610,000</b>

The profits we made from the contracts were Tsh 330,000. It is used to buy new fabrics and other sewing materials.

### C. Achievements.

- i. The Muzinga Women Group Development continues to promote our sewing business and seek customers in various areas like Nshamba market, Rubya market, Rushwa market and Kishuro market, all markets found in Muleba district at Kagera region in Tanzania.
- ii. churches and schools have approached us to sew choir uniforms.
- iii. Several women have completed their training programs.
- iv. Five new students each month are sponsored by the Kasulu Foundation for training, thus increasing the number of tailors around the Muleba district and outside.
- v. We received three (3) machines from Kasulu foundation for graduate and continuing trainers to use the old machines under the provision of Muzinga women development group.
- vi. We exist to get new customers, existing and potential, especially during sessions of universal holidays like Christmas, New Year, Easter and the opening of schools, primary and secondary.
- vii. Now we employ official technicians who maintain machines during breakdowns.
- viii. We bought three (3) machines, fabric and other accessories for sewing machines from our own revenue Tsh 1,200,000, to increase the number of trainees in our project.

### C1: Challenges.

- i. **Raw Materials:** For sewing (fabrics, threads and other items) amounting to 2,000,000 Tanzanian Shillings, which will be circulated to purchase raw materials and return after selling our products.
- ii. **Advertising and Market Research:** Using various methods such as social media and other advertising channels, costing 200,000 Tanzanian Shillings per day for eight (8) days each month.
  - Monthly advertising costs:  $200,000 \times 8 = 1,600,000$  Tanzanian Shillings.

- iii. **Machine challenge:** We have a small number of machines compared to the number of members, which has led to difficulties in learning due to the shortage of machines.

### **C2: Ways to Meet Our Expectations.**

- i. By increasing advertising through social media like WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, as well as showing some prototypes and visiting schools.
  - ❖ To increase the quantity of clothing produced by the Muzinga Women Development Group and distribute it to various areas, starting with near villages like Mlela, Itongo, Bugarama, Biiirabo and Kihumulo.
  - ❖ Improve the marketing department to help advertise our business in various areas, increasing awareness among people about our activities, which we believe will help grow the market for our products.
  - ❖ We plan that every graduate will have a new machine with the ability to employ themselves and reduce dependency on individuals or family members

### **C3: Improvements**

- ❖ Our group continues to increase the number of members through training compared to the beginning.
- ❖ We have learned new sewing fashions in response to the market.
- ❖ We have improved our economic status compared to before engaging in this sewing program. Like paying our children's school fees and maintaining our standard of living.
- ❖ Create a network and collaborate with local readers and other non-government organisations in the Muleba district.
- ❖ We change community perspective and attitude, especially for women's empowerment, especially in economic status.
- ❖ Reduce negative attitudes and perceptions among women as a vulnerable group in Muleba district through our project. Now, women can be independent and avoid violence against women.

### **D: Conclusion**

Since we started as a group of 10 members, we have gained experience in sewing and improved our economic status by paying our children's school fees and providing basic needs for our families. We continue to serve our customers every day and advertise our business through various channels, including social media, Instagram, WhatsApp, and organised groups, as well as markets in Muzinga village and outside the village.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PHOTOS SHOWING PROGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES  
IN MUZINGA WOMEN DEVELOPMENT GROUP**



A leader leads a discussion on the challenges, obstacles, and achievements that occurred the day before. There are several reasons why we conduct a short discussion before we start a new day. The discussion helps the group learn new ideas, encourages one another, and inspires, motivates, and increases the spirit of hard work. The discussions help the group avoid repeating mistakes.





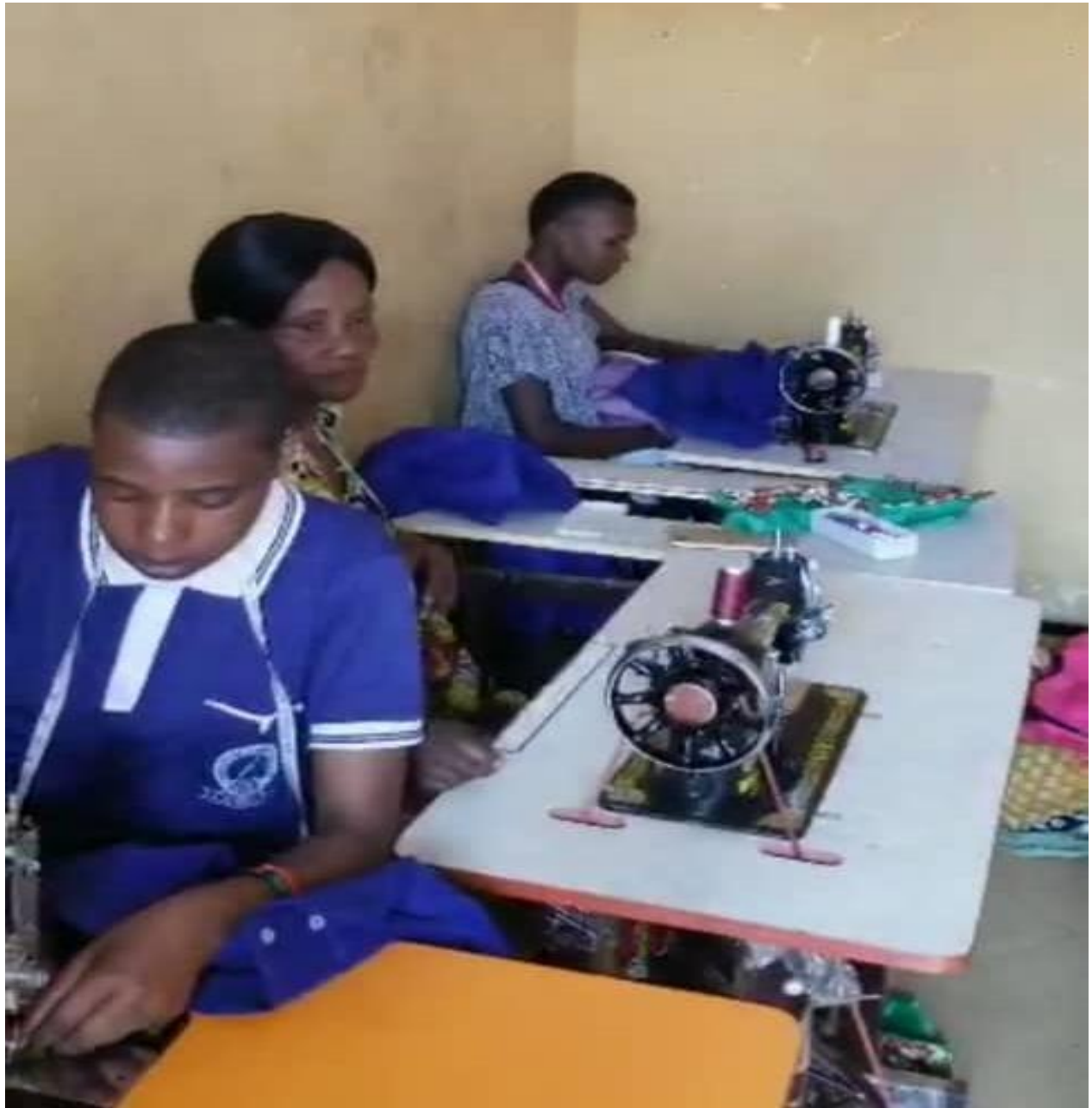












Figure 1.8 Proceedings of the sewing activities in the training centre.



Figure 1.9: Process of the activities of sewing a school uniform



