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Children helping to unload school supplies



Shani (center) & Ruth (right) shaking hands with the Headmaster after the photocopier was delivered

## Update from Tanzania

by Shani Mangola (TZ Director) and Ruth Matiyas (Project Manager)

Mtana (*Hello!*) We would like to share our very good news from Tanzania. We successfully received our certificate to operate in TZ as a community-based non-profit organization in October. The good news continued when our application for a corporate bank account was approved in November. Our very first wire transfer of funds was successful during the first week of December, allowing us to start purchasing necessary supplies for the Endamagha School, including a new photocopier for the teachers!

So far, generous donations have allowed us to:

- Begin operations in Tanzania and pay government fees
- Purchase a photocopier machine
- Purchase pens, pencils, and notebooks
- Begin sizing children for uniforms & shoes

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**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**



Mwalimu (Teacher) Anna  
at the Endamagha School

## Many roles: community member, board member, mother, advocate

by Anna Philipo

Hello. I am a teacher, a mother, a wife, the first Hadzabe woman to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, and a strong advocate for hunter-gatherer education. I teach at the Endamagha Primary School, where the majority of children from my community attend and where I, myself, attended primary school. After working hard to secure my own education and graduate secondary school, which was very rare for girls from rural areas in the 1990s, I have dedicated myself to working on behalf of Hadzabe children - the *olanakwe*. I am fighting for educational sovereignty and working to help ALL Hadzabe children succeed. You can learn more about my childhood and current work on our social media pages.

## Giving Tuesday was a success!

by Alyssa Crittenden (US Director) and Ben Cipollini (Chair of Fundraising)

This Tuesday, December 1, was our very first Giving Tuesday and it was a smashing success. Thanks to you, we raised over \$2,000! These funds are absolutely key in meeting the needs of the children at the school and will be put to use getting the classrooms in good shape with whiteboards and setting up solar panels to ensure that all of the computers (and the new photocopier!) can be used any time of the day. Learn more by visiting our website at [www.olanakwe.org](http://www.olanakwe.org).

THANK YOU



Our logo is a guinea fowl feather - which is used to fletch arrows. This logo was selected by community representatives as a symbol of Hadzabe culture.

## What is a mutual aid?

We are a mutual aid organization - which means that we :

- are community-based
- remain committed to the self-determination of those receiving aid
- use consensus decision making
- embrace transparency about organization structure & finances

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