



OLANAKWE

— Community Fund —

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*"Olanakwe Community
Fund will allow
Hadzabe children to
build their own future."*

*~ Shani Mangola, Co-
Founder & Director*

Kick-off Fundraising Campaign

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Mtana, or "hello", from the Olanakwe (*oh - LA - näk - way*) Community Fund. We are writing to introduce you to our organization.

We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that is US-based, operating in Tanzania. Our mission is to support community-based educational programs and economic development projects that directly benefit Indigenous Hadzabe hunter-gatherers of Tanzania, East Africa.

Our team is composed of Hadzabe community members, volunteer professional anthropologists, healthcare and development workers, and long-time friends of the Hadzabe. We work in collaboration with existing Community Based Organizations and Non-Profit Foundations in Tanzania.

Our Projects

WWW.OLANAKWE.ORG



All of our initial projects were selected by the Hadzabe themselves. They came together and identified how to best empower their community. They worked directly with Shani (Co-Founder & TZ Director) and Ruth (Project Manager) to prioritize projects.

Educational and economic sovereignty are the long-term goals - and all projects work to meet these goals. Read below for more information on each arm of our initial fundraising kickoff. Read more about our projects below and at www.olanakwe.org



BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Hadza children who attend primary school in Endamagha and Mongo wa Mono (villages in Northern Tanzania) need basic school supplies.

While their tuition is covered by the Tanzanian government, their uniforms, shoes, bedding, pencils, notebooks, and safe transportation to and from school are not.

This makes it very challenging to succeed. Even a modest donation can make a big impact.

"The extreme marginalization and stigmatization that hunters and gatherers face in [their countries] is mirrored in their schooling experience."

~ Research and Advocacy Group on Hunter Gatherer Education



WOMEN-LED ARTISAN ENTERPRISES ARE AN IMPORTANT ENGINE FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, POVERTY ALLEVIATION, AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.

WOMEN'S CRAFT COLLECTIVE



Hadzabe women make beautiful hand-made crafts and necklaces to sell to tourists using seeds, reeds, porcupine quills, and beads. The sale of these items empowers mothers to purchase uniforms and school supplies for their children.

We are working hard to purchase beads and necessary supplies and to support these artisans by providing financial literacy courses.

PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE



The Hadzabe community is working with our friends at the Hadza Empowerment Project (a Tanzanian based NGO led by our Project Manager, Ruth Matiyas) to build a preschool that will prepare children for primary school.

We are working to help Ruth build the school (which will be taught in Hadzane and Kiswahili), to provide a salary for the teacher, and to offer a mid-day meal for attending students.

To read more about this project, please visit www.olanakwe.org.

