



# SEED Newsletter March 2025

SEED's third decade has started wonderfully, seeing 19 new students starting in form 1 at Kalenga and Kiwele Secondary schools in January. Our change of focus back to our primary aim of supporting Secondary Education, has allowed us to support our largest form one in take for many years.

Over 50% of our students are in forms 1-4 at Secondary School



**Japhet with students at Kiwele Secondary School, having delivered all their items for boarding.**

These numbers are a big increase in comparison to other recent years, which we feel is a great joy! This change has paved the way for students, who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to receive Secondary level education, due to poverty.

The reason for this, is that many of our new university students are now receiving 100% loans from the Tanzanian Government, in a similar fashion to the UK. This frees up more sponsorship funds to support more students at Secondary level. It is thanks both to the Tanzanian Government for this ongoing extra support and also to Japhet, who spends many hours with SEED students, guiding them on how to apply for full support for their University education.

Although these students are no longer financially supported by SEED, Japhet and Richmen offer ongoing support in other ways, keeping contact with them on their path of education. All students are encouraged to come and visit our office in Iringa, to update SEED and maintain useful contact.



## Idodi Secondary School

Another decision we took recently, to try to utilise our precious funds in the best way, was to discontinue sending new students to Idodi Secondary School. Idodi is a much greater distance from Iringa than the other secondary schools. The road is also very poor. So travel costs to support students with a monthly visit is much higher. We have already noticed a positive impact in our budget which we continue to strive to balance despite rapidly increasing costs.

# Superb exam results for SEED students

The latest exam results from Tanzania demonstrate the motivation and hard work of our students.

In form two, six students sat exams, of which five obtained the top division one and one division two. This bodes well for these students continuing their studies at Kalenga and Kiwele Secondary Schools.

In form four, eight students sat and passed their GCSE equivalent exams, of which six students gained division one. This means all of the students can carry on to study A-levels or other higher level courses at various institutions, to obtain great education towards the careers of their dreams. All of these students would not have been able to study beyond Primary School level without the support of SEED sponsorship.

SEED is proud of the success of all of these students. Japhet and Richmen support all students, regardless of their academic abilities, and SEED values every one of its students. We recognise that the Educational path is not always a straightforward one!



We also celebrate the remarkable success of Ochieng Alex Okuge. He has gained recognition for being one of the highest scoring students in all of Iringa District. He gained division one, point seven - having an Average of GRADE A in all subjects.

This is the second time in recent years that a SEED student has been heralded for being one of the highest achievers of many students in the entire district. Japhet has arranged for a small prize to be given to him.

It's great to celebrate such good fortune and remind ourselves that the lives of these students have been changed by the generosity and support of sponsors and supporters of SEED.



# Fund Raising

If you have fund  
raising ideas for SEED  
please do let us know!

Our next quiz night will be at The Falcon Hotel on 27th June 2025.

For further information about the quiz night and fundraising for SEED please get in touch with Julie Jenkins at [julieann.jenkins@btinternet.com](mailto:julieann.jenkins@btinternet.com)

## Dates for your diary

Our AGM will be held on Friday 13th February, 2026 at 7pm.  
Please contact Emma Stapley on 07767 411284 for details.



## Please note our change of postal address

Over the years, the cost of our PO Box has increased to become the largest part of our UK running costs. We are therefore very grateful to St Peter's Church in Bromyard, for letting us use their postal address, helping us halve our UK costs.

SEED (Charity number: 1101166) aims to:

- Provide education, board and lodgings for as long as each student is able to stay in secondary education and offer vocational training if appropriate.
- Keep administrative costs down to an absolute minimum by using internet correspondence and volunteer workers to run the charity wherever possible.
  - Improve opportunities for sustainable school development
- Facilitate correspondence between sponsors and students to enable friendships to prosper and bridge the cultural gap.

