

Fondation Eagle

Report Form

Interim or Final report: Interim report

Donor name: Fondation Eagle

Fondation Eagle reference: FF680

Name of Charity: Mondo Foundation

Introduction: Supporting vulnerable women to support themselves and their families through providing grants to generate income through small-scale farming.

Date of grant accepted: 28th September 2023

Amount: £12,100

Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency: Conversion is GBP to TZS, conversion rate correct as of 28th September 2023. Conversion rate is 1 GBP = 3,059.01 TZS

Name and exact location of the project: Standing on our own two feet. Peri-urban areas surrounding Arusha and Moshi in Northern Tanzania.

Period of Project: 6 months. October 2023-April 2024 (plus 6 months continuation follow-up support ending in October 2024)

Project beneficiaries: As expected, we supported 40 women (20 with business grants and 20 with agricultural grants) plus their families (average of 4 children per family), making the total direct beneficiary number 200. The women who received support were identified through local sources such as HIV clinics, village committees and churches. They were selected because they were either affected by HIV or poverty and had several dependants – all the recipients were single parents.

Details of the project: Women could choose either business or agricultural grants; in the more rural areas, we offered the chance to set up a small cash crop / animal husbandry business, providing inputs for the farm, training, and ongoing support from local government agricultural workers. As well as the agricultural sector, women chose to open businesses selling fresh produce, fish, maize, rice, uagli, second-hand clothes – or opening or expanding hairdressers, cafes and tailors. Beneficiaries were visited and supported first weekly and then fortnightly by the Mondo Foundation and then every step of the way.

The women were grouped with others from their area and given the tools, finances, and resources to buy materials for their start-up, receiving valuable support and friendship from other members of their training group. Those running farming businesses received a monthly visit from an agriculture or veterinary officer to check on their progress and provide advice (eg, on crop selection, irrigation and vaccination of animals).

We also provided a year of health insurance to the women; giving them all access to free healthcare for themselves and their families and covering them should their business activities be disrupted due to ill health.

Many of the women are now trading daily, with a vast improvement on their quality of life and that of their dependants. We have included some case studies of the women supported by the Eagle Foundation.



Antonia received a business grant in January 2024. She was frying cassava only, and wanted to use the grant to expand her business. She purchased ingredients such as onions, potatoes, tomatoes, cooking oil and firewood to include with her fried fish, and she also decided to sell maize alongside this. She said that she is “so thankful to the Mondo team”.

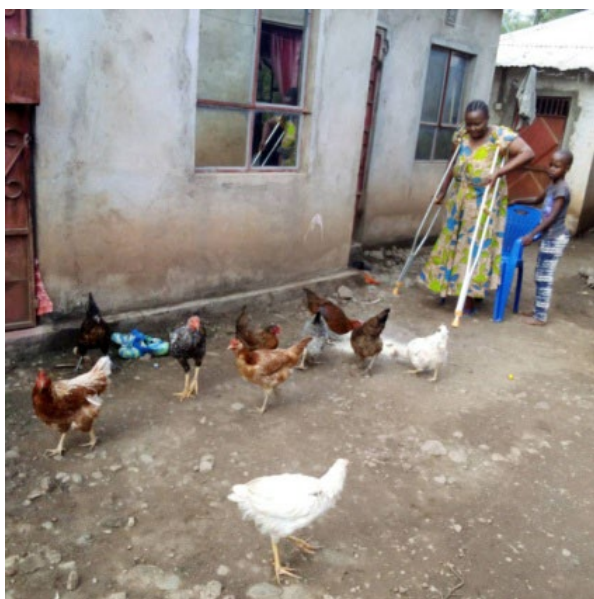
Earned before the grant: 62p to 93p per week

Earns now: £32.69 per week

Nembris received a business grant in February 2024. Prior to the grant, she sold vegetables door to door and found it difficult to save money and take care of her children. She used the grant to expand her business and now sells vegetables, bananas, bread and soap from her own stall. The health of herself and her children has improved, as since becoming more financially stable, she has been able to afford transport to her medical appointments and consistently eat well.

Earned before the grant: 98p per week

Earns now: £24.52 per week



Elizabeth had lost her leg due to diabetes; unable to work due to her health, she was struggling financially. She received a grant to keep chickens, which meant she was able to sell the eggs and make a profit. She now sells three trays per week, and says that Mondo Foundation and the grant have “given her hope in life”.

Earned before the grant: Nothing

Earns now: £8.83 per week

Neama lives with her three children in one rented room. She is desperate to rent a second room to give her family more space. She is working extremely hard on her business – six full days a week and one half day on a Sunday after church. She sells a variety of vegetables, including potatoes, tomatoes and plantain, and now keeps savings so that she can adapt her business with the needs of her customers, selling items based on demand.



Earned before the grant: 93p to £1.54 per week

Earns now: £25.50 per week

Detailed budgets and actual expenditure summary and comparison:

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Cost (UK)</u>	<u>Cost (TZS)</u>	<u>Spent (UK)</u>	<u>Spent (TZS)</u>	<u>Leftover</u>
Start-up grants - business	£2,400.00	7,341,624.00	£2,400.00	7,341,624.00	£0.00
Start-up grants - agriculture	£3,500.00	10,706,535.00	£3,500.00	10,706,535.00	£0.00
3-day business training	£2,000.00	6,118,020.00	£2,000.00	6,118,020.00	£0.00
Follow up visits by extension workers	£800.00	2,447,208.00	£400.00	1,223,604.00	£400.00
Monthly visits by agricultural / vet expert	£660.00	2,018,947.00	£330.00	1,009,473.00	£330.00
Follow up mentoring	£1,200.00	3,670,812.00	£0.00	0.00	£1,200.00
Health insurance	£440.00	1,345,964.00	£440.00	1,345,964.00	
Administration and overheads UK	£1,100.00	3,364,911.00	£600.00	1,835,406.00	£500.00
Total	£12,100.00	37,014,021.00	£9,670.00	29,580,626.00	£2,430.00

The discrepancies / money not yet spent are funds that are planned to be spent throughout the next six months of the project; the follow-up stage.

Results:

<u>Pre-project</u>	<u>Post-project</u>
80% of women were experiencing issues with either access to quality healthcare, food insecurity and / or poor sanitation.	All the women have found that they have turned a profit with their business and are using that profit to address the aforementioned issues such as providing food for their families,

	medical care, sufficient sanitation or educational fees.
All of the women we spoke to during the baseline survey were eating a maximum of two meals a day; some were only eating one.	All of the women surveyed are now reporting that they are able to eat three meals a day and provide their children with the same.

All the families we work with are in extreme poverty and experiencing deprivation as part of their daily life. When their income improves, their standard of living follows it, providing opportunities for both the women and their children. Examples of such opportunities are access to healthcare, the ability to pay for items for schooling such as books and uniform, and food security for the whole family.

Follow up: Part of the funding for the agricultural grants includes cost for extension workers to visit the grant recipients and their crops / farms in order to check on their progress and assist with any queries that they may have, as well as providing advice that they can use to achieve their goals.

Mondo staff are continuing to follow up with business grant recipients and will continue to support via regular visits. We have a schedule of visits planned each month and will tend to focus on one or two areas of Arusha and Moshi per month, so that we have time to get round all the groups.

We continue to offer ongoing training and support to the ladies, and undertake continuous monitoring with the widows and single mothers benefiting from the grants, including collecting data on the age of their dependants, statistics on how much they earned before and after the grant, and some of the practical differences that the grant and their businesses have made to their lives.

Recently Matthew, our CEO visited the project in Tanzania and spoke to some of the women involved in the scheme. He was humbled by the difference the project was making and the strength the ladies had; the grants have given them so much more than just income; they have gained confidence in their own abilities and are empowered to continue along the path of self-sustainability.

As before, we are encouraging the grant recipients to join Vicoba groups in order to maximise their income further. We continue to visit the Vicoba groups, in particular those in their infancy such as the new Vicoba group we have started this year at Bomang'ombe. Although this group only began in the last six months, women are already taking out loans, allowing them to expand their businesses further and work together to achieve economic success.

Conclusion: As always, we are extremely grateful to Fondation Eagle for supporting and seeing value in this vital work, allowing for its' continuation into another year. Thank you on behalf of all of us at Mondo Foundation, Mondo TZ and all of our beneficiaries and their children.

Signature and date: R. Parkinson, 24.04.2024
