

Shubi Vision Statement

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Mission

The Shubi Foundation (Stichting Shubi) wants to improve the quality of life for hearing impaired and deaf children in Tanzania.

Articles of Association

As stated in the articles of association, drawn up in 1993, the Shubi Foundation's aims are to:

- improve the care for the deaf and hearing impaired in general and in particular for deaf and hearing impaired children in Tanzania;
- provide technical equipment, such as audiology equipment;
- develop audiology equipment and teaching aids/materials that fit the local situation as well as possible.

Today, in 2010, we still subscribe to these aims.

Significance

Unfortunately, deaf children in Tanzania are still excluded from education, despite the fact that Tanzania abolished tuition fees in 2001. The country has an estimated 25,000-40,000 deaf children; only 2,000-2,500 of them attend special education schools. The Shubi Foundation knows from experience that in these schools, teachers and pupils often communicate by spoken language or by Swahili supported by signs, and in some cases by sign language. The Shubi Foundation wants to create conditions to give deaf and hearing impaired children better opportunities in education.

Ownership and partnership

In view of sustainability, it is important that the Shubi Foundation:

- knows and understands the Tanzanian Government's plans concerning education and health care, as formulated by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training;
- has a local partner, who, as a co-owner of the projec (ownership), is jointly responsible for the success of the project. The basic principle with this is that the partners are equal (partnership). The input from the project partner is necessary for making policy.

Partner

Patandi's Teacher College (PTC): In February 2010, PTC requested the Shubi Foundation to support (future) teachers through annual training. PTC will provide the conditions for training.

Main points 2010-2013

In the coming three years, the Shubi Foundation will concentrate on four main points:

1. The Shubi Foundation will enter into agreements with Patandi's Teachers College to

- realize cooperation on the basis of ownership and partnership.
2. In the coming three years, the Shubi Foundation will organize annual training based on the 'train-the-trainer principle' at Patandi in Arusha, Tanzania; this training will entail audiology care and communication. Besides, teaching at Patandi will be facilitated through teaching aids/materials that fit in with local needs and methods.
 3. The Shubi Foundation will support Patandi's Teacher College in setting up an Assessment Centre in order to recognize hearing problems in children in an early stage; the support will be given on request of Patandi. Facilitating can include financial and/or material support and transfer of knowledge.
 4. The Shubi Foundation will develop a care plan for the children who present themselves for examination at the Assessment Centre in Patandi.

Besides these main points, the Shubi Foundation can also offer its support at the Assessment Centre in Dodoma on request of the EOTAS Foundation. Every request will be judged by the entire committee.