



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear sponsors and supporters,

It has been an exciting year for our foundation.

As you may have read in previous emails or on social media, iThemba has transitioned to a new name: Siringit Foundation. This marks a fresh start for us, though our mission remains unchanged—providing children from challenging backgrounds with access to quality education. Additionally, we have launched new projects focused on Conservation, Reforestation, and Sustainability.

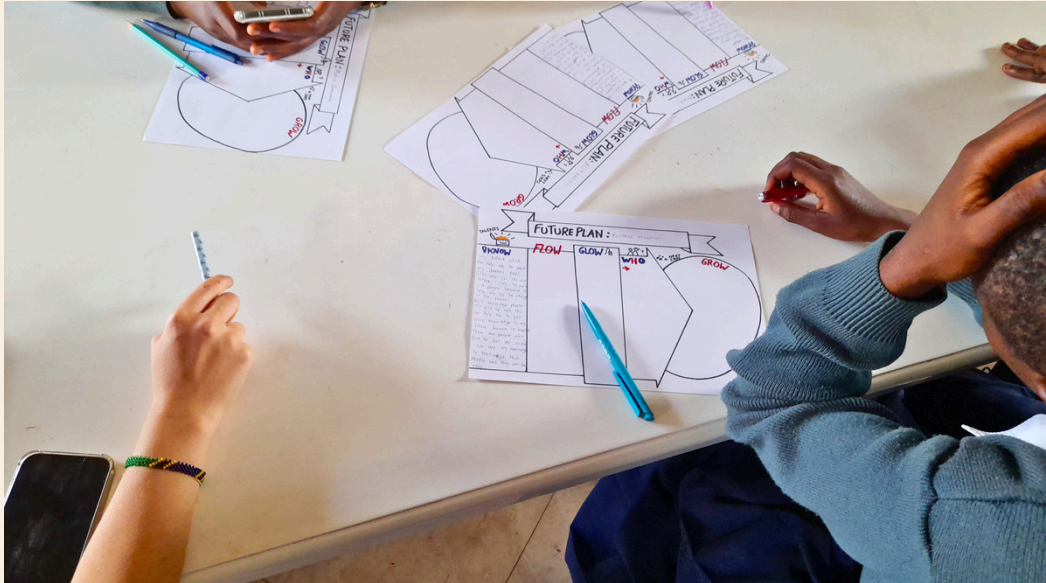
Thanks to your continued support, we can keep working to create opportunities for children and young people in need. From primary students receiving extra tutoring to secondary school students on the path to a promising future in higher education, your contributions make a tremendous difference.

In this edition of our newsletter, we'd like to share some of the initiatives we've recently launched. We've introduced new tutoring sessions for students in the 5th and 6th grades and have begun working more closely with secondary students to help them make informed study choices. We're also excited to share inspiring stories of students who are now able to pursue their dreams through our sponsorship program.

Your involvement makes this impact possible. Together, we are building a better future!

Warm regards,  
Siringit Foundation

# A FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITIES: OUR GUIDE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



For many of our secondary school students, knowing what the next step should be after graduation is challenging. Often, they lack information about the options available to them and how to make study choices that align with their interests and abilities. That's why we have developed a special guide to help them make this important decision.

This guide offers information on how students can thoughtfully approach their study choices. Additionally, it includes an overview of various colleges and universities in Arusha, providing our students with a clear view of the opportunities available to them.

We hope this guide will inspire them and motivate them to successfully complete their secondary education. With a clear goal in sight, we believe students will be encouraged to work harder and stay committed to their learning journey, knowing what opportunities await them.

# IMPROVING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: EXTRA TUTORING FOR OUR STUDENTS

We'd like to share an update on the progress of our sponsored students in the 5th and 6th grades. In recent months, we observed that their performance in key subjects like English, Science, and Mathematics has been lagging behind. To address these challenges, we recently started offering extra tutoring sessions.

These sessions are led by an experienced tutor who was specially appointed to support our students in building their skills in subjects critical to their future. Thanks to the financial support of the NGO, we're able to provide these additional lessons to help our students improve their academic performance.

We hope that these sessions not only help students achieve better grades but also increase their confidence in the learning process. We remain dedicated to providing each student with the guidance and resources they need to succeed.



# EXAM SEASON IN TANZANIA: MILESTONES FOR OUR STUDENTS

September, October, and November are always exciting months. In Tanzania's education system, there are four "filter" stages.

In Standard 4, there are national exams in October to assess if students are ready to move on to Standard 5.

Standard 7 students had their national exams this past September. The results of these exams determine whether they can advance to secondary school or not. And there is good news: all students of Standard 7 passed their exams and can continue to Secondary school!

Students in Form 2 of secondary school have national exams in November to assess if they can move on to Form 3.

Finally, in Form 4, students take national exams in November as well. These are the final exams for secondary education. If a student performs well, they may progress to the Advanced Level of secondary education, specifically Forms 5 and 6. Another option is to pursue further studies for a certificate or diploma at a college, and potentially even continue to a bachelor's or master's degree.

All other students also have exams at the end of November to conclude the school year.

We're rooting for all our students!

# A FUTURE IN FOCUS: STUDENTS ADVANCING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Thanks to the sponsorship program, students not only have the opportunity to complete their primary and secondary education but also to pursue their dreams in higher education. We are proud that several of our sponsored students have taken the next step in their educational journey.



One inspiring example is Winifrida, an ambitious young lady who has started her training in Hair & Beauty. With the support of her sponsor, she has gained access to a field where her passion lies. Through this short course, she is not only given the chance to develop herself but also to become economically independent and support her community.

In addition, there is Alice. You may have already read her story on our social media. If not, it is definitely worth it! In an interview, she shares her experience with our sponsorship program and how it has changed her life. Alice has begun her second Bachelor's degree in Range Management at the Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro.



**From a Maasai Village to University: Alice Nasiyanga's Journey with Siringit Foundation's Sponsorship Program**

This is just one example of how your support has a lasting impact on the lives of our students. Your involvement opens doors to a better future!

Are you also interested in the sponsorship program? Feel free to send an email to [info@siringitfoundation.org](mailto:info@siringitfoundation.org) for more information.

# NEW PROJECTS: CONSERVATION, REFORESTATION & SUSTAINABILITY

In addition to our focus on education, we have also started new projects this year aimed at conserving nature and promoting sustainability in the communities we work with. These initiatives play a crucial role in protecting the natural resources of Tanzania while contributing to a more sustainable future.

## **Conservation:**

In collaboration with [Friends of Serengeti Switzerland](#), we are investing in projects that help protect biodiversity in the Serengeti. One of our key goals is the conservation of endangered rhinos in the park. We are working on improving infrastructure and protection measures to ensure that these magnificent animals and their habitat remain safe for future generations.

## **Reforestation:**

To combat deforestation, we are committed to restoring forest areas in Tanzania. We are collaborating with [The Kilimanjaro Project](#) to plant new trees and help restore the ecosystem. Through our reforestation efforts, we hope to make a lasting positive impact on nature.

**Sustainability:**

We strive to keep our ecological footprint as small as possible. In collaboration with [Chanzi](#) and Okota, we ensure that almost all the waste from our main operation is recycled. Non-organic waste is sorted into different categories and used for new products. Organic waste is converted into fertilizer and animal feed by using the Black Soldier Fly.

This project demonstrates our commitment to a sustainable future while also providing a solution to the waste problem in the region.

Through these new initiatives, we aim not only to improve the quality of life for people but also to have a positive impact on the environment. Your support enables us to continue our efforts towards these goals!





Siringit Foundation is still registered on Goodgift. Here you can order a gift voucher. The recipient of the voucher can choose which charity they would like to support with it, and Siringit Foundation happens to be one of the registered charities. Be sure to check out at <https://www.goodgift.be/ithemba/> for more information!

# TROOPER

Don't forget to shop for end-of-year gifts or holidays through the Trooper website, and support the foundation without costing you a penny extra! You can still find us under the name iThemba.

How does it work?

1. Go to our page on Trooper: [www.trooper.be/ithemba](http://www.trooper.be/ithemba)
2. Choose the webshop where you want to buy something
3. Through this link, you can shop just as you normally would
4. The webshop pays a percentage per purchase to the foundation, while you as the buyer pay nothing extra.

It's that simple! Feel free to share this with friends and family, especially those who enjoy shopping online :)

We are always looking for extra sponsors or donations, so we can keep doing what we do! Do you know people who are interested in the sponsorship program? Neighbors, friends, family members?

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