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# ANNUAL REVIEW 2024



## BWECODEO ANNUAL REVIEW: January 2024 – December 2024

Dear Team and Stakeholders,

We are pleased to present the annual report of BWECODEO, covering the period from January 2024 to December 2024. This year has been a journey of growth, community involvement, and sustainable empowerment for the people of Bwejuu and beyond. We are deeply grateful for the support we have received and excited to share our progress in various sectors, along with our financial statement.

### Mission and Goal

At BWECODEO, our goal remains consistent: to provide sustainable support for an independent and self-determined life. We have always emphasized the importance of involving the local community, collaborating in a way that respects and values Zanzibari culture. Our approach is rooted in empowerment, education, and creativity.



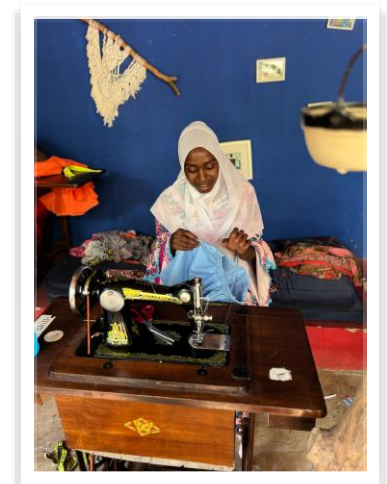
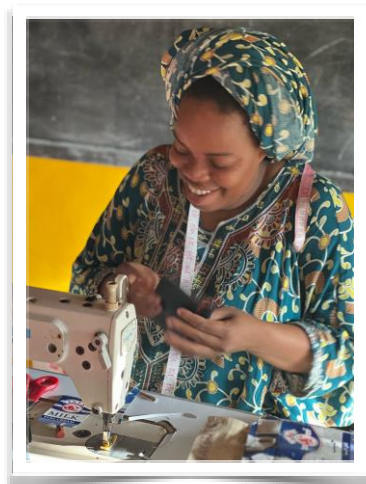
## Program Highlights:

### 1. Sewing School Program for Women

- Launch: In June 2023, BWECODEO opened its doors in Bwejuu, starting with a Sewing School to empower women through practical skills.
- Curriculum: Alongside sewing, we introduced English lessons and empowerment training to prepare the women for a self-determined future.



- Challenges: We quickly recognized that many of our students are mothers struggling to balance childcare with their participation in the program.



## 2. Childcare Program & Daycare Development

- Solution: In response to the childcare challenges, we launched a safe and nurturing daycare service, enabling mothers to focus on their studies and skills development.



- Expansion: As the daycare program gained popularity, we expanded to accommodate more children, including those from other families in Bwejuu.



- **New Development:** In December 2024, we successfully registered our Childcare as part of BWECODEO, with a focus on art, nature, and music. Our team uses trauma-informed and experiential educational approaches, offering a safe and stimulating environment for children.



**In November 2024 we thankfully received some donations for our Childcare from Germany.**



## Exciting news: We've won a competition to build a playground!

We are thrilled to announce that our project idea has won a competition held by a German company! In the competition, we had the opportunity to present our project and vision for building a new playground. We are proud to say that our proposal was selected as the winner. Thanks to this recognition, we were able to bring our playground project to life!

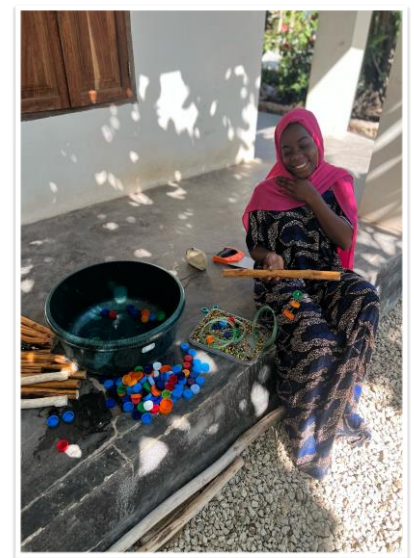


### 3. Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

- Trash Awareness: Recognizing the growing environmental issues in Bwejuu and along the East Coast, we engaged with the local community and the Sheha (village leader) to address the problem of waste disposal.
- Beach and Village Clean-ups: We launched a cooperative project with Bara Bara in Paje, organizing beach and village clean-ups. As part of this initiative, we collected plastic milk and cement bags. We repurposed them to create new products, such as bags and accessories through our sewing program. This project not only promotes environmental responsibility but also fosters creativity among the participants.



- Upcycling in Childcare: In our Childcare program, we incorporated creative art activities focusing on upcycling, teaching children the value of reusing materials and the importance of sustainability.







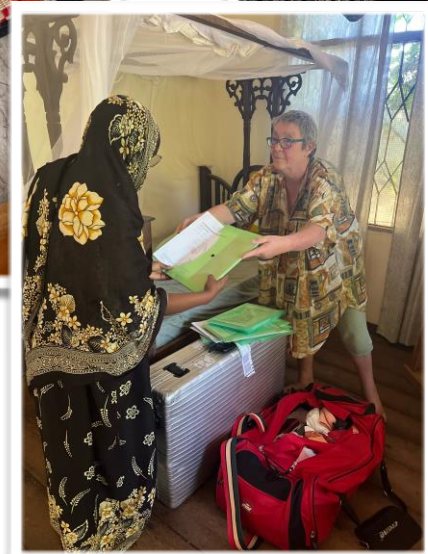
#### 4. Bibi Sabuni Project (Seaweed Women)

- Support for Older Generations: We initiated a project to support older women, specifically the seaweed farmers of Bwejuu, who do not receive a pension. These women harvest seaweed from their farms and create handmade soaps, known as “Bibi Sabuni”.
- Impact: Through the sale of these soaps, the women earn a livelihood. The project has become a symbol of love, patience, and intergenerational support within the community.



## 5. “My Days My Choice” Menstruation Project

- Workshops: Every three months, BWECODEO in collaboration with our midwife Johanna, organizes menstruation health workshops for women in Bwejuu. These workshops cover topics such as the female body, menstrual cycles, and pain management.
- Sewing Menstrual Pads: As part of these workshops, we teach women to sew their own reusable menstrual pads. We also distribute menstrual cups and provide education on their use, promoting sustainable and affordable menstrual care options.



## Financial Overview

This year, BWECODEO's financial activities have been focused on sustaining and expanding our programs while ensuring transparency and accountability. Our financial statement, detailed in the accompanying documents, outlines income from donations, grants, and sales of products from our projects such as "Bibi Sabuni" and upcycled goods.

- **Revenue Sources:** Donations from international and local partners, income from soap sales, and product sales of upcycled materials.
- **Expenditures:** Primarily spent on program development, community outreach, educational materials, childcare services, and operational costs for running our programs.

We are committed to responsible financial management ensuring the sustainability of BWECODEO's operations and programs.

## Looking Ahead:

As we enter 2025, BWECODEO is excited to continue building on our successes. The planned opening of our Nursery School, continued growth of our Childcare and sewing programs, and expanded environmental initiatives are just the beginning of our future plans. We are committed to creating lasting change in the Bwejuu Community, driven by empowerment, sustainability, and cultural respect.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, partners, and the Community of Bwejuu for their continued dedication to the success of BWECODEO. Together, we are making a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Sincerely,**  
The BWECODEO Team