



## SIDO leads from the front

Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) once again took the opportunity to show case their work with artisans and the work of the artisans themselves at the Dar Es Salaam International Trade Fair in June this year.

SIDO itself took top honours in the engineering category and for the first time this year among the many artisans displaying their work were representatives from two artisan groups in Tabora sponsored by Tools for Self Reliance. The first of these, Kazole Anto-Fre Metal Workshop is a group of people with disabilities who are involved in the production of wheelchairs and other hospital equipment. The other group, Vijana Moto Moto is a group of young carpenters producing furniture of the highest quality whilst also training young apprentices.

Both of these groups have received kits from Tools for Self Reliance and were visited by TFSR

in May this year. Such was the quality of their work it was felt that exposure to a wider market such as the International Trade Fair would reap rewards.

Kazole Anto-Fre Metal Workshop wrote to tell us that this had indeed proved to be a unique opportunity to show the quality of the products that they had received orders for over £1,500. They told us that this exposure has taught them the value of participating in SIDO exhibitions and they will make efforts to attend more. Well done to SIDO and all the artisans involved.



*Hon. Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein (MP), Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, presents SIDO Director General, Mike Laiser, with the first prize for the Engineering category at Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair 2005.*

## TFSR at the Top!

Thirteen intrepid trekkers took up the challenge to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for Tools for Self Reliance and the Minstead Training Project this July.

After a gruelling four days trek the attempt on the summit began at midnight. Jan Kidd (Chief Executive of Tools for Self Reliance) managed to make it to the top, 5,732 metres. Nine other members of the group carried on to reach the highest point of Uhuru Peak, an amazing 5,895 metres!



Before leaving, the group were told this would probably be the hardest thing they would ever do and none of them would dispute that!

It is hoped that this superb effort by ALL the team will raise around £30,000 in sponsorship. Congratulations!

# TFSR Support Doubles Artisans' Incomes in Ghana

TFSR's tool shipments to Ghana in the last two years, complemented by our auxiliary programme of business development services, product development, and marketing training, have resulted in the doubling of average incomes of rural artisans benefiting from our programme. These heartening findings were reported in a recent participatory evaluation study conducted in Ghana by TFSA's Partnership Development Officer, Sarah Ingleby, and Programme Development Officer, Adnan Laeeq.



*Musah Welding Shop – running repairs*

The TFSA team visited Ghana between 4th and 25th July 2005, and conducted its evaluation study in the Upper East, Upper West and Northern regions of the country where TFSA has supported 850 artisan groups in the 2003-05 period. The visit was part of our constant efforts to internally evaluate our programme and the objective of the evaluation study was to involve as many people with a direct stake in our work as possible. This included project staff from our local partners, Centre for Development of People (CEDEP) and Action on Disability & Development (ADD), local government officials, and most importantly our beneficiaries.

A combination of interviews, questionnaires, focus group discussions, community meetings and fieldworker reports were used to conduct the study. The evaluation study also reports that 95% of respondents were able to increase their production, develop new products, employ more

people, and increase income for individual group members due to the support they had received from TFSA.

With regard to requests for specific tools, there was an overwhelming demand for sewing machines and TFSA would like to take this opportunity to appeal to its supporters to assist us in fulfilling this growing demand. We urgently need more volunteers with skills to refurbish sewing machines, so if you would like to help please get in touch with Jon Dunkley at TFSA. No experience is needed and full training will be given.

In terms of future directions, 80% of the respondents were of the opinion that TFSA should increase the scope of its auxiliary programme and include micro-credit, micro-enterprise management, basic accountancy and book-keeping courses, technical training and certification, and lobbying activities to safeguard the rights of rural artisans.

Given the increasing demand for support services, TFSA staff visited various local NGOs, including TRAX Ghana, Pro-Link and Development Alternative Service Foundation (DASF), with the view of initiating future collaborations.



*Mathew Linus – apprentice at Anaabaco Fashion & Smock Designing Centre (Upper West Region)*

# GIGDEV – Making a Difference

In 1998, Madam Stella Ntori, a retired nurse/midwife, established Girls Growth and Development (GIGDEV), a community-based organisation in Jisonayili, a rural community in Tamale, Northern Ghana. Madam Ntori's vision was to educate and train marginalised young girls in order to empower them to exercise their rights and to make effective contributions towards the development of their communities.

A large majority of GIGDEV's beneficiaries consist of school dropouts, street children, housemaids, orphans, teenage single mothers, and disabled girls. These girls receive training in dressmaking and embroidery, textile designing and printing, home management, hairdressing, cloth weaving, food processing and preservation, and education on sexual reproductive health, human rights, and numeric and literacy skills.

A firm resolve and staunch belief in the concept of 'self-help' sets GIGDEV apart from the plethora of community-based organisations operating in Ghana. "We shouldn't use poverty as an excuse... if someone is helping to scratch your

back, you must help by scratching your front", says Madam Ntori. Given this sentiment, it is not surprising that GIGDEV has managed to support the training of over 300 girls, has established a day-care centre for the children of working mothers and has well-equipped training facilities for its beneficiaries. All this has been achieved with minimal donor support.

TFSR has been supporting GIGDEV periodically over the last five years with tools and sewing machines. TFSR plans to continue supporting GIGDEV and we hope to replicate this 'best-practice' model in other regions.



*"We started with needles and threads and then TFSR gave us sewing machines. Now look at us!"*

## Tools & Skills Development for Artisans

TFSR, in collaboration with local partner Centre for Development of People (CEDEP), will be undertaking a project in Northern Ghana to improve the livelihoods of rural artisans. The project, co-funded by the Triodos Foundation and the Tibden Trust, aims to facilitate the rural artisan sector in the acquisition of technical and entrepreneurial skills.

The project activities include a shipment of refurbished tools, training need assessment, and

general and occupational education sessions for artisans. It is expected that the project will enable artisans to enhance the quality and efficiency of product development, production and maintenance, and enable them to supervise and train workers with lesser skills.

TFSR is confident that successful implementation of the project will make positive contributions towards poverty alleviation in the region.

# Nobel Peace Laureate calls for tools for Africa

Honourable Professor Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate and Kenyan MP, has stated that there is an urgent need to mobilise resources to create and sustain enterprises, jobs and wealth in Africa. In her address to the African Diaspora in London, Prof. Maathai lauded the decision of the G8 countries to cancel the debts of the 18 HIPIC countries, but urged that there is a need to extend support to African small and medium-sized enterprises. "Indeed a thriving small enterprise culture is key to enabling Africans to exploit their capacities and fulfil their aspirations for jobs and economic security."

Prof. Maathai, who is the first African woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Peace and is the founder of the Green Belt movement in Kenya, stated that despite the fact that Africa is well-endowed in terms of natural and mineral resources, Africans have failed to use these resources effectively. "African people lack knowledge, skills and tools to add value to their

raw materials so that they can take more processed goods into the local and international markets, where they would negotiate better prices and better rules for trade."

Tools for Self Reliance strongly supports Prof. Maathai's viewpoint and has been striving constantly to support the African microenterprise sector. With the help of our material assistance, mainly in the form of kits of hand-tools, business development services, and marketing programmes, rural entrepreneurs have been successful in developing production that enjoys favourable market prospects and meets market requirements. Given the increased self-employment and improved local wage opportunities offered by our programmes, we have achieved considerable success in enabling local microenterprises to expand, hence making positive contributions towards poverty reduction and rural development in the region.

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## Capacity-building of Ugandan Artisan Network

In December 2005, TFSR will be conducting a capacity-building programme for Network of Local Artisans (NOLA), a rural artisans' co-operative, in order to enhance its participation in poverty alleviation and community development efforts in south western Uganda.

The project, co-funded by the Ericson Trust and the Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation, aims to train NOLA's staff and trustees in various aspects of organisational development with special focus on governance, financial management and planning, project management, and fundraising.

The project was developed with Mr Godfrey Kasozi, Chairman of NOLA, during a recent visit to Netley Marsh. During his discussions with TFSR staff, Mr. Kasozi expressed his concerns about NOLA's inability to meet the increasing demand for services, which was a result of a tremendous upsurge in the co-operative's membership base. It was unanimously decided that there was a pressing need to institutionalise the co-operative if it was to effectively coordinate the activities of local artisans, provide technical training, and lobby for the interests of the Ugandan artisan sector with the local and national government.

## Axminster Tools teams up with TFSR to support African Artisans



Photo - Jon Dunkley (TFSR), Tommy Walsh and Nick Dicks (Axminster)

Axminster Tools, one of the UK's leading tool and machinery suppliers, has teamed up with TFSR to collect quality used hand tools at its Tools Show, to be held between 10-12 November 2005.

With over 13,000 visitors expected to attend the show, it is anticipated that thousands of tools will be collected. Axminster's collaboration with TFSR is part of its 'Tools for Africa' initiative to collect tools and raise funds for Africa.

The initiative was recently given a tremendous boost by TV's 'Ground Force' personality, Tommy Walsh, who visited the Axminster Tool Centre and donated some of his used tools and pairs of autographed braces. These will be auctioned and the proceeds will be donated to TFSR.

## New homes for old anvils

This 1950s photograph shows Claude Spooner demonstrating shoeing to the pony club of Bale in Norfolk.

Claude was a bachelor all his life and the older residents of Bale still remember spending hours in the warmth of the forge watching him shoe his beloved horses.

Recently Claude's anvil came up for sale on eBay but when Tools for Self Reliance showed an interest the seller, Mrs Jenny Horton, very kindly donated it to us.

The anvil will be sent to Rukwa in Tanzania as part of our project to upgrade the skills of blacksmiths in the area. Claude's sister Betty says he would have been delighted to think that



his anvil was still being used but perhaps surprised at the location!

If you know of anyone who might sell or donate an anvil please get in touch.

## Activity days

Tools for Self Reliance Activity Days held in Netley Marsh, Bristol, Leicester and Wakefield have proved to be very enjoyable for those attending.

These days have been used as an opportunity to consult members on the development of Tools for Self Reliance's next organisational strategic plan, and have also provided a chance to learn more about recent overseas visits. Volunteers have also

been able to share their experiences of collecting and refurbishing.

"It was interesting, inspiring, informative, sociable, and FUN!" said Mary Machen of the Wakefield day.

We are holding two more in the coming months, at Edinburgh on 29th September and in Manchester on 1st October.

All are welcome to attend. If you would like more information please contact Bob White at TFSR (023 8086 9697)

# MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

## Over 225,000 unite in Edinburgh to demand that the G8 Make Poverty History

On Saturday 2nd July over 225,000 people turned out in Edinburgh and took part in the world's largest human white band around the city centre.

Representatives of a number of Tools for Self Reliance's groups joined with celebrities, musicians, leaders of global organisations and activists from many African countries on the colourful and musical procession that made its



*"I encourage you in your advocacy for total debt cancellation for poor countries because, frankly, it is a scandal that we are forced to choose between basic health and education for our people and repaying historical debt."*

*President Mkapa of Tanzania, 2005*



way around the city. Many had to wait for over two hours to even make it to the starting point, but it was worth it to be part of a mass movement that sent a powerful message out to G8 leaders and the public alike.

The outcome of the G8 Summit was awaited by millions and whilst it delivered more than the previous summit many of the commitments pushed for were not met in full. However, as the MPH coalition is stressing, the support of so many did make a difference and there is still plenty that can be done to keep the pressure on world leaders.



*For more information on MPH and the White Band Day visit*

[www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)

## What the G8 did (and didn't) commit to:

- To boost aid** to almost US\$50 billion by 2010 – five years later than MPH pushed for.

US\$25 billion of this increase will go to Africa – the figure recommended by the Africa Commission.

Most rich countries continue to fail to keep a promise made 35 years ago to pay 0.7% of national income to developing countries.
- To cancel debt for 18 countries** – this will amount to approximately US\$1 billion this year, equivalent to no more than one dollar per person in the countries that are due to benefit.

Major issues on debt remain unresolved – the damaging economic policy conditions attached to debt relief, the many indebted countries not on the list, debts not covered by the deal.
- To build capacity to trade** in developing countries and allow them more say over their economic policies.

There was a great hope that the G8 would address the need to end the damaging agricultural exports subsidies imposed on these countries. This did not happen and rich countries continue to force free trade on poor countries.

## Where next for Make Poverty History?

*"To secure a deserved place in history, the G8 must go a lot further and secure real change by working with other world leaders at the UN summit on the Millennium Development Goals and talks around the World Trade Organisation. The people of the world are already on the road to justice".*

## Saturday 10th September 2005

will be another opportunity to put pressure on world leaders, meeting at the UN Summit in New York, let them know the world is still watching and waiting for them to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.

**Show your support on White Band Day**

## TFSR receives tremendous community support

This summer has proven to be extremely fruitful for TFSR in terms of local community fundraising. We have been overwhelmed by donations from community groups across the UK, who have generated funds for us by holding car-boot sales sponsored events, organising and participating in events, delivering talks and lectures, and conducting local collections.

Some of the donations include:

**£600 – TFSR Open Day**

**£1500 – Netley Marsh Steam Rally**

**£372 – Monthly Haberdashery Stall, Totton Market – Ms Mary Mullins, Ms Brenda Webb, Ms Carol Swift**

**£1000 – TFSR York**

**£1200 – TFSR Hereford**

**£4164.83 – TFSR Derby/Diocese of Derby**

**£600 – TFSR Holt**

**£122 – TFSR Southwell**

**£523 – Green Woodworkers' Bodgers Ball**

**£200 – TFSR Petersfield – sponsored bike ride**

**£325 – TFSR Oadby & Wigston**

**£325 – Charity Market, Totton**

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those individuals who participated in our community fundraising drive and hope that they enjoyed themselves while raising funds for our cause.

## TFSR Patron renews vows

Tools for Self Reliance sent congratulations to our patron Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his wife Leah on celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The couple renewed their vows before their daughter, Reverend Mpho Tutu, friends and family, on Sunday July 3rd.



## TFSR Wedding Bells

Also making wedding vows on that date were Volunteer Fundraiser Maggie Moreland and husband Neil Gwynne.

Maggie recently raised over £3,000 by producing a play directed by Neil.

Best wishes to the couple.

## Charity Commission Review

We are happy to report that the Charity Commissioners' report of their review visit of 5th April 2005 shows that we have no major issues.

Among the recommendations presented were the need to expand the scope of our risk register when it is next reviewed and to consider formally evaluating the performance of the board.

## Sad Farewells



We are very sad to announce that sewing machine refurbisher David Wainwright passed away in his sleep on May 22nd.

David, a volunteer at Tools for Self Reliance for seventeen years, was particularly knowledgeable at fixing leather and industrial machines and many shoemakers have benefited from David's ingenuity.

With his wife Mel he hosted visitors from our partner organisations and even travelled to Tanzania to see some of 'his' machines in action.

David and his wife Mel were frequent attendees of the AGM. Mel told us David had had a really good day at the Milton Keynes AGM, just the day before he passed away.

We send our sincere condolences to Mel and David's family. He will be missed.

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