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Worldwide Evacuation of Peace Corps Volunteers:

- **WHAT NPCA HAS DONE** • **THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE CORPS**

Glenn Blumhorst - President and CEO, National Peace Corps Association, Washington, DC

NOTE FROM THE CO-EDITORS:

Glenn Blumhorst, RPCV Guatemala, 1988-1991, is head of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), an American nonprofit for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers which works to support RPCVs, encourages lifelong practice of the ideals of the Peace Corps, and serves as an advocacy organization to support and improve the Peace Corps. There are few who have done more for the Peace Corps or for the larger Peace Corps Community than has Glenn. His lobbying efforts with Congress have resulted in sustaining PC funding on several occasions. We are honored he agreed to share his perspectives of current developments. SP/AT

Dear Friends of Tanzania:

As you are likely aware, on March 15, the Peace Corps agency announced the unprecedented decision to temporarily suspend all programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, abruptly ending the service of more than 7,300 Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) serving worldwide in over 60 countries.

Supporting Evacuated PCVs

Thanks to the generous support of the Peace Corps community, NPCA was able to quickly launch a new effort, our Global Reentry program in response to the surge of returning PCVs, immediately expanding our work to provide vital transition support.

- **Virtual town halls** - we began by hosting dozens of virtual information exchange sessions to listen to and understand the needs and expectations of the Evacuated PCVs (EPCVs).
- **Peer support network** - we connected hundreds of traumatized evacuees with the larger Peace Corps community through our vast network of 185 U.S. affiliate groups.
- **Mentoring** - we engaged evacuated PCVs with trained RPCV mentors through our nationwide mentoring program to help them make advised decisions about their futures.
- **Jobs** - we opened access to thousands of volunteer and paid opportunities for recent evacuees, including many positions directly engaged in COVID-19 response.
- **Career services** - we are providing an array of services including career counseling, resume/cover letter reviews, LinkedIn profile development, and job search guidance.
- **Professional development** - our webinar series for evacuated PCVs includes training in areas such as social entrepreneurship, grant writing, and teacher credentialing.
- **Academics** - we worked with the Coverdell University programs to extend graduate education opportunities and tuition assistance to evacuated PCVs.
- **Benevolent fund** - we have made several small grants to PCVs who faced financial hardship - even homelessness - because of their unexpected circumstances.
- **Unfinished business** - through our Community Fund, we have made over 15 small grants to support evacuated PCVs' secondary projects that had been interrupted.
- **COVID Response Corps** - we are formulating a pilot project to recruit, train, and place evacuated PCVs with local and state public health entities to conduct contact tracing.

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Pending Legislative Action

Even before all evacuated PCVs had arrived home, key members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate began consulting with NPCA to craft legislation on behalf of the Peace Corps and the evacuated PCVs. There are currently several bills in both the House and Senate that partially or fully address ongoing concerns related to the Peace Corps and evacuated PCVs. These bills seek to prioritize Peace Corps evacuees in the mobilization of domestic pandemic response, expand RPCV access to health insurance, and secure the Peace Corps' commitment to redeploy as soon as possible (see NPCA's website for details).



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The Future of the Peace Corps is in Our Hands.

For the first time in its nearly 60-year history, the Peace Corps has no Volunteers in the field—and will not until 2021. It will take several years to return to pre-pandemic levels. Peace Corps will have to recalibrate programs, reestablish partnerships, and redefine health and safety protocols for PCVs. Moreover, the agency must identify and implement crucial reforms to address diversity, equity, and inclusion. Bottom line: Peace Corps must emerge better and stronger than ever.

In recent years, we have learned that we can no longer rely on traditional support in Congress to ensure the Peace Corps' future. Just last year, we rallied constituents to send 10,000 messages to the House of Representatives to defeat an appropriations amendment that would have fully defunded the Peace Corps in fiscal year 2020. A current bill in the Senate would realign the Peace Corps agency under the State Department. With the federal deficit growing and fiscal responsibility likely to be a focal point of the 117th Congress, Peace Corps' future funding will be vulnerable while PCV numbers are low. It is conceivable that the Peace Corps could be eliminated in some scenarios.

It will require an extraordinary effort by the greater Peace Corps community to ensure the future of the Peace Corps. And as we internalize more recent events, we will use our empathy and compassion to help advance social justice here at home. The Peace Corps' Third Goal has never been as important as it is now.

In service, Glenn

POSTSCRIPT FROM MR. BLUMHORST FOR THE TANGANYIKA I AND II RPCV GROUPS: 9.11.2020

It was such a pleasure to spend time with many of you in 2018 at the T I and II training cohort reunion in Estes Park, Colorado. I look forward to one day soon gathering with you again.

NEWSFLASH FROM ALLISON ERIKSEN, PRESIDENT, FOT: 10.16.2020

The Peace Corps will gradually resume PCV service in January, 2021 beginning in the Eastern Caribbean.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Candy Warner, Treasurer

Friends of Tanzania has had a successful year to date. Since January 1, 2020, we have received dues of \$2,470, member donations for projects of \$10,992, \$229 from corporate donors, calendar sales to total \$330, and Winter Party income of \$110 to total **\$14,131**. This is usual for the first eight months of the year.

On **expenditures**, the largest outlay was for \$15,111 to fund three General Fund projects. Other expenses were accounting fees, wire transfer fees, newsletter production, and website expenses which together totaled \$4,416.58. Expenditures thus far in 2020 total **\$19,527.58**

Net **assets** as of September 8, 2020 were **\$49,818.35**. Not included in this report is a recent 4th project grant award for \$3,920.

All donations are used directly to fund projects in Tanzania.

PROJECTS' REPORT

Harry England

Immediate Past Chair, FOT Projects Committee

edited by Allen Tamura, Newsletter Co-Editor

EDITORS' NOTE: PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

FOT projects are funded in two ways:

- 1) General Fund contributions are donations to FOT by members or others who do not designate a specific project for fund allocation. Projects supported with General Fund dollars partner in project financing and implementation with entities "on the ground" in Tanzania.
- 2) Member-Sponsored contributions are donations in which the donor designates his or her contribution for a specific project.

A. 2020 FUNDED PROJECTS

1. PROJECTS FUNDED WITH GENERAL FUND DONATIONS IN 2020

• \$1,000–COVID-19 Public Awareness Campaign, Maji Safi Group–Rural Communities

The Maji Safi Group (MSG) developed and distributed information about the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the public awareness campaign to rural communities. COVID-19 information was disseminated using the social media platforms, Facebook, and Instagram. The goal of MSG's initiative was to benefit rural communities by facilitating access to current public health information concerning COVID-19. Early results indicate each social media posting averaged 18,000 engagements, and video postings averaged over 161,000 viewers each. During national holidays, information posted on social media reached over 2.6 million Tanzanians with over 500,000 people engaged on the posts. When examining the hierarchy of engagement, there were over 5,500 likes, 29 comments, and 16 shares. The best performing post had over 206 comments and 175 shares, an indication that information about COVID-19 was being shared with others.

• \$5,000–Tenda Teachers' Professional Development Program, Project Zawadi–Mara Region

Project Zawadi (PZ) sought FOT's support for its pilot program to provide innovative training modules, developed in coordination with stakeholders at the Tanzania Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MoEST), to primary school teachers in Bunda District, Mara Region. Using PowerPoint presentations with voice-overs, together with follow-up activities, PZ delivered up to seven modules on "teaching methodology" to teachers at 15 rural schools. FOT's funds (up to \$5,000) went toward technology and hardware items needed for the program, such as laptops, projectors, and tablets. Approximately 210 primary school teachers benefited directly from this project.

• \$4,828–Latrine Construction Project at Hope Village Health Complex Dispensary, Songea's Kids–Ruvuma Region

Songea's Kids ("SK") sought FOT's support for a latrine construction project at Hope Village Health Complex Dispensary in Lutukira Village, Madaba District, Ruvuma Region. As one of the last steps before the opening of the Hope Village Health Complex, this project will include the construction of two outdoor latrines, both equipped with special needs rooms for men and women. The Civil and Water Engineer of Madaba and Songea districts designed the latrines and

septic system. SK will use funds provided by FOT for construction materials and supplies. Approximately 350 members of the local community will benefit from this project.

Addendum: FOT Recommends Gender Equity in Latrine Construction, Hope Village Health Complex Project–Ruvuma Region

During a Project Committee review of the Hope Village Health Complex Latrine project (above), it was noted by Project Coordinators, Laurie Walcott and John Hatch, that latrine floor plans did not adequately account for the number of women who might use the clinic. The suggestion of a possible design change for a more equitable men/women facility was communicated to Nashon Kikalao, the Project Manager at the construction site. Mr. Kikalao responded: "Actually in most cases, even in Tanzania, the number of women who go to health facilities to seek health services is bigger than the number of men. Women go to clinics; they bring children for their health problems, etc. So, it is not realistic for them to have few latrines. So, during the construction process we will make sure the women's latrines are as many as the men's latrines."

• \$5,283–Audiology Room for Buhangija Center, Living Water Children's Fund (LWCF)–Shinyanga Region

Living Water Children's Fund (LWCF) seeks FOT's support to build a soundproof room to conduct audiological evaluations at Buhangija Center, a regional government educational and residential center for children with visual and auditory impairments and albinism, located outside the city of Shinyanga, Shinyanga District. This project will provide for accurate hearing assessments for children living at Buhangija and Mitindo Centers, in order to precisely assess the extent of their hearing impairments and assist in the fitting of personally-tailored hearing aids for these hearing impaired students. Better hearing will facilitate fuller participation in educational programs and activities provided by the centers thereby promoting academic success. FOT funds will be utilized for building materials, such as walling and ceiling boards, finishes, and electrical installations. Labor will be provided as part of community contribution, with additional support from LWCF, as needed. Approximately 183 children will directly benefit from this project.

2. PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MEMBER-DESIGNATED DONATIONS IN 2020

None during 2020.

B. REPORTS: PREVIOUSLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

EDITORS' NOTE:

In 2019, FOT supported "The Kupanda Project," a rainwater catchment venture to improve and increase the safe water supply for the Girls Dormitory Program, located at Idetemya Secondary School in Isamilo Village, Msungwi District, Mwanza Region. FOT worked with the African School Assistance Project (ASAP) in this endeavor. Recently, the school's leadership provided FOT with these photos illustrating the successful implementation and utilization of FOT project funds.

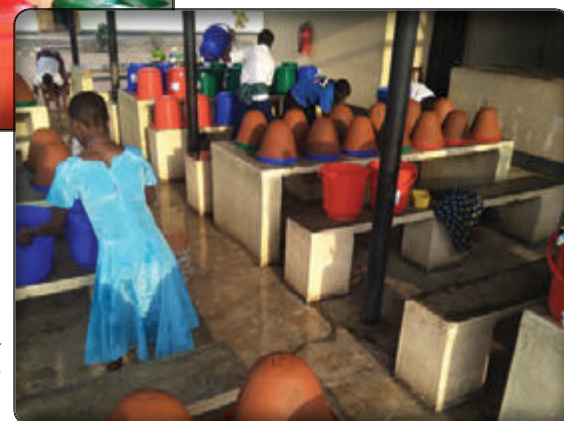
1. RAINWATER CATCHMENT PROJECT, IDETEMYA SCHOOL, MWANZA REGION



Water tanks fed by rain gutters.



Students and faculty with water filters and safe drinking water containers.



Right: Workers cleaning the ceramic water filters.

2. SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROJECT, SEGA GIRLS' SCHOOL, MOROGORO

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

FOT received an email from Laura De Dominicis, Sega Girls' Secondary School Project Coordinator, about the closure of the school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sega School is located in Morogoro. FOT has supported development programs at Sega, most recently, the solid waste recycling campaign that was to be shared with the surrounding community. Ms. De Dominicis' message follows:

Hello FOT:

I wanted to make sure you received the news about the temporary closure of the SEGA Girls' School. We truly hope that it [COVID 19 disease] does not spread in Tanzania and on the continent of Africa the way it has everywhere else. Tanzania, and it seems other countries in East Africa, took immediate measures to close things down, including their borders, as soon as they began having cases, which will hopefully stem the spread.

In the meantime, we did give our students health safety instructions and best practices before they went home so they could also share it with their families and communities, many of whom may not have access to much media. We also did one last session with our community outreach team that meets with over 450 girls in 16 villages, and shared health safety information with them last weekend, sometimes door to door in cases where they were not able to bring a group together. Our students have been sent home with homework assignments as well, although sadly, they won't have access to on-line learning there the way our kids do in the U.S. We will continue to pay our teachers and staff for as long as we can.

Thank you for all your past support and generosity. Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be happy to set up a phone call or Zoom session to answer any questions about our plans for the coming months ahead.

With gratitude,
Laura

A NEW LOOK TO THE FRIENDS OF TANZANIA WEBSITE!!

FOT UPGRADES DIGITAL ACCESS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE

Robert "Bob" Goodsell, FOT Website Coordinator and Board Member

Welcome to the newly digitized FOT website! Take a look! Find the finished product at www.FOTanzania.org !

FOT proudly recently launched its new and dynamic website with improved graphics that facilitate better navigation to membership and donation sites, project information and photos, and the latest Newsletters. The Website allows for:

- Enabling member feedback and the communication of ideas directly to the Board of Directors;
- Joining FOT as a new member;
- Renewing an existing membership;
- Donating to in-country projects in Tanzania;
- Posting event information about FOT or related organizations;
- Sharing of photos of Peace Corps service or that of other organizations serving Tanzania;
- Linking with FOT's new Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/fotanzania/> ;
- Jotting a "Letter to the Editors" under FOT's newsletter link via the new "Post A Comment" function.

When Joining, Renewing Your Membership, or Donating to FOT, Consider Using the New Website

The website connects directly to FOT's new membership database and is an efficient way for FOT to receive and record membership dues and donations; importantly, it reduces the amount of volunteer hours involved in recording transactions. Contributions can be made by credit card or by PayPal. FOT will gladly accept membership dues and donations through the mail if this is the preference (see p. 7). Also, since the website "platform" software tool used as a template for the new website was provided to FOT by the National Peace Corps Association, you will be directed to an NPCA page when you join or renew your membership. You do not need to join NPCA. Rather, select **Friends of Tanzania** as the affiliate when joining or renewing.

How to Use the New Website

For those visiting the new website, you do not have to login to view the website or click on links, etc. If you have provided FOT with your email address however, you will be asked to "login" and provide a password. Why? Because logging in protects your personal information, allows you to update your contact information so you will have access to the latest FOT missives, and verifies that FOT has correct contact information for you. If you have not established a login profile, you can set a password by clicking *Forgot Your Password*.

Here is a screenshot of the homepage:



Who Created This Creation?

The new website was created with the assistance of NPCA and their Community Building Platform, an all-inclusive system for website development, hosting, and member management and communications. FOT's Website Coordinator, Bob Goodsell, reached out to Ella Dowell, NPCA's Systems Coordinator, to begin work on the new creation. To organize and "populate" the new website, a task force community was created, all of whom made significant contributions:

- Clay Batko, RPCV-TZ 2016-2019, digitized and updated project graphics originally created years ago by Former Projects' Committee Chair and current Projects Committee Member, Sue Rabineau;
- Chris Biles, RPCV-TZ 2015-2018, added photos and contributed skills of planning, design, writing, and text editing;
- Harry England, RPCV-TZ 2009-2011, and Immediate Past Projects Committee Chair, contributed records of current and past projects;
- Sue Fennell, current FOT Board Member and daughter, Nikki Meredith, transferred years of donor history to the new database;
- Jackline Kamazima, Projects Committee Member, contributed the biographies and photos of Board members;
- Sandi Kenney, owner of *A Thousand Words* media company, and FOT's Webmaster for years (now-retiring), dedicated numerous hours to ensure the smooth transition of FOT news to the website;
- Jennifer Kron, current FOT Membership Coordinator, contributed FOT's membership database and migrated the membership database to the new platform;
- Karina Stetsyuk RPCV-TZ 2018-2020, contributed her website experience and will be FOT's new Webmaster;
- Candy Warner, RPCV Tanganyika III, 1963-65, and current FOT Treasurer, contributed important history of FOT; and
- John Whiting, RPCV-TZ 2016-2019, created regional maps of funded projects and project areas for the website.

edited by Allen Tamura & Susan Proctor, Newsletter Co-Editors

The newsletter Co-Editors congratulate and thank Bob and his "team" for their comprehensive and timely work. We invite readers to peruse the website and make frequent use of its contents as well as adding their own thoughts.

President's Report

Allison Eriksen, FOT President

Dear Friends,

So much has changed since we last sent you a newsletter. Our Spring edition was mostly written before the pandemic had really begun in the United States, and with some hasty changes to provide an update on the Peace Corps evacuation, and some changes to how we do our mailing, it was sent out, back when many of us thought this might be a passing moment in history. So much has changed.

The pandemic has become a part of daily life for most, and protests for racial justice have raged for more than six months, with different names on the banners, but the same urgent pleas for change. Our community has not escaped the impact of these "new normals" as evacuated and prospective volunteers question when Peace Corps and other international travel and volunteer programs will be able to fully function again, and the RPCV community is publicly taken to task for its role in promoting white supremacy, ignoring the experiences of non-white volunteers, and highlighting the contributions of mostly white volunteers without recognizing the hard work done by communities of color around the world that create real change in the places where volunteers serve.

During this time of struggle with isolation and exhaustion from the 24 hour news cycle, we do not need to feel hopeless. This can also be a time for reflection and action, so that we can emerge from the other side even better as a country and as a community. *Usipoziba ufa, utajenga ukuta.* [If you do not seal a crack in the wall, you will have to build a whole wall.] Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and others are being actively recruited as [COVID-19 contact tracers](#) all

across the country. The RPCVs of Washington, DC have launched a [National RPCV Racial Justice Initiative](#) with working groups of RPCVs from around the country to fight systemic racism within our RPCV community, within the Peace Corps, and in our own home communities. RPCV/W is also supporting efforts to increase awareness of and fight voter suppression. And finally, a group called [Decolonizing Peace Corps](#) is providing educational resources and seeks to start a discussion on the efficiency of the Peace Corps and the ethics of its presence in host communities as it relates to white/Western saviorism, unethical volunteer behavior, and community understanding or opinions of the Peace Corps. All of these are initiatives that I encourage you to check out, and find out more if you feel you can contribute.

In addition to these national initiatives, *Friends of Tanzania* would like to take this time where we are more together online than in person, to find how we can better serve our members. Please visit our new website at [www.fotanzania.org](#) (see p. 5), submit photos from your time in Tanzania, learn more about our online Swahili classes (also see this page), and let us know how we can better serve you. We are looking ahead to our 2021 Winter Party and discussing how to take advantage of online spaces to make our event not only safer in regards to COVID-19, but also more open to our members who live outside and cannot travel to the DC area. *If you have any ideas or experience in hosting online events like this, we would love your feedback!*

Thank you for reading, and stay safe, AE.

WANT TO REFRESH YOUR KISWAHILI?

SWAHILI CLASSES FROM A RECENTLY-EVACUATED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Melissa Mattwig, RPCV/EPCV 2018-2020, Swahili Teacher

Swahili is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful of languages, at least that's how I felt when I started learning Swahili in 2017 after receiving a Boren Scholarship to study in Arusha, Tanzania for a year through the Danish MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS-TCDC). During that time, I lived with a host family and took multiple courses in Swahili, studied Tanzanian history, and read East African authors.

After completing my Swahili study, I knew that I wanted to return to Tanzania and continue learning about a language and culture in which I had spent so much time. I joined the Peace Corps in July 2018 to teach biology, the focus of my undergraduate degree, and taught at an all-girls boarding school in Mtwara until December 2019 when I was evacuated due to insecurities at the Tanzanian/Mozambiquan border. I then taught at a co-ed day school on Pemba, the northern island of the Zanzibar Archipelago. I was there for about two months before being evacuated due to COVID-19. Currently, I live in Cleveland, OH, my hometown, and work at a refugee resettlement agency where I get to use my Swahili nearly everyday!

Shortly after evacuation, I began teaching Swahili to other RPCVs and EPCVs. I was then approached by *Friends of Tanzania* to host some on-line Swahili language lessons. From May to the end of August this year, I conducted four weekly Swahili sessions

for differing self-identified learner levels: Absolute Beginner, Baseline Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. In September, I began another three-month period of Swahili sessions with two classes this time, Swahili Lessons and Swahili Discussions.

There is no charge for the classes and they are offered accessibly over Zoom for an hour per week. Learners can choose whichever class they wish based on their comfort level. I encourage everyone to try out each class. Instead of a textbook, I prepare lessons using Google documents, which can be conveniently accessed and edited in real time, anytime. Swahili Lessons sessions are typically structured with a review of the previous week's homework, a grammar lesson, and the use of pre-written dialogues for pronunciation practice. Students in the Swahili Discussions sessions typically read an article or watch a video sent out in advance. That content is used to guide class conversation. Classes are typically 5-7 people, so everyone gets an opportunity to speak, practice, and ask questions.

If you're interested at all, please feel free to join! We always welcome new Swahili speakers. It doesn't matter at all if you've never attended before. Karibuni sana! Contact me, Melissa Mattwig, through swahili@fotanzania.org

edited by Susan Proctor, Newsletter Co-Editor

Thank You and Welcomes

Susan Proctor, Newsletter Co-Editor

The leadership of FOT is dynamic. We are fortunate to retain persons with amazing aptitudes and when their time is up, to attract new and equally able persons to our ranks. With the recent COVID exodus of PCVs from Tanzania, some new talent has joined our group, while others are seeing an opportunity to "retire" from their roles.

TUNASHUKURU (IN GRATITUDE):

Harry England who has served ably and conscientiously as Chair of the Projects Committee for the past two+ years, is stepping down. A challenging and time-consuming job, Harry has exhibited outstanding proficiency in this role as attested to by Project Committee members as well as by his fellow Board Members. FOT heartedly thanks Harry for his extraordinary commitment, care, and competence. He will continue on the Board as a member-at-large.

Sandra Kenney is relinquishing the reins as Webmaster after years of service to FOT. The President of the media company, *A Thousand Words.com*, Sandi has reliably supported FOT during her tenure. We thank Sandi for all she has done and wish her well as she moves toward retirement.

KARIBUNI (WELCOME ALL):

John Hatch (RPCV, Tanganyika III, 1963-1966) is not new to FOT. As one of the founding members, he has served FOT since 1991 in one capacity or the other. After trying to "retire," he has once again agreed to step in as Acting Chair of the Projects Committee. There is scarcely anyone in FOT's history who has given more. Asante Mzee. We salute you.

Lindsay Saber (RPCV, Tz, 2019-2020) is Coordinator of the Projects Committee. Presently a full time student at Emory University in Public Health, Lindsay was evacuated from Tanzania in March d/t COVID 19. Had she been able to serve her full term, her dates of service would have been July 2019 - Sept. 2021.

Karina Stetsyuk (RPCV Tz, 2018-2020) is FOT's new Webmaster. A graduate of Hood College with a mathematics major and minors in physics and computer science, she taught physics while a PCV. She was involved in the design and rebuilding of the new website under the guidance of Board member Bob Goodsell (see story p. 5.)

Melissa Mattwig's extraordinary ability with Kiswahili is presently being utilized within the Swahili classes she is teaching on line. A Tz PCV from 2018-2020, she, like several others, was recently evacuated. See more about her classes and her story on p. 6.

Clayton Batco (RPCV Tz, 2016-2019); **Christine Biles** (RPCV Tz, 2015-2018); and **Andrew Hicks** (RPCV Tz, 2014-2016) are all joining the Projects Committee. **Clay** created remarkable charts and graphs for the projects section of the new website. **Chris** will serve as liaison between the Projects Committee and the new website and aided in its planning, design, media collection, and compilation. **John Whiting** (RPCV Tz, 2016-2019) produced magnificent maps of project locations for the new website (see story p. 5.)

FOT 2020 New Membership, Membership Renewal, and Donation Form

For an on-line transaction, see www.FOTanzania.org

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 TEA (Teachers for East Africa); TEEA (Teacher Education for East Africa); Visitor; Other (describe)

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DUES/DONATIONS - COMPLETE AS APPROPRIATE:

- DUES: \$20/person; \$30/couple; \$5/student; Recently returned volunteers, free. \$ _____
- DONATION/CONTRIBUTION FOR PROJECTS: \$ _____
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Administrative and overhead costs are largely covered by member dues rather than by donations. FOT is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions, including dues, are tax deductible. FOT's membership year runs from Jan. - Dec. See our privacy policy at www.FOTanzania.org



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FOT's Tinga Tinga art sign.

All About Donations

Susan Proctor, Newsletter Co-Editor

All donations to FOT are used directly to fund projects in Tanzania.

Members and others interested in supporting Tanzania may make donations to *Friends of Tanzania* through our website, using Paypal, via check, through our brokerage account, as IRA-RMD donations directly to FOT, or through corporate giving.

Besides "regular" contributions to fund in-country projects, donations may also be made for other purposes. Among these:

MEMORY AND HONOR DONATIONS An FOT donation may be made in the name of a specific person. If you have someone in your life whom you have lost, or a person you would like to esteem, you may make a donation to FOT to commemorate or honor that person. The same is true for a special memory of Tanzania itself, or for an event or place, or for corporate giving. Use the donation/membership form at the bottom of this page or go to the website www.FOTanzania.org.

LEGACY DONATIONS FOT members may wish to consider a legacy gift as part of their estate planning naming FOT as a beneficiary. A legacy gift is a planned future donation to a charity or other similar entity bequeathed through a will or other designated mechanism and is part of a person's own financial planning process. It reflects one's charitable wishes and values.

FOT EARNINGS THROUGH AMAZON SMILE You can support *Friends of Tanzania* when you shop Amazon. Go to smile.amazon.com each time you order and select *Friends of Tanzania* as the charity you would like to support; 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to *Friends of Tanzania*.

We invite you to contact our Treasurer at info@FOTanzania.org with any questions regarding donations.

SAVE THE DATES(S)

Check the Organization's Website!

• THE WASHINGTON AREA "WINTER PARTY"

The date for the annual Washington DC area "Winter Party" has been set as **Saturday, February 6, 2021**. Due to COVID concerns however, *it is likely it will be a virtual gathering*, so readers are advised to consult the website, www.FOTanzania.org closer to the date to learn how plans are unfolding.

• PEACE CORPS 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND FRIENDS OF TANZANIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

FOT will follow the lead of the National Peace Corps Association regarding the Peace Corps 60th, now tentatively scheduled for September 2021 in the Washington DC area. FOT is anticipating both the PC 60th and its own 30th anniversary celebration may be held on-line. Reunions goers should be prepared for these possibilities and frequently check the website as they plan.

The FOT website will have up-to-date information on all these forthcoming events as situations change.

CALENDAR SALES

FOT will no longer sell the international RPCV calendars. Those readers who would like (a) calendar(s) should consult the following website: www.rpcvcalendar.org