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# 1. Presentation.

## 1.1 Who are we ?

**ATD Fourth World** is a Tanzanian association, registered on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, under the NGO Act of 2002 with the Registration number NGO/00003447, as a Tanzanian branch of "ATD Quart Monde - Terre et Homme de Demain" (ATD Fourth World - Land and People for Tomorrow), an NGO registered in France.



*"...the very poor tell us over and over again that a human being's greatest misfortune is not to be hungry or unable to read, nor even to be without work. The greatest misfortune of all is to know that you count for nothing, to the point where even your suffering is ignored... The greatest misfortune of extreme poverty is that for your entire existence you are like someone already dead."*

*Joseph Wresinski - founder of ATD Fourth World International Movement*

**The ATD members are primarily grassroots activists** who have direct experience in fighting extreme poverty in their daily lives and are involved in activities with ATD. Most of them are living in Dar es Salaam, but some in other regions of Tanzania. In this report we will often refer to them as "the families". These families do not belong to a special category, like widows, albinos, HIV affected people..., but they are particularly excluded by their own community.

**Others give their time as friends** and build links between their communities or professions and people living in extreme poverty. Some are already committed to another association; all are eager to make a commitment that brings them together with very poor people in a joint action.

These members are supported by **a team composed of 5 fulltime members** : 3 Tanzanians and 2 Europeans (among them, three belong to the 400-strong permanent volunteer corps, coming from more than 40 countries, from both the global north and the global south). The team is co-led by a Tanzanian volunteer and a European volunteer. In every ATD team throughout the world, the mixing of nationalities of members coming from different countries allows the sharing of cultures, experiences, visions...

All these members contribute their experiences and perspectives to shaping ATD Fourth World Movement's ambitions and projects for a world free from extreme poverty and exclusion.

## 1.2 What do we do ?

In this report, we will explain how the four priorities set by the ATD team for 2010 were addressed. The priorities come from the eight tracks which were defined as guidelines for ATD Fourth World in Tanzania until 2012 : these tracks were presented in the 2009 Annual Report (cf. <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/Annual-report-2009.html> ).



What are these four priorities ?

- **To support the ATD Fourth World members in the development of their movement in Tanzania** because we believe that they must be the founders of ATD Fourth World in their country. At the same time, we are convinced that young people must play an important role in creating the movement.
- **To continue to support, through our activities and projects, the most disadvantaged people** in the three neighbourhoods where we have been creating a deep relationship over many years and to help them meet **the challenges they face**.
- **To create closer links within the East African region, with other African countries and worldwide**, to be fully part of the International Movement in order to contribute in the worldwide effort to eradicate extreme poverty.
- **To consolidate our financial and administrative situation** so that a durable presence is possible and provides hope and strength to the poor people we work with.

The first four parts of the report address these priorities in turn, highlighting the activities, projects and events organised during 2010 to move our work forward.

The concluding section presents the perspectives for 2011.

## 2. To support the ATD members in the development of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania.

### 2.1 Introduction.

#### Why this priority ?

Tanzania is a country that has been widely involved in the fight against poverty, for a long time and at all levels of society.

In 2005 the country launched "Mkukuta" (National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty), a 5-year plan defining the challenges facing the country and the strategies and actions to be taken to address the struggle against poverty.

In the big towns as well as in rural area, many Tanzanians and Tanzanian associations provide help and support to the poor, often targeting a particular category of people such as widows, orphans, handicapped people, those living with HIV...

It is certain that all these initiatives, all this energy, must bring progress and contribute to reducing poverty. However it is also almost certain that **some of the most disadvantaged people, of those who are the most excluded, will not benefit at all from these programs** and often stay out of the progress : not benefiting from any improvement in their daily life, they are **in risk of becoming more and more excluded from their own communities.**



More and more Tanzanian citizens are aware of this reality, both among the very poor as well as among those concerned by this issue without themselves being faced with a tough daily life. We want to support them in their determination to fight extreme poverty and allow them to come together to support one another.

#### To come together...

The 1<sup>st</sup> priority of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania is to help these people coming from different backgrounds to find a space where they can come together to share and to reflect...

To come together to allow everybody to participate fully (and have their voice heard) so that no one is left aside, feeling useless to their country, their community and even sometimes their family.

If people come together with this ambition they are already building ATD Fourth World. The ATD members know their country, its culture, its traditions, its challenges, its strengths and its weaknesses... They are responsible to find their own way of creating and developing ATD Fourth World in Tanzania.

As a Movement that refuses to accept extreme poverty, ATD Fourth World can only be built by its members. External forces and money are not sufficient.

It is important for young people to come together ; otherwise their strength and energy are not worth anything.

a young friend of ATD

The people present in our May 15th celebration are the forgotten ones, those who very often are not seen by the media or by society. Some of them were very involved in the preparation of the Day.

a participant in the celebration

## How to move forward ?

To ensure the development of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania and create a movement that refuses to accept extreme poverty relies on finding more and more friends ready to involve themselves in society, in their own circles and not only within ATD. This is why it is essential for interested people to discover for themselves what extreme poverty is, how it comes about and why it is present in both rich and poor countries. They must realise for themselves that we must change our frame of reference, and measure the progress of our societies through the changes observed in the lives of the most marginalised people.

To develop this understanding, the ATD friends are invited to create links between themselves, and to come together to reflect on extreme poverty as violation of human rights and to deepen their comprehension of social exclusion, etc. This process is already building ATD Fourth World in the country.

Everyone, whatever their background, has a place in this process. People living in persistent poverty are of course the first ATD members, their first hand experience being indispensable for identifying how to fight extreme poverty. It is an ongoing and essential challenge to encourage them to be full ATD members.

It is also crucial to support one another when putting these convictions into practice, everyone in their own circles - in associations, at church or mosque, in their political party, etc. How to integrate the struggle against extreme poverty in every aspect of our daily lives?

## Which ambitions ?

For this priority, the ambitions are for ATD members to:

- feel responsible for deepening their own understanding of extreme poverty,
- become aware of their personal mission, of their own role, in the eradication of extreme poverty in their country,
- feel in charge of the growth of this movement of thoughts – a movement which rejects extreme poverty as a fatality and promotes this view in all circles of Tanzanian society.



## 2.2 Concretely in 2010.

### 2.2.1 The commitment of the poorest people.

People who themselves live in extreme poverty will be the first builders of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania because we will never overcome extreme poverty without their concrete participation and their sharing of thoughts, ideas and experience.

We must not consider the very poor only as people needing our help. This would not be respectful of their dignity, and it would ignore all the meaning and value of their experience. We need their help, we need to learn from their lives and their own commitment to fight against exclusion.

What can we do to support them on their way to involvement ?

- we try to give them opportunities to meet other ATD members so they can reflect together and support one another,
- we are constantly looking for new ways to allow them to fully participate in the Advisory Group (cf. below),
- they comprise the support groups which are associated to the leadership of the neighbourhood activities
- they are regularly invited to speak out in public events in order to make known their efforts and their hope,
- ...

In an appropriate environment very poor people want to fight rather than be assisted... even though their commitment is not always understood by their fellows and their neighbours.



Concerning the fight against extreme poverty, we can get ideas from other people and we can expand our own thoughts. We can learn a lot of things by sharing with one another.

two workers at the Fishmarket

Personally I have been part of ATD Fourth World for several years and we meet regularly to reflect about the priorities and the activities of ATD in Dar es Salaam and surroundings. Since last January, I try to explain to some families of my neighbourhood that we can come together in order to obtain the birth certificates for our children. It is very difficult for me because some of these parents ask me : " *Why are you interested in this question ? What do you get from doing this ? We are not going to get anything, but you, you are going to earn money thanks to us*".

I explain to them that I do what I do only because of my convictions and not because of money. However they refuse to trust me and they think that I lie. Sometimes I am a bit discouraged, because not only I do not earn anything being committed, but I even lose money when I stop my work in order to meet people or to participate in working meetings and nobody seems to believe me.

a friend from Kunduchi quarry

One of our friends said that her family used to stop her being involved in solidarity actions because it's seen as very risky for a young girl to get mixed up with people coming from a poor and badly behaving background. Today she can come to the Young friends of ATD because her grand-mother knows and completely trusts one of the ATD volunteers of the Dar es Salaam team.

a girl of the young friends group

## 2.2.2 An Advisory Group.



A small group of ATD friends has met regularly since September 2008 with some ATD team members. These very close friends are the privileged witnesses and the advisers of the development of ATD in the country. In 2010, five formal meetings gathered these friends, starting always by an exchange of news about the ATD International Movement and ATD in Tanzania, and then around the following topics :

- January : news from ATD friends in Haiti ; annual working programme for the Dar es Salaam team ; exchange about our personal commitment around the 8 tracks.
- March : news from Haiti and preparation of a letter for our friends over there ; working day about the distinction between poverty and extreme poverty.
- May : short evaluation of the May 15<sup>th</sup> celebration ; discussion about the variety of possible commitments we can make as ATD members, with the active participation of ATD delegates for the African Region.
- September : beginning of a reflection about the development of the ATD Movement and finding new friends in the country.
- November : deepening of the reflection about the development of the ATD Movement and the finding of new friends in the country ; decision to organise an Open Day in February or March of 2011.

This group includes friends who live in difficult conditions coming from two activity places (the Fishmarket and the Tegeta quarries) and also friends with a more secure life and a strong involvement in the fight against extreme poverty. Two of these members are living far from Dar es Salaam and participate from a distance.

### 2.2.3 An ATD Young Friends Group.

Once a month since January 2010, a group of 10 or 15 young friends of ATD meets in order to reflect together about the role of the youth in building a fairer world. They are between 15 and 25 years old, they come from different backgrounds and different neighbourhoods of Dar es Salaam, some are students, some are working, and some are without any specific activity at the moment... This diversity is the wealth of the group. Like anywhere else, if a special effort was not made to bring these young people together, each one of them would completely ignore how life is for others, what are their fears, their difficulties, their hopes, their vision of society and of the world, etc.



Every month they share ideas and experiences around a different theme linked to extreme poverty. In September and October 2010 they actively participated in preparing the celebration of the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, which took place on October 17<sup>th</sup> (cf. below). In November and December, their work centred around sending three delegates to Bangui (Central African Republic) in January 2011, to take part in the International gathering "Together for the others", organised by the International Movement ATD Fourth World in the frame of the International Year of the Youth.



## 2.2.4 Some events.

Two public events were special times to gather people living in critical poverty and people involved with them.

**On May 15<sup>th</sup>**, the International Day of Families was celebrated at the quarry of Kunduchi (Dar es Salaam) with the participation of three ATD delegates coming from Bukavu (Democratic Republic of Congo), on the theme "The commitment of the poorest people in the fight against extreme poverty". Most of the testimonies and some pictures are available at <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Tanzania,549-.html>

**On October 17<sup>th</sup>**, the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty was celebrated by eight associations in the new ATD premises at Mwananyamala (Dar es Salaam). Some ATD friends came from Dodoma and Njombe in order to participate in this celebration and one week later some ATD friends from Dar es Salaam went to visit them and to celebrate this World Day with their local group. To link with the International Year of the Youth, the theme chosen this year was "How is the youth committed to the struggle against extreme poverty?"

As part of this celebration a group of teenagers from Tandale (Dar es Salaam) performed some small dramas showing the dangers young people have to face in a very poor neighbourhood. Testimonies, pictures and video are available at <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/17th-of-October-in-Tanzania.html>



For me the message which has been read is a challenge to continue our efforts in the difficult life we lead.

The first important thing is that our hard conditions of life be recognised by those who are more advantaged. We need to make an effort in order to explain that we do not accept our difficult conditions of life. Through our experience of life, we can change the ideas and convictions of those who have a better life, showing them how we fight to overcome extreme poverty. I think that we have to participate and cooperate with the ATD members, to stand up and to advocate for our rights such as a better education for our children, a better health care, etc. We want our dignity to be recognised, we want to be respected as human beings, we want to get the same rights, without judging our appearance. All these things are possible.

A second important thing in this message which has been read is that we also have to be ready to change our ideas, our thoughts. Our experiences come from the tough situation we live, but we must be ready to step forwards towards a better future.

Every time we come together, we create the good conditions for widening our ideas, for sharing our experiences and for discovering new ways of fighting extreme poverty. Now is the time for us to remind ourselves that without our own efforts, without our own commitment, a better life won't come by miracle.

We have to be ready to learn and to help one another for learning. Personally I got the chance to learn how to read and write. So I try to use my free time in order to help my fellows who are learning at the moment how to read and write in Swahili.

A third important thing in this text which has been read is that we who are living in difficult conditions, we have to be in solidarity in order to create unity in our living places and in our working places. At the Fishmarket, when one of our fellows gets a problem, too strong to rescue himself, as an illness for example, we contribute, we make a donation and sometimes we bring him to hospital for getting treatment. We help one another without considering religion or appearance.

We are not happy living in very hard conditions. When we are in solidarity, we can make people have a better life.

a homeless worker at the Fishmarket

## 2.2.5 Newsletters.

Five times a year the ATD Fourth World Newsletter provides to the friends of East Africa (about 400 people) a testimony of commitment against extreme poverty in Tanzania or in another African country, as well as some information or a subject for reflection. These Newsletters are published in Swahili and English and are available at <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Newsletters-.html>

This year the topics were as follows :

- **February**      **Courage and dignity of the Haitian people**

Out of respect for the Haitian people, this catastrophe must become an opportunity to develop a ***new way of taking action collectively, where human and material resources coming from the outside accept the challenge of blending with the intelligence, drive, creativity, and experience of Haitians, and in particular those living in the most extreme poverty.***

- **April**            **The distinction between Poverty and Extreme poverty**

In his book "Emergence from Extreme Poverty" Jona M. Rosenfeld writes : ***"The hallmark of exclusion is non-action, acquiescence, drifting. The way out is to act, to struggle, for others as well as for oneself. Everyone has something which another person needs and he can supply. To enact this kind of solidarity is to shed the curse of exclusion."***

- **June**             **From all walks of society, committed together...**

Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World, addressed families living in extreme poverty in France more than 30 years ago in the following terms : ***"It is your refusal to live without hope, your refusal to be considered responsible for your suffering, and your refusal to be treated as if you didn't exist or as if you were useless, that has inspired our Movement. Indeed, what is that Movement if not the expression of your revolt, and also your cry for help"***.

- **September**    **Walking towards October 17th with the young people**

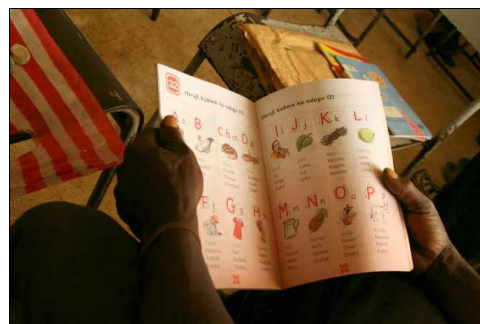
... young people are committed in all the countries throughout the world: **together they create a significant tide of resistance to poverty, united by the conviction that they are responsible for the future of their younger brothers and sisters.**

- **November**     **From Dar es Salaam to the Youth gathering in Banguui**

***"We are already establishing a new solidarity where those who lack training are listened to and respected because they have experienced more humiliation and shame than any others and, for this very reason, know what others ignore. (...)"***



### ***3. To support, through our activities and projects, the most disadvantaged people in the challenges they face.***



#### **3.1 Introduction.**

##### **Why this priority ?**

It is probably very obvious to everyone that an NGO fighting extreme poverty must act concretely and be committed at grass roots level.

Yes, it is obvious, but it is sometimes better to remind the objectives of the action, especially when obtaining measurable results is not the main goal.

Through actions : learn, understand, make known a reality too often ignored.

The concrete activities led in Tanzania by ATD Fourth World are to help families we know in very poor neighbourhoods to have their fundamental rights respected. These activities show us, day in day out, how they are themselves committed and ready to take initiatives not only for their own well being, but also for their community, their neighbourhood... Action can be beyond assistance !

Through actions : demonstrate the reality of our convictions.

It is good to have good ideas, but it is better to put them into practise !

Running activities is absolutely essential to gain experience and to show that :

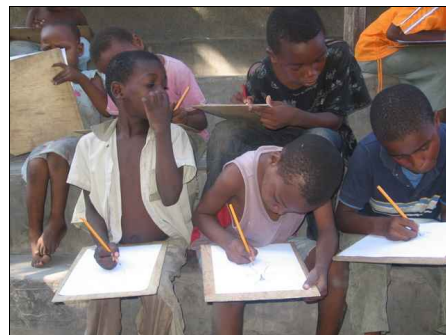
- It is possible not to give up on anyone if we find the right means and keep our objective uppermost in our minds.
- The mobilisation of everybody is essential to achieving the aim of eradicating extreme poverty : all the very poor people and not only the most dynamic among them, local authorities, people who do not live in difficult conditions... Every citizen must be concerned and take part in his own circles in the struggle against extreme poverty.

The decisions at the highest level (states, international institutions, etc.) are precious but usually ineffective without a commitment from the whole population. In this annual report the main part focusing on action will concern the project on access to basic rights started in 2010 and whose official name is "The most excluded people, primary actors in the fight against extreme poverty".

##### **How to move forward ?**

The Dar es Salaam team is leading two projects :

- A project to help adults from 3 localities in Dar es Salaam (a small part of Tandale, the Magogoni Fishmarket, and the Kunduchi quarry close to Tegeta) to access different basic rights.
- A project with the children and teenagers of Tandale.



## **3.2 The project to access to basic rights.**

### **3.2.1 The 4 main goals.**

#### **Run a pilot project.**

Run a pilot project to demonstrate that joint mobilisation of very poor people and local authorities in very concrete actions can reduce extreme poverty and exclusion.



We are trying to demonstrate the conditions in which co-operation between people in very poor neighbourhoods and local authorities can achieve concrete results and reduce poverty. This is why we use an experimental methodology, with the goal to create skills and to share the know-how needed to lead such grassroots projects.

We build on the mobilisation of the people which we have known for a long time in the neighbourhoods where the project is run. In these neighbourhoods groups of committed people act together to ensure that everyone has their rights fully respected. Through their commitment these people are recognised as members of an active community and effective actors in Tanzanian society.

This project is also made possible through the mobilisation of the local authorities and first of all the mobilisation of the 10-cells house leaders. Little by little we hope to see involvement of the upper levels (street government, ward, district...) but we start from the bottom.

#### **To obtain measurable results.**

We defined a limited number of families as being part of the project :

- 50 at Tandale,
- 30 at Tegeta,
- 50 at the Fishmarket.

In these families, our objective is that, at the completion of the project :

- everyone over 15 knows how to read and write,
- everyone under 17 is registered and has their birth certificate,
- every child from 7 to 14 is regularly attending school.

We try to do what is necessary so that everyone succeeds, whilst respecting his or her freedom to participate or not : our commitment is not to abandon anyone on the side.



## To foster personal growth of the participants.

Through their participation in this project, the different participants (beneficiaries, supporters) improve their self-confidence and their ability to take responsibility for their own future, as well as that of their family and their community.

This personal transformation, associated with a better knowledge of their rights, allows them to be less vulnerable, especially when faced with corruption.

Moreover, the project provides an opportunity for some young Tanzanians to collaborate with young people from different backgrounds and to discover their commitment. Through working together, these young people understand that they are together responsible for building a future for their country – a future in which nobody will be excluded.

## To contribute to world challenges.

The experiences and ideas of people who have a very tough life are absolutely necessary in the struggle against poverty and create a world in which everybody will live in equal dignity.

Through our presence very close to the poorest people, we share a lot of difficulties, sufferings, successes, hopes... which are part of their lives. These experiences form the basis of knowledge, a new common understanding about what must be done to enable each person to live as a respected human being.

Being part of an international Movement, we share this knowledge with many institutions and partners world-wide.

## In order to achieve these ambitions ...

... it seemed necessary to determine concrete limits for the project :

- Three activity localities were very precisely delimited, with the will to reach every family in this area, in an exhaustive way.
- Three fundamental human rights were identified, taking into account our experiences during the last two years :
  - the right to education for adults,
  - the right to a civil identity for the children,
  - the right to an effective access to primary school.
- A short time-span limited to two years (from June 2010 to May 2012), allowing effective evaluation and fundraising (this project is mainly sponsored by the French Embassy of Dar es Salaam, through the Social Fund for Development, complemented by private sponsors and donators).

Most of us we have no birth certificate for our children. We know that it is not a good situation for their future, but we never applied because of different reasons : lack of money, lack of documents, lack of information about the procedure, the distance of the place for application, etc.

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a friend from Kunduchi quarry

The [literacy] project began in April 2009 with 12 learners, 1 teacher and two two-hour lessons every week, on Mondays and Fridays. There are supporters, one for each learner, who are responsible to encourage the learners and to help them for homework.

Last year I was one of the learners and this year I am supporter. Except the teacher, nobody earns any money in this project : everybody is involved because he is convinced that he is responsible to share what he learnt one day. Some of us had the chance to learn and to study when they were children, others could learn when they were adults : in any case we feel responsible to support others today so that they can learn as well.

Mngwali (deceased in Aug. 2010)



### 3.2.2 Concretely after the first six months.

The project "The most excluded people, primary actors in the fight against extreme poverty" was launched at the celebration of the International Day of Families on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the quarries of Kunduchi (Dar es Salaam).

#### The leadership of the project.

The leadership of the project is in the hands of the ATD team, supported by people living or working in each of the three localities. In each locality from 6 to 8 people agreed to create a support group. At the beginning of the project meetings were organised in each locality, but it was difficult to gather the participants because of their lack of availability, their work, etc. Adapting to the reality of their difficult living conditions, little by little these meetings were replaced by individual meetings with each of the group members. The effective participation of the support group members has to be improved and consolidated as it is an essential aspect of the project.

Their advice can determine the way an activity is initiated (how to start the literacy class at Kunduchi for example) as well as the way to reach families who have not yet been contacted.



#### The implication of the participants.

The involvement of the participants in the project and their concrete participation in the activities are of course the most important factors. It would sometimes be easier to focus on quantifiable results and carry out the work without the concrete involvement of the families, but this would be a very short term vision and their opportunity to become actors for their future would be lost. Here are some examples of the involvement of the participants :

- in the literacy classes, currently at the Fishmarket and very soon at Kunduchi, the "supporters" help the learners with their homework and encourage them day after day (these are co-workers, fellows, relatives...)
- the application for birth registration is always done in the presence of, or even by, one of the parents (or a relative) of the concerned child
- some parents help their neighbours to get the requested documents, and sometimes come with them when they apply for birth registration
- some parents go together to meet the teacher or school principal in order to solve a problem for one of their children. They discover that it is possible to be listened to by a head teacher and that is often easier to come together.

#### The implication of the authorities.

It was planned to get in touch with the authorities, first with the 10-cells house leaders, then with the Street Governments and the Ward Executive Officers. This was done at Tandale and at Kunduchi (always with the participation of somebody from the neighbourhood). The authorities are really ready to cooperate, even though some requested a supporting letter from the District.



## Measurable results.

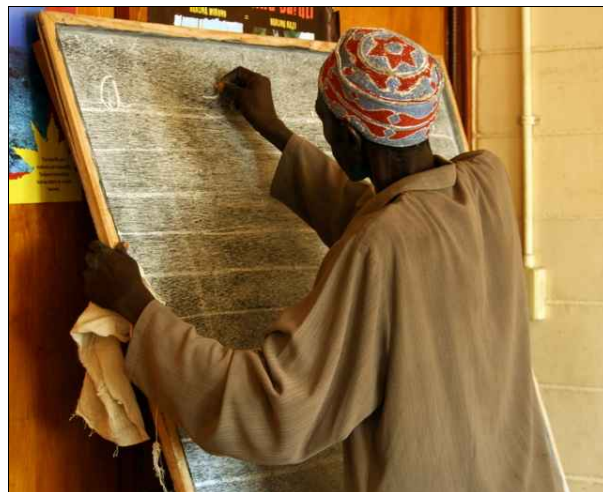
At the Fishmarket a literacy class started in July and was closed end of December with a graduation ceremony where 10 learners received their diploma. In order to get experience before launching the project, two literacy classes had already taken place at the Fishmarket in 2009 and at the beginning of 2010.

In addition, 23 people were contacted in November and December in order to know their situation as regards the birth registration of their children, with the aim of really starting this part of the project in the first months of 2011.

At Tandale, 39 families were contacted concerning the birth registration of their children, and 37 certificates were obtained. Many other registration processes are underway at the end of 2010, but their situations are often quite challenging.

In 5 of these families, a child born in 2004 was still not registered at school at the end of 2010 but action is being taken to address this.

At Kunduchi / Tegeta, our action of birth registration allowed us to get in touch with 109 new families, not known before by ATD Fourth World. They are not all very disadvantaged families, but some of them agreed to introduce ATD Fourth World to very poor neighbours. At the end of 2010, 75 certificates were obtained. Moreover one mother, who doesn't know how to read and write, took the initiative to gather 11 other people in order to start a literacy class as soon as possible at the beginning of 2011.



### **3.3 The project with children and youth.**

#### **3.3.1 Introduction.**

Through the project with the children and the teenagers of Tandale, we want to give them the opportunity to say :

"I love to learn,  
I know that the world is wide and diverse,  
We, the children and young people,  
can change the life".



#### **Appetite for learning.**

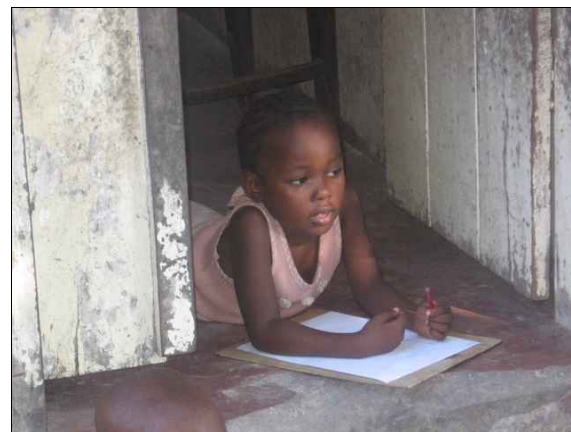
All the children are curious to discover everything around them and this is their main strength for learning. However when they must take on responsibilities beyond their age, when they have to support their parents in feeding the family, when they see their parents humiliated and criticised by the neighbours... when life is too tough, little by little their appetite for learning can decrease and even disappear. The 1<sup>st</sup> ambition of this project is to maintain or to restore this appetite of learning.

#### **The world is wide.**

For some very poor children, the limits of their neighbourhood are the limits of the world, the limits of their world. If something exists outside of their area, it is only through what they watch on TV. They love to discover this wider world that they are part of, to learn what life is like elsewhere, how children are living in other parts of the planet. They realise that some of these children have a very comfortable life but they also learn that some have an even harder life than them. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ambition is to allow the children to enlarge their vision of the world.

#### **The future is in our hands.**

For families living in persistent poverty, sometimes daily life just gets harder and harder but the parents don't lose hope and always believe that their children will have a better future. They are right to think this even though they are uncertain how it will happen. It will be possible when their children believe it, when their children have enough confidence in themselves, when their children are ready to come together in order to build another world. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ambition is to allow the children and the teenagers to discover their strengths, their talents, their ability to change the society.



### 3.3.2 Concretely in 2010.

#### Street library.

The street library takes place every week in Tandale, and attracts up to 100 children from 4 to 12 years old every time. It has become a traditional event in this neighbourhood, where it started in 2003. Some teenagers who participated as children in the street library now join the facilitators and lend a hand. They remember that this weekly meeting was great for them when they were younger and they feel a responsibility to share what they gained with their young brothers and sisters - a love of books, an appetite for learning, and pride in discovering their talents...

*In April 2010 the children of the Tandale street library had a visit from Annabelle and Dave, two young people coming from Belgium and the USA and travelling through Africa by bike in order to learn from African cultures and African experiences in "permaculture". The children were very happy with this visit and showed their curiosity by asking many questions. Here are some of their questions :*

- *What is your name, age, tribe ?*
- *How do you cross the national Parks ?*
- *How do you clean yourselves ?*
- *Where do you sleep ?*
- *Where do you eat ?*
- *Where are you going after Tanzania ?*
- *What are you looking for in Africa ?*
- *What do you do about the animals around your tent ?*
- *Are you tired sometimes ?*
- *Do you rest during the hottest part of the day ?*
- ...



## Teenagers group at Tandale.

Additionally since last September, a group of teenagers has met regularly at Tandale. They took part in the preparation of the celebration of October 17<sup>th</sup> (World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty). They also met several times to discuss the commitment of the youth, thus participating in the preparation of the delegation for the gathering in Bangui (Central African Republic). <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/International-meeting-in-Bangui.html>

For October 17<sup>th</sup> they wrote a poem in Swahili. Here is the translation of some excerpts:

*Hello, hello in the ground, mainlanders and islanders,  
Greetings to elders and youths together,  
Visitors from afar, be restful from the journey,  
Feel at home, we say you are welcome.*

*We are very small, but eyes can see,  
The good and the bad, these you very much know,  
We have much to speak, especially for the youth,  
Society is loosing the step; they don't know where to go.  
(...)*

*Parents give us chance, education for us is a right,  
Make us free of anxiety, to awaken the society,  
My partners appeal to you, education is the saviour,  
When we get let's go fast, so that we benefit.*

*Games and entertainments, lets reserve and influence,  
Use our time, without regret,  
Learning good morals, facing challenges,  
Becoming helpers to all our community,*

*I suppose you have listened, to the youths speaking,  
They say no to poverty, so they say today,  
Their dreams are to show themselves, to destroy I won't like,  
Loosing talents, covering their dreams.*

*Reaching to the end, put them in your heads,  
Better act upon them, in your relevant homes,  
Also in Njombe and Dodoma, deliver the message,  
A fish must be folded, while it is still flesh.*

*Let us make solidarity, to overcome incidents,  
Quickly! all age groups, wherever there is a purpose  
there is a way,  
Poverty is not song, to sing on the stage,  
Let us invest our strength, let us overcome poverty.*

Most youth are ready to change society if they could be given effective support. The Tandale teenagers have a theatre group but no place to practice and to make grow their talents. Some have other talents but no means to put them into practice. They don't have a chance to be in dialogue with other groups of other backgrounds.

They say they need encouragement too. Perhaps they need to be rewarded if they do something great, or to be given an occasion for success.

an ATD trainee involved with the teenagers of Tandale

Bibi K. has housing problems, but she refused to move far from Tandale because two of her grand-daughters are still studying there. Besides, K. is about to start a vocational training not too far away. She is ready to let him live with her in an already overcrowded room so that he won't miss his chance. Additionally she said she doesn't want him to leave the area where he is involved in the ATD street library.

a teenager from Tandale



## After primary school...

At the end of primary school, about half of the students in Tanzania are admitted to secondary school. For a variety of reasons, many cannot attend secondary school despite their success .- lack of money (secondary school is not free), the distance from home to school, lack of support from the family. In such cases, we try to be the bridge between the different concerned people : school or training centre, student, family, educational authority... in order to allow the students to continue their studies as they would like to do.



*In January 2010 Issa (a Dar es Salaam ATD team member) discovers that M., a 14 year-old girl of Tandale, cannot attend Form 1 (the 1<sup>st</sup> level of secondary school) despite her success in the exams because of a money problem. We know that this situation is not exceptional but it is always unfair and demoralizing. M. is an orphan and for the last few years she has been cared for by relatives in Tandale. These relatives have very few means and are unable to support her secondary education. As an orphan, M. can be sponsored - the school fees should be paid by the district. This is not an easy process but Issa's involvement meant M. was finally accepted to start Form 1 in March 2010. Everything was fine until October when M. was excluded from an exam because her "orphan status" was contested by the administration - the process had not been finished by the district and her name was not on the list of orphan students. Issa managed to find out who in March had signed the letter allowing M. to start secondary school and was therefore able to complete the procedure and M took the exam.*

*In December Issa learned that the school had refused to admit M. to Form 2, not because of her results (she is a very good and serious student), but because of a question of money - the district had not yet paid the school fees and there were "other costs" that had to be paid by M. (these costs are not covered by the district and are equal to 3 times the school fees...).*

*The struggle will continue in 2011...*

## ***4. To create closer links with the region and the world.***

### ***4.1 Why this priority ?***

Being a branch of an international movement, ATD Fourth World in Tanzania can offer a wider vision of the fight against extreme poverty, looking beyond the borders of the country. Why is this important ?

Firstly, it is important for the poorest people themselves to know that their efforts, their struggle, their courage are also those of other people around the world. Their will to build a fairer world is shared by others and the possibility to meet them, either at events or through messages and testimonies, is a source of new strength, an encouragement to start afresh.

Moreover, through its different statuses with international institutions, the International Movement ATD Fourth World does advocacy work in favour of the most excluded people. This important mission of lobbying is made possible by the contributions of every ATD team around the world. What the international institutions request from us is not statistics or theory (they have already too many !) but concrete information about success stories, research results, life stories... allowing them to really understand what life is like for the poorest people and to realize why nothing is possible without creating a genuine partnership with them.

### ***4.2 Concretely in 2010.***

During the year 2010, some opportunities allowed the Tanzanian ATD members to feel that they are part of a world movement fighting against extreme poverty. A few examples...

- For the celebration of the International Day of Families on May 15<sup>th</sup>, three ATD members came from the Democratic Republic of Congo and spent one week in Dar es Salaam. They visited people in the different activity localities and bore witness to the commitment of the very poor people from their own communities. This celebration was also an occasion for sharing messages and testimonies with other countries throughout the world.
- Through the Haitian ATD team, it was possible to keep in touch with the families struggling to survive after the earthquake. In March 2010, the Tanzanian ATD members prepared a message for the Haitian families in touch with ATD, which was sent with an album of drawings made by children.
- In February 2010, a Tanzanian ATD volunteer spent one month with the ATD team of Burkina Faso in order to reinforce the links between the two teams.
- In November 2010 the ATD team participated in a remote meeting through an exchange of emails with Senegal, Burkina Faso and the Central African Republic. The theme was : "In our activities, what is the place of the poorest people ? How can we ensure that the projects are really led by them ? How can we stay behind them, how can we ensure that we are not the main actors in these projects ? What training do they need to be full actors?"

Of course, as every year, the celebration, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, of the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty allowed the participants to take part in a world event, with more than one hundred other places worldwide in both the North and the South.

Since the beginning of 2010 a Tanzanian Committee for the Celebration of October 17<sup>th</sup> gathers regularly, bringing together delegates of the associations concerned in the preparation of this event. This Tanzanian Committee is in contact with the International Committee chaired by Mr. Cassam Uteem (former President of the Republic of Mauritius).

Moreover, one of the ATD members is now part of the board of the International Movement ATD Fourth World and in June 2010 he participated in the General Assembly which took place in the ATD International Centre in France. This board is composed of about 20 members, and it is important that it is representative of all parts of the world. We say that we are an International Movement. It is not only a nice expression, it is also a reality : we always seek diversity in the leadership of the Movement.

### **4.3 The International Movement ATD Fourth World - A Brief Overview.**

The International Movement ATD Fourth World is a non-governmental organisation with no religious or political affiliation. It engages with individuals and institutions to find solutions to eradicate extreme poverty. Working in partnership with people in poverty, ATD Fourth World's human rights-based approach focuses on supporting families and individuals through its grass-roots presence and involvement in disadvantaged communities, in both urban and rural areas. ATD Fourth World creates public awareness of extreme poverty and influences policies to overcome it. Its members are united in the common conviction that the struggle to overcome extreme poverty is based on recognizing the equal dignity of every human being. In this struggle the poorest people are the first partners.

The International Movement ATD Fourth World runs pilot projects in more than 30 countries in Africa, Europe, the Americas, and Asia. It is present and active at various levels of society, in countries in the North and the South. Its projects are very diverse and its work is closely linked to the nature of extreme poverty in countries where it is present.

ATD Fourth World also develops projects in collaboration with international organisations and institutions. The International Movement ATD Fourth World has general consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council. It also has consultative status with UNICEF, UNESCO and the ILO.

It has correspondents in more than a hundred countries, exchanging and sharing their experiences in the fight against poverty.

Last February I was in Burkina Faso and I participated in a street library. You know what this is, every Wednesday there is a street library in your neighbourhood of Tandale. However in Burkina, this street library takes place at night, when it is dark and when there is no longer anybody in the streets except the street children. For some reason, these children are separated from their family, but of course they do not forget them. What do they say about their families ? Here are some of their words.

*"We would like to have a better life. A life in which we have a house, we can get up in the morning and go to work. A life in which we have a wife and a family.*

*Our actual life will not bring us anything in the future. We, who live in the streets, are not respected even by our small brothers. If you get an occupation, you are respected, life is like that.*

*In order to grow properly, we need a lot of courage. To think about our families gives us courage. (...) In order to succeed in our life, we have to be fair, honest and not to dishonour the name of our family. We must have a good way of thinking, that is to be somebody who wants to be useful for the others. (...)*

*When one of our relatives dies, if we are not in the village, we do not know it. (...)*

*Forgiveness is important because without forgiveness you cannot stay in your family. It is not possible to refuse forgiveness."*

a Tanzanian volunteer after a month in Burkina Faso

## ***5. To consolidate our financial and administrative situation.***

### ***5.1 Why this priority ?***

For a NGO such as ATD Fourth World, having this priority concerning its own security can seem paradoxical.

The people living in critical poverty are faced with many insecurities : insecure housing, insecure daily income, insecure health care access... Everything is insecure in their life, even the respect of their fundamental rights, and especially their future and the future of their children. In the past they were so often betrayed, abandoned, forgotten...

Being supported on a long term basis is their right.

Being able to trust those who join them is their right.

Being sure that their commitment will last is their right.

ATD Fourth World must give them a small secure place, a place where it is possible to consider the future as further than a few days, where it's possible to find a certain stability, where it is possible to imagine projects.

For these reasons ATD Fourth World tries to consolidate its position in Tanzania, through seeking official recognition, support from authorities, a permanent office, effective fundraising, etc.

As we develop this security, we take the opportunity to explain our ethics. We want to remain a group of people working with small means, locally responsible for our fundraising, trying to find just what we need for our activities, with a staff ready to get a very reasonable income (about that of a primary school teacher). As it was already said, ATD Fourth World was officially registered and recognised in September 2009. This step allowed in 2010 certain regularisations on an administrative level.

### ***5.2 Ethics of fundraising and spending.***

For ATD Fourth World it is very important to ensure that its method of working is in harmony with its convictions and its values. It is concerned by its way of working (sharing of responsibilities, relations between ATD members, etc), its way of fundraising, its way of making itself known, its way of spending money, etc.

Only two points among others will illustrate this ambition of coherence :

- The allowances of the volunteer corps members are not determined by their educational level, their experience and their skills but depend on the country where they live. The goal is to ensure they have a decent and yet simple life.
- ATD Fourth World is sponsored by its friends (through their generosity) and by institutions and states (through grants). ATD refuses to find money through ways that are disrespectful to the dignity of people living in harsh conditions or push donors to have pity on them.

A few examples of our choices here in Tanzania,

- we don't pay anybody for attending a meeting (no seat allowance), even though this is a very usual practice...

- we don't pay anybody for giving his/her help or advice in a community project
- we don't use cars or taxis, but motorbike or daladala
- we don't rent meeting rooms but sit together with the people on their doorsteps, under a tree or in their working place
- we don't employ experts
- we occasionally offer participants a soda or a plate of food during a meeting such as a final evaluation for example, but this is not usual
- our office is in a small house type NHC, without AC or other modern equipment, but just what we need for working
- the cleaning and the maintenance of our premises are done by ourselves
- we keep our cost as low as possible
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### **5.3 Concretely in 2010.**

#### Purchase of a plot.

At the end of 2009, the premises where the ATD team had been installed for more than seven years was sold and it was necessary to find a new place. In April 2010, ATD Fourth World bought a plot with a small house into which it moved one month later. At the moment, the process of obtaining the title deed is underway.

#### Fundraising.

Our main sponsor in 2010 was the French Embassy of Dar es Salaam which accepted to support us with a grant of € 55.647,- (about Tsh 110 Mil) for the project of access to basic rights "The most excluded people, primary actors in the fight against extreme poverty" during the period 2010/2012. An amount of € 10.250, - was allocated to the year 2010.

As last year, DSG of Tanzania sponsored the literacy action with a grant of € 2.687, - (Tsh 5 Mil) for 2010.

#### Administrative procedures.

We feel it is important for us to manage all our administrative procedures ourselves. We do not use an agent or a lawyer, although this is common practice in Tanzania. We have taken responsibility for these procedures not only in order to save money but because we think it is important to discover the difficulties and the realities of doing so.

This year, we were busy with:

- getting the title deed for the plot we bought (it's not done yet, but we are well on the way !)
- opening a Bank account as an NGO,
- getting a residence permit for a new team member,
- paying TRA, NSSF, etc

### **5.4 Financial information.**

The ATD budget in Tanzania is composed of two parts:

1. The expenses corresponding to the International Volunteer Corps members who are assigned temporarily in Tanzania, including allowances, social contribution, transport, etc.
2. The expenses incurred locally by the Movement.

The budget of this second part can be presented as follows below.

	2009		2010		
	Euros		Euros		Tsh
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>1. Office expenses</b>		2,805		4,176	7,942,752
Water and electricity	376		110		209,220
Small equipment	234		165		313,830
Rent / Res. for depreciation	1,419		3,014		5,732,628
Office maintenance & others	202		137		260,574
Watchman allowance	574		750		1,426,500
<b>2. Secretariat</b>		2,038		4,069	7,739,238
Small equipment	43		134		254,868
Stationery	455		425		808,350
Welcome	54		294		559,188
Books and newspapers	112		168		319,536
Translations for registration	461				
Fees and taxes (plot)			2,132		4,055,064
Stamps	306		336		639,072
Telephone and Internet	607		580		1,103,160
<b>3. Transport</b>		731		3,104	5,903,808
Transport in the country	67		187		355,674
Petrol	190		406		772,212
Maintenance / Res. for depreciation	231		537		1,021,374
Tax / insurance for motorbikes	243		5		9,510
Transport out the country			974		1,852,548
Visas, travel insurances			995		1,892,490
<b>4. Activities</b>		3,049		6,008	11,427,216
Transport in the country	408		1,325		2,520,150
Financial support for the families	161		86		163,572
Training for young people	1,382		2,577		4,901,454
Food for activities & celebrations	378		691		1,314,282
Spending for activities	501		1,075		2,044,650
Communication-Newsletters, Oct17	219		254		483,108
<b>5. Team, trainees</b>		3,691		2,686	5,108,772
Allowances	2,391		1,890		3,594,780
Social security contribution	1,160		678		1,289,556
Language courses	140		118		224,436
<b>6. Bank fees</b>		163		169	321,438
Bank services	163		169		321,438
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>12,477</b>		<b>20,212</b>	<b>38,443,224</b>
<b>Products</b>					
Books selling	30		380		722,760
Grants / donations received in Tz	1,212		14,305		27,208,110
Donations received in France for Tz			902		1,715,604
Financial support from ATD Intern.	11,235		4,625		8,796,750
<b>Total products</b>		<b>12,477</b>		<b>20,212</b>	<b>0 38,443,224</b>

## 6. Perspectives for 2011.

In 2011 we will continue to work on our four priorities, paying special attention to the following :

For the 1<sup>st</sup> priority "to support the ATD members in the development of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania" we will

- continue to organise encounters and gatherings allowing new and old friends and members to deepen our understanding about extreme poverty.
- create more occasions for ATD members to take concrete responsibilities in the life of the Movement in Tanzania.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority "to support, through our activities and projects, the most disadvantaged people in the challenges they face" we will

- focus on developing our contacts and co-operation with the authorities, starting with those working close to the poorest people, and especially through the project of access to basic rights.

Both in the first and second priority we will put emphasis on our action with the young people, giving them a space and the freedom to become more involved in the fight against extreme poverty and take real responsibilities in ATD. The ATD's future in Tanzania is in their hands ! One of the challenges is, as usual, to facilitate the meeting, the friendship, and the co-operation of young people coming from different backgrounds : those living in extreme poverty and those who are more privileged.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> priority "to create closer links with the region and the world" we will

- join the global effort of the movement participating in the evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals and in the work towards the adoption of the Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (United Nations Human Rights Council).
- increase our presence in Swahili on the different Websites of the movement

For the 4<sup>th</sup> priority "to consolidate the security of ATD in Tanzania" we will

- work on reinforcing the team with some young Tanzanians, as trainees or employees, who besides supporting the team in their work, will also have the opportunity to make a concrete commitment to their country and benefit from training.



## ***7. Annexe : further information.***

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### **Web sites: international, October 17th, in Tanzania...**

**ATD Fourth World International Movement** - website in English :

[www.atd-fourthworld.org](http://www.atd-fourthworld.org)

**World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty** - website in English :

<http://www.oct17.org/en>

**ATD Fourth World, Tanzania** - webpage including the newsletters and reference documents ...

in English : [www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Tanzania.549-.html](http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Tanzania.549-.html)

in Swahili : [www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Kiswahili-.html](http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Kiswahili-.html)

**Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World** - website ...

in English : <http://www.joseph-wresinski.org/Father-Joseph-Wresinski.html>

in Swahili : <http://www.joseph-wresinski.org/Unaye-mama-wewe.html>