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Introduction

For 2017, as in previous years, ATD Fourth World Tanzania is delighted to present our Annual Report. Here we describe in detail our main actions and achievements for the year, as well as share good practices and lessons learned in the struggle to overcome extreme poverty.

For more than 16 years, ATD Fourth World has been present in Tanzania, reaching out to the most excluded people in order to build friendship and trust, and to support them in their initiatives to overcome extreme poverty.

Part 1 of our report provides information on ATD Fourth World in Tanzania - its structure, vision, priorities and way of working. **Part 2** presents the Common Ambitions or global goals of ATD Fourth World International and how they are being expressed in Tanzania. **Part 3** describes our key actions / events, along with their outcomes, in 2017. **Part 4** features our communications media for the year while in **Part 5**, we set out our Perspectives for 2018. Finally, in **Part 6**, we provide financial information on our income and expenditure for 2017.

“Every person is a chance for humankind”

*~ Joseph Wresinski, 1917 – 1988,
Founder of ATD Fourth World.*

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Part 1: ATD Fourth World in Tanzania

1.1. All together in Dignity (ATD)



The International Movement ATD Fourth World¹ is a non-governmental organization with no religious or political affiliation, which engages with individuals and institutions 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, creating public awareness of extreme poverty and influencing policies to address it. ATD brings together women and men from all walks of life through cultural actions and access to rights. It is active in more than thirty countries on five continents and has correspondents in more than a hundred countries. ATD stands for "All Together in Dignity".

ATD Fourth World has been present in Tanzania for over 15 years and was registered as a Tanzanian association on 28 September 2009, under the NGO Act of 2002 (Registration Number NGO/00003447).

What does All Together in Dignity (ATD) mean? "All Together" refers to the unity of our social movement, as well as the necessity to join everyone's efforts to reach common goals. "Dignity" represents the core of the ATD Movement. ATD members living in extreme poverty, and their friends and supporters, explain that dignity refers to the value of every human being, as well as the respect everyone deserves. Dignity represents the essence of humanity; while everyone has dignity, in many cases, human beings are not respected as such.

¹ You can visit the **website of ATD Fourth World International** in English here <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/> and you can download and read the **2017 International Report** of ATD in English at the bottom of this page here <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/international-report-2017-stop-poverty/>

1.2. The Structure of ATD Fourth World Tanzania

ATD Tanzania is not a hierarchical organisation. It has different kinds of members and groups, which have different responsibilities and all are highly interconnected in their commitment and action.

The Activists

The activists are those people living in grassroots communities who are living, or have been living, in situations of extreme poverty. They have direct experience in combating poverty in their daily life, but also helping others to overcome poverty. They are involved in activities with ATD. Most of them are living in Dar es Salam, with some from 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; rather, they are particularly excluded within their own community.

The Friends

The friends are people who have not necessarily experienced situations of extreme poverty, but who have built links between their communities or professions and people living in extreme poverty. While some are already committed in other associations, all are eager to support ATD Tanzania from their workplaces and to commit themselves in joint action with people living in extreme poverty.

The Team

In 2017, the Team of ATD was comprised of eight permanent members: 5 Tanzanians, 2 Europeans, 1 Rwandese. Seven of them belong to the 411-strong international ATD Permanent Volunteer Corps coming from more than 40 countries, and working in 27 countries from both the global north and the global south. The team supports the activists and friends in the different actions and projects. It is also in charge of the administration of the ATD Tanzania office, and keeps close communication with the ATD International Centre in France.

The General Assembly Group

A group of 10 -15 ATD friends and activists have met regularly since September 2008. These very close members are the main witnesses to, and the advisers of, the development of the ATD Movement in Tanzania. Along with the team, they have responsibility for the planning and hosting of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty on 17 October every year, especially this year (2017) which was the 30th anniversary of the World Day. This year, the group also helped in mobilising for the 100th birthday of Joseph Wresinski on 12 February and in preparing the ATD Delegation to participate in the ATD Regional Seminar in Dakar, Senegal, in March. The group met on alternative Saturdays in order to support the mobilisation for these events during the year. All group members seek to work together based on the principle of co-responsibility.

The Young Friends Group

Since January 2010, a group of young friends of ATD have met to think together about the role of youth in building a fairer world. They come from different social backgrounds and neighbourhoods of Dar es Salam.

To be a member of the group of Young Friends in the words of its members is: "... to see the point of view of other people and to give everyone time to speak; to learn from our experiences and to be prepared to change ourselves; to respect, trust and build friendship with people; and to show to others the meaning of friendship". For them, to be a Young Friend of ATD is "to be a friend of very poor people everywhere."

Since 2013, the group has been helping to facilitate the Street Library in Tandale, Dar es Salam, on the last the Saturday of every month. In an area where youth are often blamed for the problems of social decline and criminal behaviour, this represents a positive encounter whereby parents and their young children witness first-hand young people committed to an action of building peace and friendship.

The Youth Group provides its members with the space and the freedom to become more involved in the struggle against extreme poverty and to take on real responsibilities in ATD. One of the challenges is 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. Through working together, the young people discover their commitment and understand that, together, they are responsible for building a future for their country - a future in which no one will be excluded.

All these members of ATD Fourth World Tanzania contribute their knowledge, experience and commitment to shaping the Movement's ambitions and projects for a world free from extreme poverty and exclusion.

1.3. Our Vision for the Eradication of Poverty



ATD's main objective is to overcome extreme poverty in order to build an inclusive society respectful of human dignity and human rights for all. ATD focuses on supporting extremely poor individuals and families through its grass-roots presence and involvement in poor communities, and by creating public awareness of extreme poverty and by influencing policies to address it.

What is extreme poverty?

Extreme poverty is generally understood in economic terms as a lack of income. This is correct in so far as money helps people to access basic needs and services such as food, water, housing or transport. However, extreme poverty is a wider reality. It cannot be reduced solely to its economic aspect.

ATD activists and friends explain that extreme poverty is also a situation where people living in extreme poverty depend on others to survive, where they are excluded from the community, where their history and knowledge is ignored, where their human rights are violated, where they cannot speak out in front of people, or where there is simply no hope for a better future for themselves and their children.

The violence of extreme poverty, ignorance, deprivation and contempt isolates people and locks them in silence to the point where they doubt that they are part of the human community. Recognizing the efforts made by people in poverty to ensure that no one is left behind, and combining our strengths to reach out to those still unreached, are essential steps on the path toward overcoming poverty and building peace together.

“The violence of contempt and indifference causes chronic poverty, since it inevitably leads to the rejection of one human being by other human beings.”
~ Joseph Wresinski, Founder, ATD Fourth World.

1.4. Our Priorities

ATD's work in Tanzania during 2017 was based on the following priorities.

Our central focus: reaching out to those left behind

In a global context where the international community has committed to achieving the Global Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals (2016 - 30), which is underpinned by the promise to “leave no one behind” (a promise which ATD International played in a key role in formulating with the United Nations), ATD in Tanzania is committed to reaching out to those who are left behind in society and whose contribution is still missing. Acting all together in dignity means acting in a way that allows all people to be taken into account wherever decisions are made that affect humanity.

Building knowledge and accessing education – Every mind counts

Because people in situations of extreme poverty are prevented from expressing their own knowledge and experience, they cannot contribute to projects that affect them. Wasting the intelligence of people living in poverty -



men, women, young people, and children - is a serious form of discrimination and a tremendous waste for society.

Organizing for human rights and peace

It is no longer possible to speak of peace without recognizing the violence of poverty and the contributions of the poorest towards vindicating fundamental human rights and building peace together. Ending extreme poverty depends on people in poverty and those who support them working collaboratively and engaging with wider society in order to work towards durable solutions.

1.5. Our Way of Working

All of the actions of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania are rooted in the lived experience of people in extreme poverty because we believe that they, along with members who journey with them, must be the founders of ATD Fourth World in their country. As part of this endeavour, we are convinced that young people, particularly those who are most excluded, have an important role to play in building the movement in Tanzania.



Being present to and learning from people living in poverty

ATD Fourth World members take the time to sit and listen to people living in extreme poverty. This is particularly important as most of the time their voices are unheard and their experiences and ideas not recognized, even if they are the ones who know best about their difficult situations.

We ought not to consider people living in extreme poverty only as people needing our help. This would be disrespectful of their dignity, and it would ignore all the meaning and value of their experience. People who themselves live in extreme poverty are the first builders of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania because we will never overcome extreme poverty without their concrete participation and the sharing of their intelligence and experience. They are experts in the realities of poverty and the first defenders of their human rights. It is we who need their help and to learn from their lives and their own commitment to overcome exclusion.

What can we do to support them? Firstly, ATD regularly visits people facing poverty so as to better understand their lives, and to share moments of joy, achievements and challenges in their daily struggle. Regular visits create a deep trust whereby families can share personal difficulties, break the loneliness caused by exclusion, and build a strong solidarity with ATD Fourth World members. Secondly, we try to give them opportunities to meet other ATD members, so they can think together and support one another. Thirdly, we are constantly looking for new ways to allow them to fully participate in our various activities and for their voice to be publicly heard.

To come together to support the commitment of people in extreme poverty

To further our approach to defeat poverty through the active participation and lived experience of people living in poverty, ATD seeks to bring people from all walks of life together to meet and know each other, reflect on their situation, share their stories, and understand the causes and consequences of poverty. Through such encounters, people in poverty realize that poverty is not natural, that it can be eradicated, that others have similar experiences of exclusion as they have, and that they have rights as well as responsibilities. The meetings give people confidence and hope to change their situation by working together - people in poverty along with those who choose to support them.

Finding solutions together

By bringing people in poverty together, along with others such as professionals and practitioners, we provide opportunities for them to propose solutions to the problems that affect their life. We seek to be a bridge between the most vulnerable families and professionals and practitioners by creating spaces and openings to create positive and sustainable links. People experiencing poverty can offer a precious vision against poverty to decision-makers. While every individual situation is different and sometimes complex, nevertheless, solutions do exist. By coming together - people in poverty, their supporters, professionals and practitioners – we help foster an environment where knowledge is shared and solutions can be identified.

In 2017, we continued to support, through our activities and projects, the most excluded people in three disadvantaged neighborhoods in Dar es Salam (cf.1.6 below), where we have developed a deep and trusting relationship with them over many years and support them in meeting the challenges they face daily.

Also, we continued to develop links within the East African region, with other African countries and worldwide, to be fully part of the International Movement of ATD Fourth World in order to contribute to the worldwide effort to eradicate extreme poverty. For example, we are close to the friends of ATD based in Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Finally, we further developed our work in consolidating our financial and administrative systems so as to maintain a durable presence with, and provide hope and strength to, the people living in extreme poverty that we engage with.

1.6. Where We Work

In Tanzania, ATD concentrates its actions in four areas of Dar es Salam, namely Tandale, Tegeta (Kunduchi and Boko), the Magogoni Fishmarket and Chasimb (where it has been present in more recent years). For over twelve years, ATD has established relations with hundreds of people and families living in these areas.

Tandale



Tandale is a former slum, now an administrative area in the Kinondoni district of the Dar es Salam Region, located between Sinza et Manzese. Life remains difficult for the community today, especially in the rainy season when houses are flooded by dirty water. A lack of infrastructure and access to clean water are persistent problems. The majority of people in Tandale are still living in extreme poverty. Over many years, ATD Fourth World has developed links of friendship with families in this area through a daily presence close to their preoccupations and through various activities.

Tegeta (Kunduchi and Boko)

Tegeta is a small town located approximately 20 kms, north of Dar es Salam. The area contains several quarries, such as in Kunduchi (which has become increasingly residential) and Boko where thousands of people work as stone breakers or truck fillers. These comprise men and women, young and old, and sometimes even children, all struggling for their daily existence. Most of them live in extreme poverty. Their hope is to leave this place because of the extremely difficult work and living conditions, but often have to stay many years before having the means to leave the area. Many do not have a choice and remain in the area until their physical condition and health deteriorates.

Magogoni Fishmarket

Magogoni Fishmarket is the biggest market in Dar es Salam. More than 3,000 people work there in different jobs including fish sellers, vegetables sellers, scalers, fish fryers, ice-makers and sellers, firewood and charcoal sellers, among others. Many people live in extreme poverty, when every day is a challenge to find some little income so as to be able to eat.

There are many people who are homeless, living in the streets or on the coastal beaches. Countless numbers of young people migrate to this area from all parts of Tanzania. Historically, this is the first place where ATD Fourth World discovered more than 15 years ago the reality of life for people living in extreme poverty in Tanzania. For the past 12 years, ATD Fourth World has stayed in contact with very poor individuals and families, especially with a group of approximately 50 male and female firewood and charcoal sellers.

Chasimba

For over five years, ATD has been present in Chasimba, a place where the majority of the population originate from Kigoma in the western region of Tanzania and where the main

ethnic group is the Waha. Others lived originally in Kunduchi stone quarry but were displaced to Chasimba due to the cessation of quarry activity and the arrival of new migrants. Chasimba is an area outside of the city and very close to the Boko stone quarry. Most of the people there work either as stone breakers or vegetables sellers. ATD has been working in Chasimba for the last five years by supporting the families who are living in extreme poverty to obtain a birth certificate for their children, thereby enabling them to find a place in primary school. In addition, as part of its major research project, *Education for All*, ATD interviewed a number of family members in Chasimba.



Part 2: ATD Fourth World Ambitions, 2013 - 2017

Every four years, the members of ATD Fourth World around the world choose a set of Common Ambitions to situate the work of the Movement. Having these ambitions also fosters our collaboration with friends and partners.

The Common Ambitions for 2013 - 2017² were chosen in May / June 2013 based on evaluations of ATD Fourth World's work among 78 groups of our members in 30 different countries around the world, and on what we learned from the work on knowledge and understanding carried out as part of our 2008 - 2012 Contract of Common Commitments.

The Common Ambitions, 2013 - 2017 can be summarised as follows:

Central Focus: *Reaching out to those whose contribution is missing.*

- 1. Building Knowledge and Accessing Education – Every Mind Counts**
- 2. Shaping a People-Centred and Earth-Friendly Economic Vision**
- 3. Organising for Human Rights and Peace**

Each ATD national team bases its engagement and work with people in extreme poverty on one, some or all of these commitments depending on their orientations, capacities and resources.

As described in detail in Part 3 of our Annual Report 2017, **the work of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania centres primarily on Common Ambitions 1 and 3**, with some overlap between them where relevant:

Ambition: Building Knowledge and Accessing Education:

Project activities: Education for All ~ Access to Schools ~ Adult Literacy ~ Street Library

Ambition: Organising for Human Rights and Peace

Project activities and events: Birth Registration ~ Dimensions of Poverty Research ~ Family Visits ~ Young Friends Group ~ World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty

² For additional information on the Common Ambitions, 2013 - 2017, of ATD Fourth World International, see here <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/all-together-in-dignity-common3462/>

Part 3: ATD Tanzania Actions and Events, 2017

3.1 Access to Rights: Education for All

In 2016, ATD's report, *Education for All*, presented fifteen recommendations following a research study carried out by members of ATD in Kinondoni District which examined the reasons why children, especially those from poor backgrounds, do not access primary education. As members of the project research group, people with experience of extreme poverty participated fully in the development of the report's recommendations. These included the need for additional resources for primary education, the creation of standardized curricula and the importance of developing trusting relationships among all the education stakeholders, including parents.

Commencing in late 2016 and continuing in 2017, those same members, consisting of people living in poverty, teachers and ATD volunteers, collaborated to disseminate these recommendations. The aim was to raise awareness among parents, teachers and other academic stakeholders, local government leaders and other institutions on the importance of basic education and the protection of the rights of each child in primary education.

The team conducted **14 meetings in different schools within and outside the Dar es Salam region and reached a total number of 5,443 people who participated** including parents living in poverty, teachers and local government officials.



Education for All Meeting, Tandale Primary School

The research recommendations were well received at these meetings and resulted in a high level of discussion among the various stakeholders involved. All the discussions were guided by members of ATD, teachers, people living in extreme poverty and permanent ATD volunteers. Parents and teachers were able to contribute and share their ideas for strategies to improve children's development in accessing basic education based on the report's recommendations, as was confirmed by some of these changes that took place in different schools. Head teachers described positive changes in their schools, and the building of solidarity between teachers, parents and local government leaders.

Of particular importance was the role of people living in extreme poverty in helping to facilitate these meetings, as it led to increased confidence and recognition of their efforts in managing and defending the rights of children living in poverty to start and complete basic education. One mother from the team living in extreme poverty in Tageta shared how important it was to participate in this project and the importance of education for children living in extreme poverty.

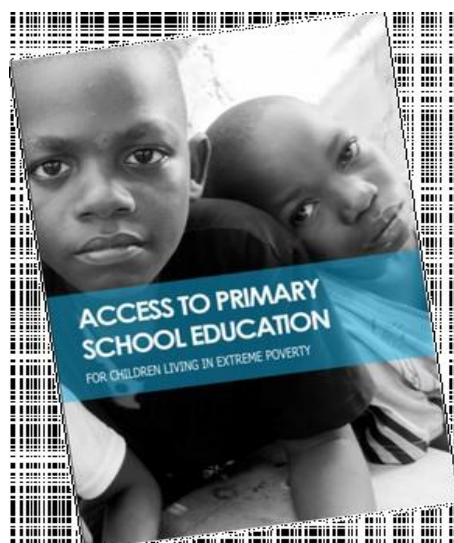
"It was also a great thing for me because I never imagined doing so in my life as I knew research and debates in schools are made by elite people, but through this project I have done a lot of things. Ignorance is one kind of poverty, but when you know how to read, it is great and you know what to do in your life. Education is a way to fight poverty."

Many parents and teachers expressed particular interest in the issues of communication and the relationships between parents and teachers, and in school meetings.

"It is important for teachers and parents to meet regularly and communicate about on our child's problems, progress and development." (Parent).

"School meetings will help solve some challenges facing the children's education and will also improve the relationship between parents and teachers." (Head teacher)

In 2018 the Education for All Team, in collaboration with various stakeholders in Tanzania, will hold a participatory seminar to provide feedback on how the recommendations of the *Education for All* report have been implemented.



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3.2 Access to Rights: Birth Registration and Access to School

Birth certification is internationally recognized as a fundamental human right in that it confers a legal identity for the person concerned (child or adult), as well facilitating a range of practical benefits such as gaining access to primary level education and primary health services, and enabling foreign travel.

This year, ATD Tanzania continued its long-established activity of supporting families living in extreme poverty to obtain birth certificates for their children in specific areas of Dar es Salam, namely Boko, Kunduchi and Tandale. **A total of 92 children (54 boys and 38 girls) aged under 6 years were registered and succeeded in obtaining birth certificates from the**

Registry, Insolvency and Trustee Agency (RITA) during the period February 2017 to February 2018. Some further applications were still being processed by the end of the reporting period and will be finalized in early 2018.

The project workers and four voluntary supporters of ATD residing in areas where families in poverty lived took responsibility for the preparation meetings with parents and in ensuring the necessary procedures were followed including tracing pre-application documents and knowing the correct RITA office (where the child was born) for applying. Parents were accompanied by the workers and supporters to the RITA office to ensure that any issues arising with RITA could be addressed on-the-spot and to give confidence to parents to assist other parents without ATD support. For example, people living in poverty at Tandale, Kundunchi, Chasimba, Boko supported other families with the birth registration process, while liaising with ATD Fourth World who visited each of the areas three times every four months.



Birth Registration Kunduchi: Mother and Child

Through its **Access to School** project, ATD members support extremely poor families to identify the difficulties they are facing with the enrolment and attendance of their children. Once the obstacles are clearly understood, ATD helps the families to explore the different actions that could be undertaken in order to enable the children to access or maintain attendance in school.

Most of the time, accompanying the parents to meet a teacher or a director is sufficient to resolve any issues. Sometimes, when it is an administrative issue for example, ATD supports the family to obtain a birth certificate. In exceptional cases, when a family is really unable to contribute to a school fee, ATD provides small financial support to guarantee the right to education. However, this is always an occasional support, as it is not a long term solution.

3.3 Access to Rights: Adult Literacy Activity

Following on from ATD's successful delivery of adult literacy classes in Magogoni Fishmarket in 2016, additional adult literacy activity was planned and implemented in Tandale in 2017. In collaboration with local educational authorities, a community information meeting introducing the project was held on 21 April at which 37 people expressed initial interest in participating. It was agreed that the literacy classes would be held in Tandale Primary School, and an experienced adult education tutor from Mapembano Primary School was recruited for the project. Following this, ATD staff with the tutor held consultations with the potential adult learners in order to better understand their general living conditions and their level of learning, as well as explaining more about the project. It was agreed with the tutor and the learners that the classes would take place three days a week (Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday) for a period of three months. A total of 24 people registered for the literacy course.



Adult Literacy: Solidarity in Learning

The first class commenced on 25 September, with 13 of the 24 registered learners in attendance. The vast majority of the learners were female, with just one male learner. **It soon became apparent that the learners, many of whom knew one another, were highly motivated and showed strong solidarity as a group, such as sharing class materials and supporting one another in their learning together.**

However, due to their onerous responsibilities and the daily stresses that the learners had to deal with every day in maintaining a basic subsistence for their families, attendance at the classes proved, understandably, to be somewhat erratic. ATD staff followed up with those learners who had difficulties in attending to offer them support. Despite these obstacles, the targets set for the course by the teacher and the learners were achieved. Seven of the learners successfully graduated and the group expressed an interest in going on to work on health issues affecting people in their community.

The project evaluation identified the key challenges as being: finding a new tutor after the original tutor was forced to leave the project half-way through the course; the high level of personal and family responsibilities of the learners; some learners had an expectation of a payment; and some learners were discouraged in attending classes by relatives and friends. It was identified that there was a need in the future for the project to spend more time with learners in order to more fully understand their daily living conditions and the obstacles to participating in learning before commencing adult literacy activity.

Ashruna, a learner, spoke of Mama Elia, another learner: "I had known her for a long time. I remember that several times she had problems with her previous husband concerning signing different papers. I used to help her in signing them on her behalf, but during the classes I was surprised to see her not asking for help, Finally, she was very confident in signing papers by herself. I was so happy to see how Mama Elia had changed because of the classes."

“I didn't have a chance to go to school because I had big responsibilities at home. I had to take care of my mom who was suffering from cancer, as well as looking after things in the home. I see this class as my savior.” *Mama Violet.*

3.4 Research: Poverty Indicators Study

ATD Fourth World Tanzania is involved in a three-year (from mid-2016 to mid-2019) international research project on the dimensions of poverty and how to measure them. This research is being jointly conducted by ATD Fourth World and Oxford University (United Kingdom). Seven countries in total are involved in the project, namely Bangladesh, Bolivia, France, Tanzania, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the USA³.



Team-Building Training for the National Research Team

The study aims to increase understanding of the many dimensions of poverty (beyond just the often sole reliance on monetary criteria) and the relationships between them. It also aims to advance global policy thinking and development on the multidimensional nature of poverty. This is a long process which involves different people of various backgrounds and experiences including people with a

direct experience of poverty, and people with knowledge of poverty, including academics, practitioners, and policymakers.

“This project gives me the chance to learn more and see things differently. My particular role is to support the facilitator in the animation of the different groups such as elders and adults.....This project will help in understanding what is the real meaning of poverty and help us to work together to identify what are the challenges and the solutions.” - *Mr. Kasiani, Member of the Dimensions of Poverty National Research Committee.*



³ You can read the Year 1 international report of the Dimensions of Poverty project here - <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/research-new-poverty-characteristics-one-year-report-2/>

The project is coordinated and designed by a mixed team consisting of people with a direct experience of poverty, academics, practitioners and ATD full-time volunteers. Through the use of the Merging of Knowledge (MoK) technique developed by ATD Fourth World for participatory research, people with a direct experience of poverty are recognised as co-researchers on an equal footing along with the others. The project seek to reach a range of representative groups of Tanzanian society including adults of working age, youth, children, older people and special groups, both in urban and rural settings. At the end, dimensions of poverty are identified, defined and ranked according to their relative importance.

In Tanzania, the project is targeting these groups of people in five regions. Commencing with planning in 2016, **fieldwork was carried out in Kinondoni and Ilala Districts in Dar es Salam region during 2017**, while in 2018 further district-level fieldwork is planned for Didoma region in May, for Njombe region in June and for Kilimanjaro region in November. In the final quarter of 2018, ATD will produce a synthesis report of its findings regarding the different dimensions of poverty, which will be combined with similar reports from the other five countries participating in the international poverty research project.

3.5 Children Street Library

At the Street Library in Tandale, every Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 to 5.00pm, ATD volunteers with friends facilitate different activities with children in the neighbourhood. More than sixty children on average, from 1 to 14 years of age, participate at the Street Library each week.



Tandale Street Library and ATD Young Friends

The Street Library is open and free to all children regardless of their social or economic background, although the majority of the children come from families living in poverty. As Tandale is traditionally an area experiencing many social problems which impact negatively on children, the Street Library offers a safe place where children can create friendships with other children who have no friends, and where they can play and learn together.

It is also both a place to prepare those children who have yet to attend school and a time of unity for children when they learn to share things, such as materials. Through the use of books, story-telling, songs, riddles and games, they discover many new things and experiences. In addition, the Street library is a place for the parents to come and see how their children can become friends with other children, and how they can play and learn together, although actively involving parents can sometimes be a challenge.

From January to December 2017, more than 500 children in total participated in the Street Library, ranging from 1.5 years to 14 years of age. (As very young children are usually

accompanied by an older sibling, all ages are accommodated). ATD friends who assist with the project include university students, nursery teachers, some parents, and visitors. All of the friends receive orientation and training before starting with the project. Once a month, two members of the ATD Young Friends Group help in facilitating the Street Library, with some of them having participated in the Street Library as children.

Based on its extensive experience over the years with this project, ATD Tanzania views the educational / creative activities provided by the Street Library as a positive contribution to child safety and development, the building of strong communities, and poverty eradication.



Sharing Learning at the Street Library

3.6. Families: Presence and Support

Essential to ATD's approach, both internationally and in Tanzania, is developing close and lasting relationships of trust with families living in extreme poverty. Extreme poverty often means a life where one is left behind and excluded from society. Being close to people in poverty in their neighbourhood and understanding their daily struggle is essential to breaking the cycle of exclusion.

Through visiting families in poverty, the Movement comes to have a deep understanding and appreciation of their daily realities, their challenges, and their hopes and dreams for their children. When a family welcomes ATD members, the relationship grows and becomes stronger. Trust is reinforced and as friends we can understand together what can be done to support the efforts of everyone. ATD Fourth World members visited one family who said: "When you visit us, we feel like people who have value in the community, and we are listened to and recognised in our efforts."

It is this presence to, and knowledge of, families in poverty which informs any actions that ATD undertakes, and always with the involvement of the families. For example, in 2017, through its family visits, ATD supported a number of parents in having their children access primary school, including with schools materials.

3.7. Youth: The Young Friends of ATD

The Young Friends of ATD in Tanzania is a diverse group of young people between 18 to 25 years of age. Some of these young people have direct experience of poverty on a daily basis, while others come from a more stable environment. Each in his or her own manner is committed to finding ways of changing their communities for the betterment of all.

Since their commencement, the Young Friends have involved themselves in the development of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania. They have: been present in the various projects of research and advocacy; actively contributed to the running of the Street Library project; brought creativity, humour and drama to our national events; shown their desire for learning through participation in training and cultural activities; and supported each other both when facing problems and in moments of joy.



Young Friends Meeting, ATD Office, Dar es Salam

In 2017, the Young Friends Group was comprised of between 10 to 15 young people, and increasing to 20 on some occasions. Meeting weekly, the young friends continued to support each other, discussing important topics such as health, education and training. They prepared and performed a drama about the challenges of going to school for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in October. On this important day of commemorations around the world, they strongly participated in the event in Dar es Salam, welcoming people and facilitating workshops with children.

From 2 - 8 July, 2017, **a delegation of young people representing the ATD Fourth World Tanzania Young Friends participated in a seminar called "Building Peace in Our Community", which was held in Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.** The delegation consisted of 4 members: Halfani, Vicky, Pazi from Tandale, and Agata from Magomeni. Prior to this, the Young Friends group had met with friends from Bukavu in the "To Be a Friend of the Friendless" seminar which was held in Dar es Salam in 2016.



Youth Seminar, Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

In meeting with their Congolese friends and seeing for themselves their lives first-hand, the Tanzanian young people were encouraged and strengthened in their commitment.

“What is strong in my mind is the way ATD Fourth World Friends in the Congo are trying to go to people who are living in extreme conditions. It makes me realize that it is our responsibility to go to people left behind where they are and to be close to them.” - Pazi.

“By meeting together and exchanging experience in the Congo, it encourages me to keep moving on and to build a world which is fair to everyone. Also, it gives me the desire to encourage others who are around me.” - Agatha.

3.8. Events: World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty

Central to the life and work of ATD Fourth World is the annual commemoration of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty which is held in many places throughout the world on or around 17 October⁴. On this day, people living in extreme poverty take centre-stage and publicly share personal testimonies about their daily struggles to resist poverty, injustice and exclusion, as well as their aspiration for themselves and their families, before audiences comprising people who support them and representatives from civil society including government officials, trade unionists, professionals, practitioners, academics and ordinary citizens.

The first World Day commemoration took place at the Human Rights Plaza in Paris in 1987 when Joseph Wresinski, the founder of ATD Fourth World, gathered over 100,000 people to mark this special event. In his general address, entitled “I Bear Witness to You”, he spoke the following immortal words which are today engraved on the Human Rights Stone in Paris and on many other commemoratives stones in cities and towns throughout the world:



Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure these rights be respected is our solemn duty.

In 1992, the United Nations officially recognised the 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

This day is also central to the life and presence of ATD Fourth World in Tanzania. **In 2017, our annual commemoration was held on 14 October before a large crowd in Bafra Square, Morocco Avenue, Dar es Salam. Organised by the National 17 October Committee, this year’s event had a special significance since it marked the 30th anniversary of the first 17 October commemoration in Paris, France. In 2017, we also marked the 60th anniversary of**

⁴ You can view pictures of 17 October commemorations from around the world here - <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/october-17-2017-worldwide-pictures/>

the founding of ATD Fourth World and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Wresinski.

Over the years, ATD has also held the annual 17 October commemoration in smaller and intimate settings in the Dar es Salam region.

The 3-hour long commemoration in Dar es Salam comprised personal testimonies from people with direct experience of poverty, messages and testimonies from around the world, drama, songs, poems, dancing, and an invitation to the participants to sign a special Call to Action as part of ATD's International Stop Poverty 2017 Campaign (cf. section 3.10 below).

Stories of life from Dar es Salam, Mbeya, Dodoma and Njombe reminded us of the struggle of people to overcome extreme difficulties and to search for peace. Hussein Omary Munju and Violet Nahum Malle, two members of the Elegant Group, an association of artists, organised the bulk of the programme for the commemoration. It was a powerful and moving occasion which served in deepening the commitment of those already involved in the collective struggle to overcome extreme poverty and in attracting new commitments.

"It is very important to gather people on a day like this because we live in classes, separated from one another. When we live such a gathering together there is something building. Then we all realize that we are all the same. People who don't live poverty come to understand the efforts of those who fight to overcome exclusion. They discover the challenges they have to face. When people living in poverty speak and other people listen, changes can come about. It is very important to gather people on a day like this."

Rehema Abdallah (Participant from Tandale, Dar es Salam).



Celebrating the World Day in Dar es Salam, 14 October

3.9. General Assembly, Dakar, Senegal



ATD Fourth World Africa Delegates, Dakar, Senegal

In March 2017, in Dakar, Senegal, the ATD Fourth World Africa Region welcomed 34 members of ATD from the seven countries of Senegal, Central Africa, DR Congo, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Ivory Coast for a General Assembly. People gathered to further develop a process that had been launched in July 2016 in Bangui, Central African Republic.

The delegation from Tanzania was represented by Alexie Gasengayire, Reuben Mtitu and Venance Magombera, who carried the voices of their members to this important event. Each brought their individual experience and commitment: Alexie as full time volunteer; Ruben as an ally spreading the goal and message of the Movement through his own association in Njombe; and Venance as an activist strongly committed in his neighbourhood and himself experiencing a life of extreme poverty.

The purpose of the General Assembly was to enable the participants to deepen their individual commitment, to meet with others who were similarly engaged so as to play an even more active role, and to create more connections among members so as to improve their capacity to work together and to support one another in a constantly changing environment.

“As soon as we arrived and joined the group, we felt a strong unity between us despite our differences coming from such different countries. We felt strong together.”
Alexie.

“I was excited to have an opportunity to learn from other people from Africa. We had inherited the work done in Bangui in 2016 and Dakar opened up new questions about co-responsibility in our shared commitment. I was worried about whether I would be able to convey what we have learned in Tanzania. It is a great responsibility.”
Venance.

Following the Dakar meeting, the process was continued on during the reporting period by ATD in Tanzania to explore how its members could increase their understanding of what it means to be co-responsible for the development of the Movement in their country.

3.10. International Stop Poverty 2017 Campaign

To mark the previously-mentioned anniversaries of ATD Fourth World, an international Stop Poverty campaign⁵ was launched on 12 February 2017, the birthday of Joseph Wresinski. The goal of this campaign was to increase awareness among people around the world that extreme poverty, like slavery and apartheid, is man-made and that it can and must be eradicated. Extreme poverty is a form of violence which locks people affected by it into silence and it is the responsibility of all of us to break this silence to ensure that the voice, intelligence and experience of people living in extreme poverty is respected.

To assist this goal, the campaign provided a variety of ways whereby ATD teams around the world could become involved including inviting people to sign the Call to Action, organising singing choral and musical concerts, writing and publishing stories of change concerning people in extreme poverty, and holding meetings or gatherings to discuss the life and work of Joseph Wresinski and the importance of his message for today.

On 12 February 2017, the ATD office in Mwananyamala, Dar es Salam, opened its door to fifty friends of the Movement who marked the launch of the international campaign.

Different workshops were organised to enable participants to discover more about the history of ATD, the life of its founder, and the heritage of ATD Tanzania. The

workshops included a photographic history of ATD Fourth World Tanzania, a drama by the group of Young Friends, a history of Noisy-le-Grand (the emergency camp for homeless people, Paris, where Joseph Wresinski began his work with ATD Fourth World), and a showing of a film documentary on the life and work of Wresinski.

ATD Tanzania also contributed to the campaign by promoting it during the World Day commemoration in October in Dar es Salam, as well as by publishing several Stories of Change on how people successfully resisted poverty on the Stop Poverty international website.



Joseph Wresinski Day, 12 February, ATD Office

⁵ You can visit the International Stop Poverty campaign website here - <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/stop-poverty/>

Part 4: Communications

To communicate its message, engagements and actions effectively to its members, supporters and funders, ATD Fourth World Tanzania uses a number of media tools, as follows.

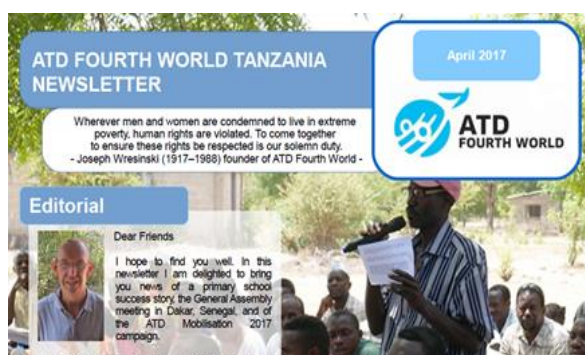
4.1 Newsletters

In 2017, **ATD produced and disseminated four newsletters to over 600 people by mail in Tanzania and the East African region, and to over 570 people by email.** The target audiences were people living in extreme poverty, civil servants, teachers, doctors, government officials, religious leaders and other NGOs, among others. Most of the people living in extreme poverty received the Newsletters by hand.

The **objectives of the newsletter** are to: connect individuals and organizations committed to overcoming extreme poverty; exchange testimonies and life experiences so that people living in difficult situations feel less isolated, and; allow the voice of people in poverty to be heard, showing that they are the first actors in the struggle to overcome extreme poverty.

Newsletter - April 2017⁶

This newsletter described the efforts to disseminate the findings and recommendations of the *Education for All* report to over 1,400 education stakeholders, while giving a profile of how the recommendations had a positive impact on the life of one family. It also featured the General Assembly, comprising ATD delegations from seven countries in Africa, including Tanzania, which was held in Dakar, Senegal, in March. Finally, the Newsletter described how ATD Tanzania contributed to the International Stop Poverty 2017 Campaign of ATD Fourth World.



⁶ You can download the April Newsletter at the bottom of this page here in Kiswahili <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/jarida-la-atd-dunia-ya-nne-tanzania-aprili-2017/> and at the bottom of this page here in English <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/tanzania-newsletter-april-2017/>

Newsletter - August 2017⁷



In this Newsletter, we further described our advocacy efforts around the *Education for All* report, as well as providing a progress report on the Dimensions of Poverty Research project including an account by Mr. Kasia, a member of the National Research Committee, and then concluding with a profile of Pelagie, a new friend of ATD Tanzania and how she discovered the Movement.

Newsletter - October 2017⁸

Our October Newsletter was a special edition dedicated to the commemoration of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty which was held in Dar es Salaam on 14 October. The Newsletter included the “I Bear Witness to You” address of Joseph Wresinski at the first commemoration in 1987 in Paris, France and information on the Stop Poverty campaign. The Newsletter concluded with an article about 4 members of the ATD Young Friends who participated in a seminar in Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the theme of “Building Peace in Our Community”.



⁷ You can download the August Newsletter at the bottom of this page here in Kiswahili <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/tanzania-jarida-agosti-2017/> and at the bottom of this page here in English <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/newsletter-august-2017-atd-tanzania/>

⁸ You can download the October Newsletter at the bottom of this page here in Kiswahili <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/tanzania-jarida-oktoba-2017/> and at the bottom of this page here in English <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/newsletter-october-2017-atd-tanzania/>



Our final Newsletter of the year contained a special article describing the major issues arising with the conclusion of the *Education for All* project, and linking positive outcomes with specific recommendations of the report. The Newsletter concluded by recalling some memories and featuring a photographic exhibition of the World Day commemoration in October in Dar es Salam.

4.2 Videos

In 2017, we produced two new videos linked to our work and which were presented online:

Our first video, made in August 2017, presents the beginning of the Dimensions of Poverty research project in Tanzania within the framework of ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. The video was made by Eva Njoki Munyiri, a professional producer. See link: <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/amani-peace/>



Our second video, made in August 2017, again by Eva Njoki Munyiri, presents a number of aspects of the *Education for All* research approach and recommendations. It shows how efforts to ensure the access of children to primary school involved parents, local authorities and more than 1,000 professionals in the education system, working together to ensure that education would be available to all children. See link: [Education For All in Tanzania: http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/education-tanzania-video/](http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/education-tanzania-video/)



⁹ You can download the December Newsletter at the bottom of this page here in Kiswahili <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/tanzania-jarida-desemba-2017/> and at the bottom of this page here in English <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/newsletter-december-2017-atd-tanzania/>

4.3 Facebook Page

ATD Tanzania used its dedicated Facebook page, launched in 2016, to further mobilise new members and friends to its work in the country. We recognise the potential for using this social media tool more creatively in 2018 and beyond in order to increase the Movement's profile in the country.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ATDTanzania/>



Part 5: Perspectives for 2018

Our projects and actions in 2017, described in detail in our Annual Report, reflect our longer term commitments to our members, including people experiencing extreme poverty and those who chose to support them. We envisage that these longer terms commitments, and specific annual plans related to them, will continue to shape our work in 2018 and into 2019.

1. Empower and support the members of ATD as they build the ATD Fourth World movement in Tanzania

- ✓ Support the different commitments taken by members of ATD in building the movement in Tanzania.
- ✓ Accompany and assist the ATD Young Friends group in their initiatives to overcome poverty and in their efforts to be recognised as important and valued members of their communities, while deepening their involvement in ATD Tanzania. Specifically, in 2018, we will encourage the Young Friends to: support and participate in positive social initiatives in their own neighbourhoods; participate further in ATD activities such as the Street Library, Birth Registration and 17 October World Day; and enable some young people to improve their skills through access to vocational training. We would also like to support through the provision of training a minimum of 3 young people who may choose to deepen their engagement with ATD either as volunteers, friends or activists, and so help to grow the movement in the country.
- ✓ Empower the members of ATD to plan, coordinate and facilitate the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

2. Through our actions support the most excluded people in their daily challenges

- ✓ Continue to disseminate throughout the country our learning from the *Education for All* report and its recommendations on the efforts of people in extreme poverty to overcome the many challenges to their children accessing and completing their primary school education. In 2018, subject to resources, the project will make contact with new schools and key stakeholders, including head teachers, parents and local authorities, both within and outside of Dar es Salam. In 2018 the Education for All Team, in collaboration with various stakeholders in Tanzania, will hold a participatory seminar to provide feedback on how the recommendations of the *Education for All* report have been implemented. We also aim to follow up on those children who were helped to access school through the project to see how they have performed in class.

- ✓ Support local communities to take on increased responsibility for the Birth Registration project so that they can more independently apply to the RITA for birth certificates. To facilitate this process, we will arrange 2 community consultation meetings in each of the project areas of Boko, Tandela and Tegeta during 2018, while also collaborating more closely with the RITA to increase awareness among its staff of the experiences, obstacles and successes of the communities in obtaining birth certificates.
- ✓ For our Street Library activity, we aim in 2018 to support 8 new Young Friends and 3 new parents to become involved in the project, as well as reaching out to a minimum of 7 new children and maintaining positive relations with at least 20 families living in extreme poverty.
- ✓ Through our Presence and Support to Families, we will maintain contact with 30 families in extreme poverty and develop contact with 20 new families. We also aim to maintain contact with 20 friends of the movement in 2018/19 both through renewing old friendships in Dar es Salam and making contact with new friends outside of Dar es Salam including in Njombe and Moshi.
- ✓ In the interest of the most marginalised people and families with whom ATD is engaged, we will strengthen our relations with those working in authority, especially with those officials sympathetic or working close with people in extreme poverty and with those providing services.

3. Consolidate our financial, administrative and recruitment needs

- ✓ Continue to raise the funds necessary to run our projects in Tanzania.
- ✓ Maintain the good relationships the team has built with donors and establish new strands of funding for our activities.
- ✓ Offer training to young Tanzanians to represent and build the movement within, and outside, their own country.



Part 6: Financial Report

The certified accounts for ATD Fourth World Tanzania presented below provide detailed information on its income and expenditure for the financial year 2017 (January – December).

The total income or revenue for the year was Tz. Shillings 362,162,697, the majority of which came in the form of donations and legacies received in France by the ATD Fourth World Foundation.

The total direct expenditure for the year was Tz. Shillings 325,815,474. The main direct expenditure areas were: project activities, cost of ATD permanent volunteers and local trainees, office, secretariat and transport.

ATD Fourth World Tanzania expresses its sincere gratitude for the financial assistance which made possible the spread and depth of the work carried out with individual and families involved in the struggle against extreme poverty during the reporting period.

We also would like to express our thanks to the Government of Tanzania, and the various Ministries linked to our work, for its support and endorsement.

ATD Fourth World - Terre et Homme de Demain
Tanzania

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Expenditure	2016		2017			
	Euros		Euros	Tz Shillings		
Office expenses		16,832.54		26,230.97		66,733,177
Water	74.37		138.38		352,047	
Electricity and gas	323.92		247.70		630,164	
Rents	9,141.79		11,641.93		29,617,775	
Maintenance and small equipment	1,531.97		749.88		1,907,740	
Office maintenance / refurbishment	1,521.36		53.57		136,285	
Caretaking / surveillance	221.16		407.60		1,036,959	
Salaries for watchmen personnel	4,017.97		12,991.91		33,052,206	
Secretariat		6,153.21		16,320.26		41,519,730
Study materials and services provision			2,192.04		5,576,683	
Office / computer supplies	413.58		561.70		1,428,999	
Fourth World Book Editions	81.44				0	
Purchase/maintenance of IT hardware	2,572.31		1,026.74		2,612,089	
Postage	336.64		308.06		783,723	
Telephone, fax, internet	327.63		307.28		781,739	
Fees	340.11		350.15		890,803	
Printing / photocopying	2,081.50		11,574.29		29,445,695	
3, Transport		17,343.33		22,790.34		57,980,006
Petrol	207.19		291.77		742,281	
Motorbike maintenance	114.73		49.46		125,829	
Motorbike insurance	127.69		110.76		281,780	
Taxes (visas), residence permits, ins.	1,614.75		5,286.63		13,449,507	
Taxes payable abroad	2,309.92		4,280.54		10,889,953	
Transport out of the country	12,969.05		12,771.18		32,490,656	
4, Activities		10,845.69		11,621.49		29,565,775
Transport for activities	2,571.04		4,404.55		11,205,442	
Supports to families	512.94		360.14		916,218	
Health care support	434.34		102.44		260,614	
Food expenses for activities	1,763.18		5,446.22		13,855,514	
Expenses for activities	5,492.22		1,308.14		3,327,987	
Training for young people	71.97				0	
5, Volunteers, trainees		43,135.35		50,725.12		129,047,779
Formation, language course	266.64				0	
Social contributions, local volunteers	2,460.93		5,870.43		14,934,730	
Eligible VSI allowances	10,843.52		9,836.02		25,023,431	
Social contributions, eligible VSI	19,398.84		17,419.20		44,315,500	
Allowances volunteers/local trainees	10,165.42		9,579.11		24,369,836	
Other payments and various	0.00		8,020.36		20,404,282	

		329.76		380.89		969,007
Bank fees	329.76		380.89		969,007	
Total expenditure		94,639.88		128,069.07		325,815,474
		8,506.76		14,287.09		36,347,223
Depreciation	3,360.32		3,622.45		9,215,732	
Outstanding commitments	1,250.00				0	
Loss on exchange rate	3,896.44		10,664.64		27,131,490	
Total with investments		103,146.64		142,356.16		362,162,697

	2016	2017	
	Euros	Euros	TZ Shillings
Operating income			
Sales and other products	0.00	0.00	0
Grants	14,792.00	11,204.00	28,503,655
Donations received in country	0.00	0.00	0
Donations received at Headquarters	0.00	0.00	0
Contribution towards expenses	0.00	0.00	0
Contribution from volunteers	1,337.96	2,440.46	6,208,678
Profit on exchange	1,506.71	901.19	2,292,682
Assumption of liability	0.00	1,250.00	3,180,076
Other products	0.00	0.00	0
Total operating income	17,636.67	15,795.65	40,185,091
Support from ATD Fourth World - Terre et Homme de Demain (*)	85,509.97	126,560.51	321,977,606
Total	103,146.64	142,356.16	362,162,697

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Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World

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