INSIDE THE SAME

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FOREWORD

2024 was a special year in which we were able to continue well-running projects such as skin cancer prevention and vision clinics. With the Mwezi animation, we were also able to reach millions this year and thus educate them about albinism. It is unfortunately still needed because also this year, a number of children were assaulted, maimed or worse because of nonsensical superstition concerning albinism
Through the Waridi project we helped to fight mentruation poverty and were able to make the lives of many girls and women with albinism more pleasant.
2024 could not have ended better than through a unforgettable fundraising trip: climbing mount Kilimanjaro (5895mtr).
What a year, what great projects and what an impact we were able to make again! From the bottom of my heart, thank you everyone for all the donations big and small that have supported us for so many years. Together we can make a difference in the lives of Tanzanians with albinism!

Love Désirée

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Who are we?

Inside The Same, a Dutch foundation founded in 2015 by Gabrielle de Graaf, mother of four children, two of whom have albinism.
After watching a documentary about life with albinism in East Africa, she decided it was time for action!
The main goal is to help people with albinism. Here we focus mainly on East Africa, especially Tanzania.
With our projects we educate, protect and empower people.
We do this together with a network of volunteers and with local partner organizations.

What is albinism?

A rare, genetic disorder that results in little or no pigment in the skin, hair and eyes. As a result, the skin and hair is white and the eyes are often light blue.

What does living with albinism mean in Africa?

Albinism occurs worldwide, regardless of nationality or gender.
In East Africa, albinism is relatively common. In Tanzania, the chances being born with albinism are more than 15 times higher than in Europe.
Because of the lack of pigment, the skin is not protected from the sun, so it burns quickly and the risk of skin cancer is significant. There is very limited knowledge among the population about albinism and skin cancer and there is no protective sunscreen with high SPF (Sun Protection Factor) available. Moreover, people with albinism in Tanzania all too often face discrimination (or worse) because of their condition.

OBJECTIVES

Health

We help prevent skin cancer by educating and distributing sunscreen lotions and conducting skin checks by dermatologists.
Furthermore, we provide visual aids such as prescription glasses or magnifying glasses to people that need them.

Empowerment

We create a safe place in society for people with albinism. Through our trainings they learn a trade and can thus become financially independent. This is not just economic but also social empowerment; it makes our trainees visible in society and enables them to fully participate. We see our Empowerment projects not as charity projects but as a sustainable solution.

Education

We give children a future because they can go to school and get an education. This makes them visible and part of the community. We create awareness and social change among the population. Education starts with awareness through school and village curricula and commitment from the government.
Our goal is to: give every child with albinism a secure future in their own environment!
When you are born with albinism, you face a life full of challenges.
Especially if your cradle stands in East Africa, where draw attention with your white skin and hair.
People may attribute supernatural powers to you; sometimes they fear you.
Your limbs are often seen as medicine and can be worth thousands of dollars on the black market. Though the practice is illegal in Tanzania, chances that you will be assaulted or killed are real. .
The chance that you will be attacked or killed is real.
But an even greater danger lurks. There is a stealth killer that kills 90% of these people before they reach the age of 30.
The Sun.

INSIDE THE SAME

Project 1 details

Project:	**Save a Child!** Health Program
Location:	Tanzania
Project Period:	2024

Project goal:
This project aims to save the lives of children with albinism by providing them with medical treatment against skin cancer. After treatment, these children receive further protective measures against skin cancer.

2. Mission

The mission of Inside The Same is to support inclusiveness, good health and a secure future for people with albinism in East Africa.

3. Goal

Inside The Same focuses primarily on three core objectives:

-Education:	That every child with albinism can safely attend school.
-Empowerment:	That people with albinism are seen as worthy of their rights.
-Health:	That people with albinism have access to good medical care.

4. Context

The Issue

Albinism is not—and should never be—a death sentence. But with little melanin to protect their skin and poor access to sunscreen, people with albinism in Africa are dying every day because of the blistering tropical sun. Skin cancer is their silent, and greatest, killer.

To confront this crisis, the Skin Cancer Prevention Program was launched in 2013. This expanding network of dermatology clinics reaches a lot people with albinism every six months. Delivered by our team alongside local health workers, each clinic provides skin examination, cryotherapy, health education, minor surgery and further referral if needed. Patients also receive sunglasses, sun hats and a fresh supply of sunscreen at every clinic. Our goal is to support governments and civil society to build national programs of skin cancer prevention that reach every region and serve the total population of people with albinism.

Declared best practice by the United Nations, this program is delivered in partnership with the Governments of Tanzania and Malawi, and a network of supportive partners . In the locations where we have operated longest, we are winning the battle against skin cancer and seeing rates reduce by as much as 90%. With your support, we have been able to continue reaching people with albinism most in need. We will not stop until every person with albinism in Tanzania and Malawi is protected from this entirely preventable disease.

Join forces: Inside The Same & Standing Voice's

The partner organization of Inside The Same is Standing Voice (SV). SV is one of the foremost international NGOs responding to the crisis of human rights faced by people with albinism and their families throughout Tanzania and Malawi. Working widely across health, education, advocacy and economic empowerment, Inside The Same has transformed thousands of lives in Tanzania. We have established clinical networks to treat visual impairment and prevent skin cancer; relocated children with albinism from segregated camps to inclusive schools and universities; and supported hundreds of adults to rebuild their lives through apprenticeships and training. Above all, we have worked to amplify the voices of people with albinism from grassroots community contexts through to the halls of the United Nations.

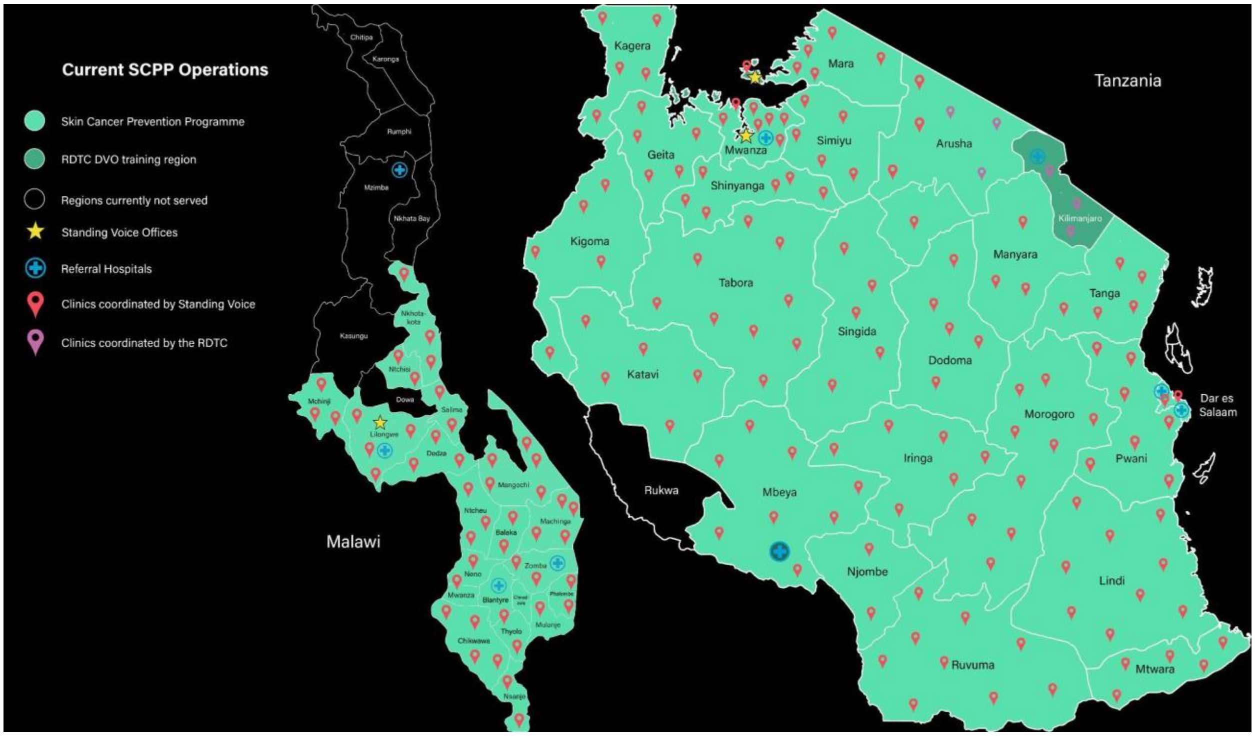
5.Project

Skin cancer is the greatest killer of people with albinism(PWA) in Tanzania and statistically a much greater threat than witchcraft-related atrocities. Marginalization impedes their access to treatment, restricts the delivery of preventative education, and isolates patients from their families, communities, and caregivers. Obstacles to care have caused lethal delays in diagnosis and epidemic rates of skin cancer.

The Skin Cancer Prevention Program (SCPP) targeting people with albinism in Tanzania and since 2021 is Inside The Same a partner in this project: a regular 6-monthly dermatology service operating in Govt hospitals nearest to patient's own communities. This free service offers people with albinism access to skin examinations by a community dermatologist, cryotherapy treatment to remove precancerous lesions, minor and major skin cancer treatment, sunscreen, UV-protective devices such as wide brimmed hats, sunglasses and umbrellas, and sun protection education. The SCPP is now active in 23 of Tanzania's 31 regions with **8,548** (in 2023-7.345) registered patients with access to regular healthcare. The SCPP is the largest Skin Cancer Prevention and treatment Program existing for PWA in Africa today.

Expansion and Growth

The SCPP is currently operating at full capacity, with a network of no fewer than 158 clinic locations in hospitals across Tanzania. Since the start of the project in 2024, we have successfully expanded the programme into two new regions: Mtwara and Lindi. In 2024, a total of 1,203 new clients enrolled in the programme nationwide, bringing the total number of registered participants to 8,548. This growth brings us a significant step closer to our goal: by 2027, we aim to provide nationwide access to essential prevention and treatment services for 9,100 people with albinism in Tanzania. The map below shows how far the SCPP has now reached across both Tanzania and Malawi, as of April 2025.



This image shows the current geographical reach of the Skin Cancer Prevention Program.

Formal Training and Capacity Building

In August 2024, our partner organisation Standing Voice organised a workshop in Mwanza to strengthen healthcare personnel in the fields of dermatology and surgery. Healthcare professionals from across the country came together to refresh their knowledge on preventing, early detection, and treating skin cancer in people with albinism.

National Action Plan for Albinism / Building Sustainability

In December 2024, a major milestone was reached: the National Action Plan (NAP) for Albinism in Tanzania was approved. Standing Voice had the honour of chairing the committee that drafted this plan and led the entire process—from writing to lobbying the government for approval. In the plan, dermatological care is given a prominent place as a priority, and it serves as a key instrument to strengthen structural support from the government for the SCPP for the duration of the project.

To build on this, we organised a national “roundtable meeting” in Mwanza in January 2025, together with the Ministry of Health and the national leadership of the Tanzania Albinism Society. During this meeting, a special task force was established to develop a new quality assurance instrument. This is an important component of the project, intended to increase government ownership and to improve the quality, coverage, and consistency of dermatological care nationwide.

Referral management

During this reporting period, 335 people were referred for surgical treatment of skin cancer through the SCPP. Thanks to these referrals, individuals were able to receive timely care—care that can literally save lives. At the same time, we are working to make this surgical care more locally available. Local surgeons have been trained and small surgical clinics established at the district level. This allows us to intervene before skin cancer develops into an advanced tumour.
And there’s more: 3,356 cryotherapy treatments were carried out across the country. These address early skin lesions before they can become malignant—an important step in prevention.

Sun protection measures

During this period, new sewing machines were purchased and the women of the clothing collective on Ukerewe Island received two additional technical training rounds. As a result, the production of sun hats was significantly scaled up. In 2024, this led to the production of 17,676 hats! And that's great news, because these hats are incredibly important for protecting people with albinism from harmful UV radiation.
But that's not all: the project also distributed 30,108 bottles of sunscreen, 987 umbrellas for mothers with young children, 2,473 sunglasses, and 9,862 educational materials. All of these materials not only help with direct protection but also raise awareness about albinism and the importance of sun safety and skin cancer prevention.

Results of Activities clinics	Number
# of districts got clinic	23
# of clinics locations	158
# registered participants	8,548
# of new patients seen	1,203 patients
# of education material	9,862
# of sunprotective items	17,676 wide-brimmed hats, 987 umbrellas, 2.473 sunglasses30.108 bottles of sunscreen.

Treatments of skincancer	Number
# of referred for further treatment by dermatologists at SCPP clinics	355 patients
# of cryotherapy procedures	3,356 patients

Thanks

The Health Programme “Save a child!” is made possible only thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters. We extend particular thanks to Stichting (Foundation) **True Blue, Stichting W.M. De Hoop as well as the Ineke Feitz Stichting,** whose invaluable support helped the Health Programme to reach new heights and new patients throughout the clinics of 2024.

Project 2 details

Project: **Mwezi Bus Project** Awareness Programme
Location: Arusha, Moshi & Dodoma region, Tanzania
Project Period: 2024
Project:
Screening of the animation: Mwezi or MOON, in regional buses serving various regions in Tanzania. Mwezi is voiced in Kiswahili and subtitled in English. If you want to get to the root of the stigma, discrimination and all the prejudices surrounding albinism, education is the starting point. Why an animation? An animation is low-threshold and accessible to young and old. By screening via bus lines you have a particularly large reach.

Watch the video of the project here

IMPACT	
Region / Type	**Annual reached passengers**
Dodoma (4 buscompanies)	822,760
Moshi/Arusha (6 buscompanies)	2.510,480
Ferry's Mwanza (3 routes)	670,000
Total reach 2024	4,003,240

The approach through bus routes has proven effective in reaching diverse segments of the population. Through collaboration with local authorities, bus companies and organizations such as TABOA (Tanzanian Bus Owners Association) a wide reach has been achieved. Monitoring confirmed that the films were actually screened. The total reach exceeded 4 million passengers.

Link to the film Mwezi (12min):

Thanks

When we started the project in 2023 project we reached an overwhelming: 13.5 million passengers that year. In 2024 we reached an additional 4 million people. We are aware that these numbers do not quite reflect increased awareness. But if only ten percent of the passengers pay attention to the movie we are still making a huge impact! So we are very grateful to **Stichting Wierda-Baas** for not only making the lives of people with albinism a lot more pleasant, but also for sharing the message that everyone in their otherness, their uniqueness, is beautiful and valuable.

Project 3 details

Project: Vision & Education Program
Location: Tanzania
Project Period: 2024

Project goal:
The overall objective of the project is to promote an inclusive learning environment for children with albinism in a mainstream school setting. The specific objectives are: *
Improved access to visual aids for students with albinism to enable equal and inclusive participation in the classroom.
* Increase teachers' and the broader school community's knowledge of albinism and the specific needs of students with albinism to reduce barriers to learning.
* Increased self-confidence among students with albinism by encouraging engagement with positive role models with albinism

Project

Vision and Education Program

Many people with albinism are visually impaired as a result of their melanin deficiency. Untreated, visual impairment can undermine educational outcomes and restrict professional opportunities for people with albinism in Africa, damaging their economic security and forcing many into outdoor labor as subsistence farmers, further increasing the risk of skin cancer. In Tanzania, limited affordability and availability of specialist optometry services together with systematic discrimination mean most people with albinism do not have access to the vision care and education they need. Most teachers are not trained to understand or manage the visual impairment of students.

Through delivering a clinical service of care, education, and training we improve the vision of people with albinism and strengthen the skills of their optometrists and teachers. Focusing mainly on students, the program delivers large-scale eye-clinics that provide specialist low vision examinations, assistive devices including monocular telescopes and prescription glasses, as well as educational sessions and resources.

Project Background

Albinism causes a melanin deficiency that reduces pigmentation in the skin and eyes. Many children with albinism are born with complex visual impairment, with altered retinal (retina) development and nerve connections to the eye. With optometric services extremely limited in Tanzania, the visual needs of children with albinism are often overlooked. This can lead to serious consequences for educational participation and achievement. Many children with albinism are unable to read from standard distances or small, bright fonts in textbooks and on tests. They often need visual aids to fully participate in class.

In addition, many teachers and families lack the knowledge necessary to meet the specific needs of students with albinism. The resulting problems with school performance stigma and contribute to the general perception that children with albinism are not capable of high academic achievement and professional development as their peers without albinism. All too often, students leave school ostracized and uneducated, with a future of unemployment and poor economic prospects, perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

Project Goals

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(a) Improved access to visual aids for students with albinism to enable equal and inclusive participation in the classroom.
(b) Increase teachers' and the broader school community's knowledge of albinism and the specific needs of students with albinism to reduce barriers to learning.
c) Increased self-confidence among students with albinism by encouraging engagement with positive role models with albinism.

Impact 2024

Activity	Number
Total people reached	2.757
Visual aid handed out	8.053
Education material handed out	3.511
Students with albinism supported	1.415
Teachers trained	63
Reached schools	37
Reached students (awareness)	21.728
Reached family and community	3.520

Key Results

By 2024, the Vision Program has organized seven large-scale eye clinics and examined a total of 2,757 people with albinism (2,548 in Tanzania and 209 in Malawi). All patients received an individual eye measurement from an optometrist, education about albinism and low vision, as well as tools to better cope with their visual impairment.

A total of 8,053 visual aids were prescribed or distributed, including 1,898 prescription glasses, 2,671 sunglasses, 1,575 monocular telescopes and 1,882 spectacle cases. These aids significantly improve the independence of people with albinism in school, work and daily life.

In addition, 3,511 educational materials were distributed, including information books on albinism, children's books, and teacher's manuals. Educational films on albinism and human rights were also shown during the clinics.

The Standing Voice team provided training to 63 teachers in 37 schools in Tanzania in 2024, reaching 21,728 students and 3,520 family and community members. This promotes greater understanding and inclusion for people with albinism.

Impact on Education

Education was provided in 37 schools in Tanzania in 2024. Teachers received training in 16 schools, and students were worked with in 21 schools. Adaptations such as larger fonts on keys, better lighting and sun protection were introduced.

A total of 1,415 students with albinism received direct educational support: 749 in elementary school, 357 in secondary schools and 309 in higher education. Girls were well represented, which is important given their dual vulnerability.

In partnership with Standing Voice, Vision Ambassadors and senior leaders across these 37 schools developed and implemented tailored action plans to improve the educational participation and welfare of students with albinism. Remedial measures have included:

- the production of large-font examination papers, repainting of blackboards, improvement of classroom lighting systems, and adjustments to classroom seating positions to alleviate barriers to accessibility for students with albinism
- the provision of additional after-class support for students with albinism
- the delivery of awareness-raising assemblies on albinism
- the promotion and monitoring of sun protection measures, including the application of sunscreen and use of sun protective clothing by students with albinism
- the encouragement of students to respect their peers with albinism and support their needs, for example by reading aloud from textbooks or the blackboard

Students per level

Educationlevel	Boys	Girls	**Total**
Primair education	382	367	749
Secundair education	174	183	357
Higher education	192	117	309
Results		Number	
Total people helped		2.757	
Visual aid handed out		8.053	

Through the implementation of these measures and promotion of greater understanding of the rights and needs of people with albinism across these 37 schools, 21.728 students (1.415 with albinism) and an additional 3.520 family members have been sensitized. Focus group discussions have moreover revealed a broad improvement in the self-reported educational welfare and attainment of students with albinism, while Likert-scale surveys have shown growth in teachers' understanding of albinism as well as their confidence in responding to the needs of students with albinism. Key findings have been disseminated to a wide range of stakeholders in Tanzania across the health and education sectors, civil society, media and local and national government, establishing a cross-sectoral dialogue around the needs of students with albinism and helping to embed these lessons in contemporary teaching practice.

Clinical Analysis Demographics - Age and Gender

A digital health system allowed Standing Voice to collect detailed demographic and clinical insights in 2024.

Of the 2,757 patients surveyed in 2024, 1,264 (45.8%) were returning Vision Program participants, while 1,493 (54.2%) were first-time participants. Most growth occurred in the Kagera, Morogoro, Tanga and Geita regions. In Malawi, where the program started in 2024, 209 new patients were served.

In Tanzania, 1,255 patients were male (49.3%) and 1,293 were female (50.7%), with a median age of 17 years. Half of all patients were younger than 19 years of age.

Occupations of Patients	Number
Students:	1.415
- Farmers:	385
- Entrepreneurs:	296
- Unemployed:	181
- Teachers:	35
- Other:	236

Family with Albinism

47% of patients reported having a family member with albinism, providing useful insights into social support and awareness.

Patient Testimonials:

32 year old woman from Lilongwe, Malawi

“I’m so excited to receive these glasses. As a teacher, my poor vision has made it hard for me to complete tasks on time, especially writing lesson plans. Now, with these glasses, I can work more efficiently and meet my deadlines. The monocular telescope is also life-changing for me. It will help me see my students, even those at the back of my classroom. Glasses are expensive, and many people with albinism can’t afford them. Thanks to Standing Voice, for providing this life-changing support”

26 year old man from Lilongwe, Malawi

“My eyes are the most important part of my body, and I’m incredibly grateful for this support. As a road traffic police officer, clear vision is essential, yet I’ve struggled to read the small print on vehicle documents. These glasses will make my job much easier, and the monocular will allow me to spot vehicles for inspection from a distance. Many people with albinism face significant challenges due to poor vision, and most cannot afford the assistive devices they need. I hope this Vision Programme continues to grow so that more people can access this life-changing support and pursue their dreams”.

Visual Needs and Resources.

76% of patients needed help for distance vision, while 19% needed support for both near and far vision. 33% had a dominant right eye, 24% a left, and 43% no clear dominance. Of the patients who needed glasses, 95.3% received them directly at the clinic.

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Thanks

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Project 4 details

Project:	**Waridi! (rose in Swahili)** Empowerment
Location:	Tanzania
Project Period:	2024

Project goal:
To provide a lasting solution to the problem of menstrual hygiene and create awareness on the issue, including for schoolboys. Schoolgirls regain access to classes during their periods. In addition, create an affordable option to make menstrual hygiene products more accessible across the country.

Project

Background Information

Empowering Women through Purpose: The Journey of the Mama Mzungu Group

The Mama Mzungu group has long been known for its production of natural handmade soap products – a craft they continue to take pride in. However, the past few years have brought significant challenges. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with ongoing geopolitical instability in the region, has led to a noticeable decline in demand for their products. Like many small businesses, they've had to navigate uncertain times, with fewer orders and limited opportunities to sustain their income.

Despite these setbacks, the resilience of the Mama Mzungu women has remained unwavering.

Thanks to the **Waridi Project**, the group has found renewed purpose and direction. This initiative has not only provided a meaningful goal to work towards but also created a vital source of income for the women involved.

Through Waridi, the Mama Mzungu group has been able to reconnect their skills with a broader mission – one that uplifts their community, strengthens their independence, and helps restore a sense of stability. The project has proven that with the right support and vision, even in challenging times, sustainable livelihoods can flourish.

Their story is a testament to the power of community-driven solutions and the importance of economic empowerment for women.

With this project, we want to prevent school dropout among girls with albinism during menstruation and eliminate the social stigma surrounding this subject.

Every year, girls in sub-Saharan Africa miss over two months of school because they cannot afford products like sanitary pads.

Basic menstrual hygiene is a crucial part of a woman's well-being and dignity—something every woman should have access to. But poor resources for managing menstrual hygiene is still a situation many girls from low-income families in Tanzania face.

This is mainly due to lack of accessibility and the high cost of pads. As a result, many girls often do not go to school during their period, which has a strong negative effect on their education and thus their future.

Target Group

School girls and women with albinism. Mothers with children with albinism.

Waridi Kit

These reusable pads are offered in a kit consisting of several items: 3 pads, 2 pairs of underwear, a cycle calendar & instruction paper, a bar of soap—all in a pouch for easy and discreet carrying. All items are locally made by Mama Mzungu (an already existing social enterprise led by women with albinism).

Our Ambitions

Through the Waridi Project, we provide a sustainable income for the mamas with albinism of Mama Mzungu, who produce the kits, and we also ensure access to menstrual hygiene products for school girls (with albinism) in Tanzania. Girls will no longer miss classes because they feel safe going to school during their period.
Mama Mzungu Tanzania is a social enterprise with a profitable and sustainable character.

Stap by step: Results & Impact

Preparation phase: From experience, we know: good preparation is half the battle.
And that has again proven true for our project. Therefore, we started sourcing materials for the training early, such as sewing machines, overlock machines, fabrics, snaps, etc. Because the menstrual pads consist of many fabric layers (soft top layer, absorbent layer, and a waterproof layer), a lot of different materials had to be sourced, often from different suppliers. And once again, it became clear that people in Tanzania live day-to-day: when Rachel (ITS local project staff) went to a wholesaler to pick up the fabric she had seen the day before, the building had suddenly vanished—there had apparently been a fire the night before. Fortunately, we hadn't paid yet, because in Tanzania it's always cash on delivery and never pre-pay.
Another good example was when assembling the purchased sewing machines, a crucial part was missing to make the machine work. Luckily, the part was available in another city, so no time was lost. After weeks of collecting all materials, hundreds of meters of fabric, machines, etc., were transported by public bus from Dar Es Salaam to Mwanza (1,137 km).

Training: Trainers Doreen and Diana (both women with albinism from Uganda) first participated in an exchange session with Africraft in Dar Es Salaam. Africraft is an NGO with extensive experience in making and distributing Sanitary Pad Kits, and they were very willing to share knowledge, for which we are very grateful.
The training then took place at the Umoja Training Centre on Ukerewe Island in Lake Victoria, where all facilities are available to teach the mamas the necessary skills.
Désirée Schoonen, director of Inside The Same, worked with the mamas for a few more days in Mwanza after the training, where the mamas also have their workspace/studio. This space is made available free of charge by ITS partner organization Standing Voice. Désirée was in Tanzania anyway because she was going to climb Kilimanjaro and could combine her trip with production control and firsthand feedback on how everything had gone. It was nice to hear that the decision to purchase both an electric and a manual (foot pedal) sewing machine turned out to be a good one, as power outages are frequent, and work can still continue during those times.

Production: We work in batches of 100 pieces. The first batch of 100 is now completed, and the mamas are working on the second batch. For the remainder of the year, the remaining kits will be produced to reach a minimum of 500. Progress is going well, and the mamas are becoming more skilled with the machines and the production line.

Distribution: As planned, the Waridi Kits will be distributed through the Skin Prevention Clinics of partner organization Standing Voice. As the women are already attending these events for skin cancer checks, they will also receive a Waridi Kit.
At the beginning of March, there will be a large clinic in Mwanza where the first 100 kits will be distributed. After that, the kits will be distributed across the rest of the provinces in Tanzania via the clinics.

Metric	Result
# of women with albinism trained as tailors & sellers	20
# of women generating income through Waridi Kit sales	20
# of Waridi Kits completed	200
# of Kits to be produced in 2025	300
# of young women with albinism gaining access to full education	500
# of extra school days	60

Trainers Diana & Doreen

Finished Waridi kit

A heartfelt thank you – this project was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Fred Foundation and Stichting Talent. Your contributions truly made a difference. Together with Mama Mzungu, we are creating meaningful impact and driving positive change. We're deeply grateful for your trust, involvement, and support!

Project 5 details

Fundraising Project: **Inside The Same on Top of Africa!**
Location: Mount Kilimanjaro**,** Tanzania
Reporting Period: Full Moon December 2024

Project:
Through climbing the largest freestanding mountain in the world, Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, our goal was to create awareness about the challenges people with albinism face. **We raised € 25.000**

They always say it’s not about the destination, but about the journey. In our case—climbing Mount Kilimanjaro—that couldn’t have been more true.

A special group of climbers naturally came together in the lead-up to this adventure. Each one of them a beautiful soul, full of kindness, drawn from all corners of the world, united by a shared goal: to make the world a little more loving and a little brighter.

The journey to the summit took us eight days. Following the Lemosho route, we were blessed with the beauty and unique energy of Kilimanjaro. Each day’s landscape was different, breathtaking, and awe-inspiring.

On the day we aimed for the summit, we set off at 11 PM, climbing through the night. A full moon bathed everything in a magical glow. And finally, after 8.5 hours of climbing, we all reached the PEAK!

The emotional release at the summit is indescribable—tears of exhaustion, awe, happiness, and pride flowed freely. Each of us fought our own battles, pushed through, conquered dark thoughts and aching limbs. I am so proud of myself and this incredible group of climbers for what we achieved together.

A big shout out to Roland, Enzio, Monica, Rachel, Shai, Blake, Kayla, and Nancy—thank you for embarking on this adventure with me. Your boundless dedication helped raise over

€25,000

Through the money we raised we help:

*Sponsoring education for children with albinism
*Running Skin cancer clinics and treatments and so save many lives
*Providing sunscreen, hats, glasses and special learning tools for students

A Climb for Change

"My name is **Nancy Masaki (26)**, I live in Tanzania, and I was born with albinism.

Living with albinism in my country is complicated. It's not just about having sensitive skin or needing to wear sunscreen every day. It's about being misunderstood. In many places, people still believe dangerous myths about us—some think we bring bad luck, others

believe our body parts hold magical powers. These beliefs are not just hurtful—they're deadly.
Growing up, I often felt invisible. Or worse: feared. I was told to stay out of the sun, stay out of sight, stay small. But I've never wanted to live in the shadows.
In 2015 I met Désirée from Inside The Same, I was a teenager and since that day we keep in contact.

In December 2024, after Désirée asked me to climb, I took a step—actually, thousands of them—toward something bigger. I joined the *#InsideTheSameOnTopOfAfrica* campaign, climbing Africa's highest mountain with a group of incredible people from around the world. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done. The cold, the altitude, the physical exhaustion. But none of that compared to the emotional weight I carried—the stories of others like me who never got the chance to be seen.
This climb was more than a personal challenge. It was a statement: *we are here, we are strong, and we deserve to live with dignity*. Every step to the summit was a step toward visibility and justice for people with albinism.

I didn't do it alone. The organization Inside The Same made this journey possible. Their work is about much more than awareness. They bring practical support—like healthcare, education, sunscreen, and safe spaces—but also something deeper: they bring connection. They remind people like me that we are not alone.
Inside The Same creates platforms for our voices. Through their projects, I've been able to speak up, to share my truth, and to be part of something meaningful. They don't see us as victims. They see us as people—full of potential, resilience, and light.
Albinism is not a curse. It's not something to fear. It's simply a genetic condition. And people like me? We want what every human wants: to be respected, to be safe, to be given the chance to dream.

My journey isn't over. The mountain was just the beginning. I want to keep climbing—for myself, and for the future of every child with albinism. Because we all deserve to live in the light."

THANK YOU!

NB.The financial statements for 2024 are currently being finalized and will be added shortly.