Upendo Home Annual Report

2025

First and foremost, these achievements are the achievements of our generous donors, partners and sponsors. Without your support none of these milestones would happen.

The children of Upendo Home will forever be better off because of you, our wonderful donors.

Children

- In 2025, we provided a loving home for 25 kids along with nutritious food and quality education.
- In 2025 3 children graduated from O levels in Shilela high school (form 4). They were allocated new schools for years studying for their A levels (form 5&6) by the government.
- 1 boy completed first year tour guiding school
- 1 girl completed 2nd year university
- 1 staff member completed certificate of social worker studies
- Our founder Luke Bennett donated a Christmas present for the children to visit the Reptile Park in Arusha. This was a great opportunity to see snakes up close and to ride a camel. Thanks Luka.

Fundraising

- We ran a successful safari with **RAW Africa EcoTours**.10 people enjoyed visiting the iconic game parks in Tanzania and visiting our Upendo Home children and staff. A big thank you to RAW Africa for donating profits to our children.
- Other fundraising activities included a team running in the Great Ocean Road Running Festival.
- Our annual Eat Rice for Upendo campaign raised some good funds. Thanks to all the hosts and their guests for your contributions.

New land

- In May we bought 9 acres of land in the Siha district where we plan to build a new home for our children and create a productive food garden.
- On that land we drilled a deep bore and found good water at 150 metres. That bore was generously funded by the **Rotary Club of Ballarat South** through a district grant and extra money because the bore was so deep. We are indebted to the RCBS for providing us with a secure water supply in this dry environment.
- We bought a portable generator to power the bore.
- Director Faith attended an introduction to Permaculture course at Rainbow Ridge, the farm operated by Communities Assist. We plan to use Permaculture principles in designing a food production system in our new land.