THE GREAT AFRICAN FOUNDATION

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Year- 2025



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

About The Great African Foundation

Africa is home to one of the world's youngest populations, yet many young people continue to face challenges such as unemployment, lack of mentorship, limited access to opportunities, weak leadership exposure, negative peer influence, hopelessness, and inadequate participation in community and governance processes. As a result, the potential, creativity, and talents of many African youths remain untapped, limiting their ability to contribute effectively toward sustainable social and economic transformation within their communities and across the continent. The absence of strong support systems for purpose discovery, innovation, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement has further increased youth vulnerability to poverty, dependency, and destructive social behaviors. The Great African Foundation was established to address these challenges by empowering young Africans to discover their purpose and equipping them with mentorship, leadership skills, innovation support, entrepreneurship opportunities, and community engagement platforms that enable them to become solution-driven leaders, active citizens, and contributors toward building a prosperous, self-reliant, and transformed Africa.

Vision

To see a transformed Africa where every youth leverages their unique purpose to create lasting economic and social prosperity.

Mission

We empower African youth to discover their life's purpose by transforming their mindsets through targeted mentorship and leadership development across the continent.

Core Focus Areas 2025-2030

- Youth in Leadership & Governance
- Youth in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Youth in Climate and Community Action

MESSAGE

FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR

2025 marked a defining chapter in the journey of The Great African Foundation as we officially launched the implementation of our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan. Despite operating within a challenging global funding environment, our commitment to empowering African youth remained stronger than ever. Through resilience, partnerships, and innovation, we successfully expanded our impact across Africa and strengthened our position as a growing youth-led movement.

This year, TGAF received international recognition through the Youth Empowerment NPO of the Year 2025 and the Non-Profit Dedication and Integrity Award 2025. These milestones validated our vision of empowering youth to discover purpose and drive transformation across the continent.
We also expanded our regional collaborations, engaged in policy discussions, trained youth in entrepreneurship and leadership, and launched innovative digital engagement platforms that connected hundreds of young people across Africa.
As we move into 2026, our focus remains on sustainability, institutional growth, and scaling impact to reach more communities and young leaders across Africa.



Mr. Derick Joseph Ambrose
Founding Director

2025 AT A GLANCE

2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone for The Great African Foundation as the organization focused on strengthening its internal systems, improving organizational structures, and building a more sustainable foundation for long-term impact across Africa. Despite operating within a challenging funding environment, TGAF demonstrated resilience and institutional growth by enhancing its operational capacity, expanding strategic partnerships, and recruiting skilled and competent volunteers who aligned with the organization's mission beyond passion alone. Throughout the year, the Foundation continued to empower young people through leadership development, entrepreneurship, innovation, community engagement, and advocacy initiatives. The following highlights reflect TGAF's major achievements, organizational growth, and the impact created in advancing its vision of empowering youth to build a prosperous and self-reliant Africa.

Key Highlights

01 4 International Partnerships Established

02 250+ Youths Engaged Through TGAF Youth Society

03 2 International Awards Received

04 5+ Major Programs Successfully Implemented

05 Participation in G20 Summit South Africa

06 500+ Youths Reached Through Entrepreneurship Programs



Our Approach

At The Great African Foundation, we believe that sustainable transformation begins with empowering young people to discover their purpose and become active contributors to society. Our approach focuses on nurturing ethical, innovative, and purpose-driven youth through a holistic empowerment model that combines mentorship, practical learning, community engagement, and advocacy.

1. Train

We equip young people with leadership skills, entrepreneurship knowledge, innovation capacity, civic education, and mindset transformation through trainings, workshops, mentorship programs, and capacity-building initiatives.

2. Mentor

We provide continuous mentorship and guidance that helps youth discover their potential, strengthen their confidence, and develop into responsible and solution-oriented leaders within their communities.

3. Community Field Engagement

We engage youth in practical community fieldwork, volunteerism, innovation projects, and social impact initiatives where they apply their knowledge and skills to address real community challenges and create positive change.

4. Transform Society & Advocate

As empowered youth become changemakers within their communities, TGAF advocates for inclusive policies, youth participation in governance, and sustainable reforms that strengthen youth empowerment, social justice, and community development across Africa.

OUR ORGANIZATION

THEORY OF CHANGE

01. Theory of Change

TGAF believes that when African youth are empowered through mentorship, mindset transformation, leadership development, innovation support, civic engagement, and practical skills training, they become ethical, innovative, and solution-oriented leaders capable of driving sustainable social and economic transformation across Africa.

02. Problem

Africa has one of the world's youngest populations, yet many young people remain affected by unemployment, hopelessness, substance abuse, lack of mentorship, limited opportunities, and weak participation in governance and development processes

03. Our Response

TGAF empowers youth through:

- Mentorship & Leadership Development
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support
- Community Engagement & Volunteerism
- Civic Education & Governance Participation
- Skills Development & Networking

04. Expected Long-Term Impact

- Increased youth employability and entrepreneurship
- Stronger youth leadership and civic participation
- Reduced vulnerability to negative social behaviors
- Sustainable community transformation led by young people


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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



Afro-Asian Entrepreneurs Conference

In partnership with Media Preneur Nigeria and Youth Investors Association, TGAF co-organized a major entrepreneurship conference at the University of Dar es Salaam, bringing together over 500 young entrepreneurs, diplomats, and business leaders to promote innovation, networking, and youth entrepreneurship.

Green Paradise Clean Cooking Energy Training

In collaboration with Greenward Inc. (USA), TGAF piloted a clean cooking energy training program that equipped youth with sustainable and environmentally friendly cooking technologies.

Borderless Africa Exchange Program

Implemented with Tuzungumzie Africa (Uganda) , the program promoted cross-cultural dialogue, youth empowerment, and regional collaboration among African youth.

EAC Youth Policy Engagement

TGAF participated in the East African Community Youth Policy Review discussions to ensure youth voices contributed toward regional governance and economic policy reforms.

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Afro-Asian Entrepreneurs Conference

In partnership with Media Preneur and Youth Investors Association, The Great African Foundation co-organized the Afro-Asian Entrepreneurs Conference at the University of Dar es Salaam, bringing together more than 500 young entrepreneurs, diplomats, innovators, and business leaders from different backgrounds. The conference created a dynamic platform for dialogue, networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing between African and Asian stakeholders.

The event focused on promoting youth entrepreneurship, innovation, leadership, and cross-cultural business collaboration while equipping young people with practical insights on business growth, investment opportunities, and sustainable enterprise development. Participants engaged in panel discussions, networking sessions, and mentorship exchanges that encouraged innovative thinking and regional cooperation.

The conference significantly contributed to strengthening youth employability, entrepreneurship, and global exposure while positioning young people as key drivers of economic transformation and innovation across Africa.



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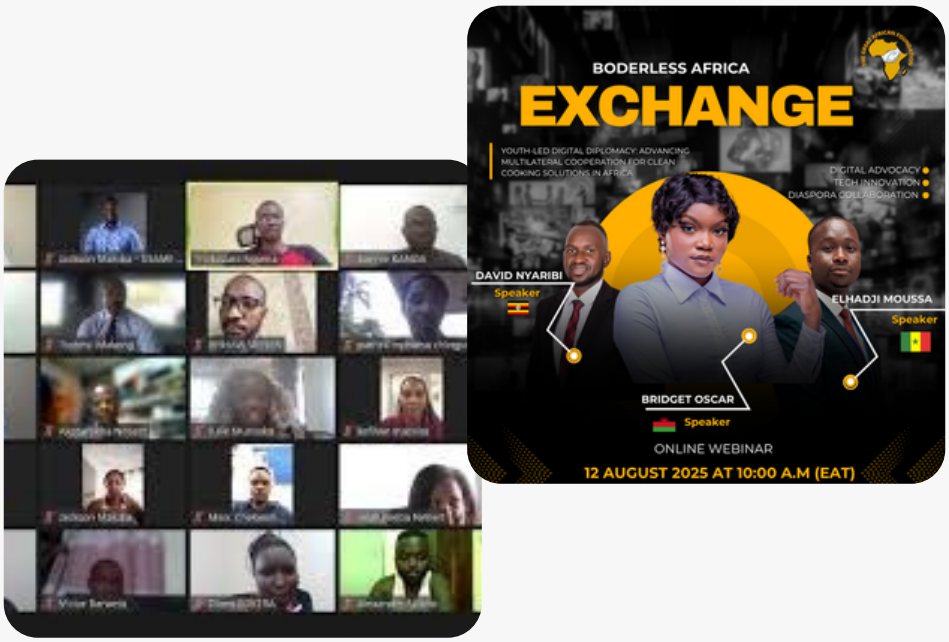
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Borderless Africa Exchange Program

The Great African Foundation officially launched the Borderless Africa Exchange Program on 12 August 2025 in collaboration with ActionAid Namibia and Uganda. The launch focused on promoting clean cooking energy solutions and engaging young people in climate justice advocacy through awareness, innovation, and community action. The initiative encouraged youth to become active champions of environmental sustainability and sustainable energy practices within their communities.

As part of the program, TGAF later hosted an online regional exchange dialogue on 14 October 2025 through Google Meet in commemoration of Julius Nyerere Day in cooperation with Tuzungumzie Africa. The virtual session brought together young people from different African countries to discuss youth leadership, African unity, Youth in Governance, cultural exchange, and the role of young people in driving sustainable development across the continent.

The Borderless Africa Exchange Program strengthened regional collaboration among African youth while creating a platform for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collective action on key social, environmental, and development issues affecting young people across Africa.



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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Green Paradise Clean Cooking Energy Training

In collaboration with Greenward Inc., The Great African Foundation implemented the Green Paradise Clean Cooking Energy Training to equip young people with knowledge and practical skills on sustainable and environmentally friendly cooking technologies. The training focused on promoting clean cooking energy solutions as an approach to environmental conservation, climate justice, and improved community health

Participants were introduced to affordable and energy-efficient cooking methods aimed at reducing environmental degradation, smoke pollution, and dependence on harmful traditional cooking practices. The program also encouraged youth participation in climate action and sustainable community development by empowering them to become advocates for clean energy solutions within their communities.

Through this initiative, TGAF strengthened youth awareness on environmental sustainability while promoting innovation and practical solutions that contribute toward a greener and healthier Africa.





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EAC Youth Policy Engagement

The Great African Foundation actively participated in the East African Community (EAC) Youth Policy Review and Preparation Meeting organized in collaboration with the East African Community and the Government of Tanzania. The engagement provided an important platform for youth-led organizations and young leaders to contribute ideas and recommendations toward regional youth development, governance, economic inclusion, and policy reform.

Through the discussions, TGAF advocated for stronger youth participation in decision-making processes, entrepreneurship support, skills development, and inclusive policies that address challenges facing young people across East Africa. The organization also emphasized the importance of empowering youth as active citizens and contributors to sustainable regional development.

The participation strengthened TGAF's commitment to youth governance and policy advocacy while ensuring that the voices and perspectives of African youth continue to be represented in regional development conversations and democratic processes.



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STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

G20 Summit South Africa

G20 Summit South Africa provided The Great African Foundation with an important international engagement platform to participate in conversations on global development, youth inclusion, economic transformation, climate justice, and governance. As the first G20 Summit hosted on African soil, the summit emphasized the themes of solidarity, equality, and sustainability while creating opportunities for African organizations and youth voices to contribute to global policy discussions.

Through this engagement, TGAF strengthened its exposure to international development discussions, expanded strategic networking opportunities, and gained insights into youth-centered global policies and sustainable development frameworks. The summit also reinforced the importance of youth participation in decision-making and highlighted the role of young leaders in shaping Africa's future within global governance spaces.

Participation in the summit positioned TGAF within broader continental and international conversations on youth empowerment, innovation, employability, and inclusive development while strengthening the organization's visibility and partnership opportunities across Africa and beyond..







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STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

CSOs Week 2025

Participation in CSOs Week 2025 enabled The Great African Foundation to engage with civil society organizations, development practitioners, policy actors, and grassroots leaders working toward sustainable development and social transformation across Africa. The platform created opportunities for dialogue, collaboration, and learning on issues affecting communities, governance, youth empowerment, and organizational sustainability.

Through this engagement, TGAF strengthened its institutional learning, expanded professional networks, and explored new approaches to community development, advocacy, and partnership building. The event also provided the organization with exposure to best practices in nonprofit leadership, resource mobilization, accountability, and impact-driven programming.

The engagement contributed to TGAF's organizational growth by strengthening collaboration opportunities with like-minded organizations and reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to building sustainable youth-led solutions for Africa's development challenges.







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Africa Diaspora Conference

Africa Diaspora Conference provided The Great African Foundation with an opportunity to engage with African diaspora leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, and development stakeholders committed to advancing Africa's transformation through collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The conference focused on strengthening connections between Africans on the continent and those in the diaspora to promote investment, innovation, entrepreneurship, cultural exchange, and sustainable development initiatives. Through participation in the conference, TGAF expanded its continental and global networks while exploring opportunities for partnerships, youth exchange programs, mentorship, and diaspora-driven development support.

The engagement also strengthened the organization's understanding of the important role the African diaspora plays in supporting youth empowerment, innovation, leadership development, and economic growth across the continent.





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African Philanthropy Network (APN)

Engagement with African Philanthropy Network provided The Great African Foundation with valuable exposure to African-led philanthropy, sustainable resource mobilization, and community-driven development approaches. APN is a continent-wide network that promotes African philanthropy, solidarity, and locally driven solutions for development across Africa

Through this platform, TGAF gained insights into strengthening institutional sustainability, building strategic partnerships, and promoting community-centered development initiatives. The engagement also highlighted the importance of African-led giving, collaboration, and youth participation in shaping sustainable and equitable societies across the continent.

Participation in APN activities strengthened TGAF's understanding of philanthropy as a tool for social transformation and reinforced the organization's commitment to building sustainable youth empowerment programs driven by African solutions and partnerships.





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Good Deeds Day – Arusha

The Great African Foundation participated in the Good Deeds Day event held in Arusha after being invited by Voice of Youth Tanzania to showcase and exhibit the organization's work and impact in youth empowerment and community transformation. The event brought together youth-led organizations, volunteers, community leaders, and development actors committed to promoting volunteerism, social responsibility, and positive community action.

During the exhibition, TGAF presented its programs, initiatives, and impact stories related to youth leadership, innovation, mentorship, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. The platform created opportunities for networking, visibility, partnership building, and knowledge sharing with different stakeholders and community members

Participation in Good Deeds Day strengthened TGAF's public engagement and reinforced the organization's commitment to volunteerism, community service, and empowering young people to become active changemakers within society.



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PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

New Strategic Partners

Tuzungumzie Africa

Tuzungumzie Africa is a youth-centered organization that promotes dialogue, civic engagement, and social transformation among young people in Uganda.

Media Preneur

Media Preneur is a creative media and entrepreneurship platform that equips young people with digital storytelling, branding, and media production skills in Nigeria.

Greenward Inc.

Greenward Inc. is an environmental solutions company that develops sustainable technologies and initiatives aimed at promoting climate resilience and green development.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION 2025

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Youth Empowerment NPO of the Year 2025 – Tanzania



Recognizing TGAF's commitment to Youth and community develoment

Non-Profit Dedication and Integrity Award 2025



Recognizing TGAF's commitment to ethical leadership, transparency, and community impact.

Why This Matters

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Non-Profit Organisation Awards

These awards strengthened TGAF's credibility, visibility, and international positioning as an emerging youth-led organization driving transformation across Africa.

CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

Challenges Faced in 2025

- Global donor funding uncertainties
- Limited organizational infrastructure
- Need for stronger beneficiary mobilization systems
- Operational resource constraints

Lessons Learned

- Partnerships are critical for sustainability.
- Digital platforms increase youth outreach.
- Financial independence is necessary for long-term growth.
- Youth-centered innovation creates scalable impact.





FINANCIAL & ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability Strategy

Key Priorities for 2026

- Expand endowment and income-generation initiatives
- Secure a dedicated TGAF Hub and training facility
- Strengthen staff development and organizational systems
- Increase youth outreach across Africa
- Build long-term strategic partnerships

Financial Direction

TGAF is transitioning toward a diversified and sustainable funding model through:

- Social enterprise initiatives
- Partnership development
- Resource mobilization
- Institutional capacity strengthening





CONCLUSION

The year 2025 demonstrated the resilience, innovation, and growing impact of The Great African Foundation. Despite financial and operational challenges, TGAF successfully expanded partnerships, empowered youth, strengthened regional engagement, and gained international recognition. As the organization enters 2026, it remains committed to building a prosperous Africa driven by empowered, ethical, innovative, and purpose-driven young leaders.

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