



**WORLD WATER WEEK
CAMPAIGN REPORT
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Overview

Tunza Foundation is a Non – Governmental Organization that is established with the goal of empowering and engaging young people in environmental action. The organization’s mission is to inspire, educate and mobilize the community to become active agents in preserving and conserving the environment with a particular focus on tree planting initiatives. Tunza Foundation aims to become a beacon of hope for a sustainable future by empowering young people to take action for the environment in preserving and conserving our planet.

The World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on the 22nd of March that highlights the importance of fresh waters in the world. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources all over the world.

The theme of World Water Day 2024 is; Water for Peace. Water can create peace or spark conflict. When water is scarce or polluted or when people have unequal or no access, tensions can rise between communities and countries. By cooperating on water, we can balance everyone’s water needs and help stabilize the world.

As climate change impacts increase, and populations grow, there is an urgent need, within and between countries, to unite around protecting and conserving our most precious resource.

Public health and prosperity, food and energy systems, economic productivity and environmental integrity all rely on a well-functioning and equitably managed water cycle.



Activities

To celebrate this week, Tunza Foundation worked together with the Pangani Basin Water Board and other environmental organizations in a three - day campaign from 20th – 22nd March 2024.

Our theme as quoted in Swahili was;

‘UTUNZAJI WA VYANZO VYA MAJI NI JUKUMU LETU SOTE’.

The campaign involved cleaning and trash picking from river sources in Moshi Municipal, planting trees in river sources and primary schools and environmental seminars.

Below is the preview of the activities.



Activities

Day 1: 20th March 2024

On this day we cleaned the Coffee Curing spring famously known as Deep Sea, the spring that is found at the center of Moshi Municipal. It was overwhelming to find the amount of trash and litters thrown on the area surrounding the spring and in the spring. Most of them were plastic bottles and domestic wastes.

We started by picking trash and wastes thrown in the areas surrounding the spring and then we picked the trash thrown in the spring.

Below are a few photos of the event





[Picking trash, litters and wastes around the Coffee Curing Spring]



After picking trash, liters and wastes from the area that surrounds the spring/river, we cleaned the trash that was thrown in the river. It was painful to find that residents will contaminate the river that is supposed to provide them with safe and clean water.

Below are a few photos of the event.







[Picking trash, liters and wastes that were thrown into the Coffee Curing River Spring]

Day 2: 21st March 2024

On this day we cleaned the Rau River located in the Moshi district. The situation was similar to the one we found in the Coffee Curing river. We took a small opportunity to inform the residents around the Rau River about the importance of keeping the river clean. As we did the day before, we cleaned the area surrounding the river before cleaning the river.

Below are a few photos of the event:





[Picking trash, litters and wastes around the Rau River]



After picking trash, liters and wastes from the area that surrounds the river, we cleaned the trash that was thrown in the river.

Below are a few photos of the event.







[Picking trash, liters and wastes that were thrown into the Rau River]



Day 3: 22nd March 2024

This was the peak of the celebration. On this day we did not clean rivers but rather we celebrated by planting trees and raising awareness among the youth and the younger generation about the importance of environmental and water conservation.

The Pangani Basin Water Board planted 200 tree seedlings of baobab, quinine tree and water carrier trees on the banks of the Goa River in Moshi Municipal.

Tunza Foundation Donated 80 fruit tree seedlings to four different primary schools located in Moshi Municipal and Moshi District.

The trees planting started at the Kisowoni and Kindi Kati Primary schools. These trees were planted with the help of the representatives from Tunza Foundation and Pangani Basin Water Board together with teachers and students of the aforementioned schools.

Below are a few photos of the event.











[Trees planting at Kisowoni and Kindi | Kati Primary schools]



After the tree planting event in the aforementioned schools, the Pangani Basin water Board gave an interactive lecture to the students about the importance of environmental and water bodies conservation and preservation.

Below are a few photos of the event.





[Environmental lecture at the Kisowoni and Kindi Kati Primary schools]

After Kindi Kati and Kisowoni Primary schools in the Moshi District, the team moved to Njoro and Chemchem primary schools in the Moshi Municipal where fruit tree seedlings and environmental lectures were provided to the students and teachers of the aforementioned schools.

Below are some photos of the event.



[Environment Lecture at the Njoro and Chemchem Primary schools]

After the lecture at Njoro and Chemchem primary schools, we planted fruit tree seedlings.

Below are some photos of the event.





[Planting trees at Njoro and Chemchem Primary schools]



Impacts

From the campaign, more than 250 trees were planted. These trees will keep the source of river Goa healthy for generations to come.

The fruit trees planted in the schools will aid in nutritious fruits for the children in the school also will provide shades that will keep them from the scorching rays of the sun and provide shelter for afternoon out of the class self-studies for the students.

The lectures have implanted the seeds of awareness on environmental conservation and preservation among the students and hence creating a generation of environmental ambassadors for the future of our planet.



Opinions

It is in our humble opinion that the government places protection policies to protect these precious water bodies. The policy should contain both education seminars to the public, a set of rules and regulations and punishments to those who will not follow the agreed set of regulations.

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Thank You





