

TANZANIA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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ORGANISATION INFORMATION

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Dodoma

Main banker

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Dodoma

Auditor

ISHARA (Certified Public Accountants)
5th Floor, Wing "A", Msasani Tower
Ali Bin Said Street, Msasani Peninsula
P. O. Box 105924
Dar es Salaam
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): 127-018-162
Licensing Number: PF 297

TANZANIA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Directors have pleasure to present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which disclose the state of affairs of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (hereinafter also “TECDEN” or “the Organisation”) as at that date. This report is prepared in compliance with provisions of Tanzania Financial Reporting Standard (TFRS) No. 1 – *The Report by Those Charged with Governance* and in the manner required by the Non-Governmental Organisations Act No. 24 of 2002 (hereinafter also “the Non-Governmental Organisations Act”).

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1. REGISTRATION AND OFFICE ADDRESS

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) was founded in December 2000 and formally registered on 30 June 2004 by the Registrar of Societies, under the then Society’s Ordinance, 1954 (now Societies Act, 2002) with registration number 12558. However, in order to align better with its main activities, the Organisation registered itself under the Non-Governmental Organisations’ Act on 26 February 2015, and received a certificate of registration number 00007826, this registration was updated on 02 March 2023 and received a certificate with registration 00NGO/R1/00178. The address of the Organisation’s office is as stated on page 1.

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network is a national umbrella of early childhood organisation’s working in partnership to influence policies, programs and practice related to Early Childhood Development (ECD) by sharing information, experience and through these processes to generate knowledge and understanding on ECD.

2. MISSION AND VISION

Vision statement:

A society where all children are developmentally on track to reach their full potential

Mission statement:

TECDEN is determined to collaboratively work with other networks, coalitions, institutions, the private sector, the government, development partners and other potential stakeholders to influence policies, programs and practices related to Early Childhood Development (ECD). This can be achieved through sharing of information, experience and generating knowledge; and understanding of ECD; and work towards early investments in young children of 0 – 8 years in Tanzania.

3. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

TECDEN is a national umbrella of early childhood organisations working in partnership to influence policies, programs and practice related to Early Childhood Development (ECD) by sharing information, experience and through these processes to generate knowledge and understanding on ECD.

4. PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

The Statement of Financial Performance shows a surplus generated for the year ended 31 December 2023 of TZS 3.3 million (2022: NIL). TECDEN spent funds amounting to TZS 1.9 billion for the year ended 2023 (2022: TZS 1 billion) to undertake various activities as detailed below. The detailed financial performance of the Organisation, during the year is set out on page 11 of the financial statements.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

4. PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (Continued)

Main achievements and developments during the year

For the year 2023, TECDEN strengthened the capacity to effectively coordinate Civil Society Organisations participation in monitoring and advocating for effective delivery of ECD services in Tanzania. The result included signing the Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with Children in Crossfire (CiC) to implement the “Mtoto Kwanza” Project from the financial year 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 across 26 regions in mainland Tanzania. Additionally, TECDEN signed an agreement with African Early Childhood Network (AfECN) to Strengthen Advocacy Capacity (SAC) 2022/2023-2024/2025 as well as signed an agreement with Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to coordinate the development of National Multisectoral ECD Scorecard for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

For the year 2023, TECDEN undertook a number of activities that improved the Organisation’s visibility including partnering with 26 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) namely Action for Community Care - Dodoma, TADEPA - Kagera, LIWOPAC – Lindi, CDO – Morogoro, VIPAMARU –Rukwa, JIDA – Tabora, BJI – Dar es Salaam, MPDI – Arusha, COSITA – Manyara, , AICT-MUT – Mara, Amani Girls Organization - Simiyu, ANJITA Foundation – Coast Region, BAK-AID – Kigoma, ESTL – Singida, HIMSO – Songwe, ICS – Shinyanga, IDYDC – Iringa, KIMAS – Mtwara, LARDEO – Katavi, NELICO – Geita, ROA – Ruvuma, SHADO – Mbeya, TAHEA – Mwanza, TAWREF – Kilimanjaro, UHTC – Tanga, and UWODO - Njombe for the implementation of “Mtoto Kwanza” Project which catalyse the implementation of National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme (NM-ECDP) 2021/22 - 2025/26.

TECDEN in collaboration with Children in Crossfire (CiC) and Union of Tanzania Press Club (UTPC) conducted orientation to the new batch of CSOs and Government officials from respective regions on Mtoto Kwanza Project and the National Multisectoral ECD Programme. The orientation brought together 30 CSOs representatives, 10 Regional Community Development Officers (RCDOs) from 17 regions of Simiyu, Mbeya, Mara, Coast region, Kigoma, Singida, Songwe, Shinyanga, Iringa, Mtwara, Katavi, Geita, Ruvuma, Mwanza, Kilimajaro, Tanga and Njombe.

TECDEN in collaboration with key Early Childhood Development (ECD) Ministries and ECD stakeholders, supported the NME-CDP dissemination and orientation meetings across 16 regions of Simiyu, Mara, Coast region, Kigoma, Singida, Songwe, Shinyanga, Iringa, Mtwara, Katavi, Geita, Ruvuma, Mwanza, Kilimajaro, Tanga and Njombe making an overall count of all 26-region coverage including those from the year 2022. The meetings engaged CSOs from regions workings in ECD sector, key Government officials from Ministry level, Regional and District Council officials, Religious leaders and the Press.

In addition to the above, during CSO Mtoto Kwanza review meetings, it was revealed that all 26 regions in mainland Tanzania have been reached in NMECDP dissemination which enhanced implementation of nurturing care framework components (responsive caregiving; adequate nutrition; safety and security; health; and opportunities to early learning) investment distribution across all its domains with more than 80 interventions implemented.

In collaboration with key ECD sector Ministries and ECD stakeholders, TECDEN conducted National meetings including NM-ECDP Secretariat Meetings, ECD stakeholders Group and National Technical Committee (NTC) with attendance of 40 participants in both meetings from CSOs, Networks, government officials, International Organisations and media houses. The meetings were used to reflect implementation of the National Multi-Sectoral ECD Program at National and sub-national level and monitor the preparation for the Eastern African ECD Conference. The meeting also presented updates from ECD stakeholders including UNICEF, “Mtoto Kwanza” partners, Ifakara Health Institute, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), WHO and D-tree.

Conducted a Science of Early Childhood Development (SECD) training to 85 ECD workforce (34 CSOs representatives, 36 Regional Social Welfare and Community Development Officers, 7 Government officials from Ministerial level - Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special

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4. PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (Continued)

Groups (MoCDGWSGs), Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) President Office Regional and Local Government (PO-RALG) and Prime Ministry Office (PMO) and 8 project staff.

Awareness creation through television, newspaper and radio talk shows in all 26 regions of Tanzania mainland. The awareness sessions related to health and nutrition, early learning, child protection and responsible caregiving.

Tanzania ECD Network in collaboration with key ECD Sector Ministries, Children in Crossfire, Union of Tanzania Press Clubs, Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Teams and the Regional Champion ECD Civil Societies, conducted the NM-ECDP Regional review meetings across 10 regions. The meetings were organised by the Regional Secretariat in collaboration with ECD stakeholders through the "Mtoto Kwanza" Project. The regional NM-ECDP review meetings engaged Ministry officials, Regional officials, District officials, CSOs, representatives from religious leaders and media houses. The meetings presented and discussed activities implemented by District Councils and the way forward toward NM-ECDP implementation.

Furthermore, TECDEN conducted its structural meetings according to its constitution including conducting the Annual General Meeting which one of the deliverables was to accept the Organisation's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, and validation of TECDEN Strategic Plan (a five-year plan covering the period from 2024 - 2028). Routine board meetings were conducted on a quarterly basis with the intention of overseeing network operation.

Lastly, TECDEN conducted two National level project implementation reflection meetings for three days in Dodoma. The meetings engaged Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN), Children in Crossfire (CiC), Union of Tanzania Press Club (UTPC), sector Ministries – Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MoCDGWSGs), President's Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), Prime Minister Office (PMO), Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) and CSOs from all 26 regions and other ECD stakeholders;

5. TECDEN'S FUTURE PLANS

TECDEN plans to continue coordinating non-state actors in NM-ECDP's implementation at both National and sub-national level. In this regard, the Organisation will continue to manage implementation of "Mtoto Kwanza" Project which catalyses the NMECDP implementation in all 26 regions of mainland Tanzania.

TECDEN will further continue to coordinate the implementation of the National ECD Advocacy Strategy which advocates for the implementation of NMECDP. The Strategy development has been coordinated by TECDEN in collaboration with ECD actors and is at the stage of its official launching.

Similarly, TECDEN will coordinate the development and piloting of the National Multisectoral ECD Scorecard to support ECD activities, routine performance management and inform decision making at National and sub-national level.

Similarly, TECDEN will continue with capacity building and engage its members in various activities to ensure members are active in championing the ECD agenda at both National and sub-national levels. Lastly, TECDEN will continue conducting Annual General meetings, and routine board meetings to ensure compliance to the Network constitution and policies.

6. SOLVENCY

The Board confirms that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Board has reasonable expectation that the Organisation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The financial position of the Organisation as at 31 December 2023 is set out on page 12 of these financial statements.

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7. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The operations of TECDEN are directed by the Board of Directors which meets at a minimum of 4 times per year. The number, powers and proceedings governing the role and conduct of Directors are as laid out in the Organisation's Constitution. The Board of Directors aims to have a minimum of 7 members plus the Executive Director who acts as the secretary.

The day-to-day activities of the Organisation are managed by the Executive Director who is assisted by a team of key officials namely the Advocacy Manager, Accountant, Project Manager, Administrator, Project Officer, and Communication and Partnerships Officer. The Executive Director is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Organisation.

The Board of Directors of the organisation believes that high standards of corporate governance directly influence the Organisation's members and other stakeholders, and the Directors recognise the importance of integrity, transparency, responsibility and accountability in running the affairs of the organisation

8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors currently consists of seven Directors headed by the Board Chairman. The Board takes overall responsibility for the Organisation, including the responsibility for identifying key risk areas, considering and monitoring decisions, considering significant financial matters and reviewing the performance of management plans and budgets.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for ensuring that a comprehensive system of internal control policies and procedures is operative and for compliance with sound corporate governance principles.

The Board Members of the Organisation who held office during the year and to the date of this report were:

Name	Position	Age	Qualification	Member Organisation
Mr. Mohamed Nkinde	Chairman	68	Director	MPDI ⁽¹⁾
Mr. Patrice Gwasma	Member	48	Director	COSITA ⁽²⁾
Mr. Souleman Masoud	Member	58	Director	MRZ ⁽³⁾
Mr. Charles Fungo	Member	46	Director	CRS ⁽⁴⁾
Mr. Nguga Tepani	Member	59	Director	TANGO ⁽⁵⁾
Mr. Selemani Idrisa	Member	54	Director	TECLA
Ms. Felistas Kalomo	Member	77	Director	CDO ⁽⁶⁾
Ms. Mwajuma Rwebangila	Secretary	42	Director	

(1) MPDI – Monduli Pastoralist Development Initiatives

(2) COSITA – Community Support Initiatives Tanzania

(3) CDO – Childhood Development Organisation

(4) MRZ – Madrasa Recourse Centre Zanzibar

(5) CRS – Catholic Relief Services

(6) TANGO – Tanzania Association of Non-Governmental Organisations

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Board convened 5 meetings.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANISATION

The Organisation's membership consists of organisations involved with Early Childhood Development. There are founding members and other membership types namely Regular Members, Affiliate Members and Strategic members. As at 31 December 2023, the Organisation had 54 Regular, 43 Affiliate and 11 Strategic Active members (2022: 58).

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board accepts final responsibility for the risk management and internal control system of the Organisation. It is the task of management to ensure that adequate internal financial and operational control systems are developed and maintained on an ongoing basis in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding:

- The effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
- The safeguard of the Organisation's assets;
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- The reliability of accounting records;
- Business sustainability under normal as well as adverse condition; and
- Responsible behaviours towards all stakeholders.

The efficiency of any internal control system is dependent on the strict observance of prescribed measures. There is always a risk of non-compliance with such measures by staff. Whilst no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against misstatement or losses, the Organisation system is designed to provide the Board with reasonable assurance that the procedures in place are operating effectively. The Board assessed the internal control systems throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and is of the opinion that they met accepted criteria.

11. EMPLOYEE WELFARE

Employee Benefit Plan

During the year, TECDEN and its employees contributed to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), which is a statutory defined contribution plan, on a monthly basis, under the NSSF Act. The Organisation's contributions to the defined contribution plan are charged to the statement of financial performance in the year to which they relate. The Organisation has no other obligations to pay post-employment benefits.

Relationship between Management and Employees

The relationship between management and employees was reasonably good. There were no unresolved complaints received by management from employees.

Medical assistance

All members of staff and their dependents are covered with medical insurance as per Organisation policy.

Gender balance

The Organisation is an equal opportunity employer. It gives equal access to employment opportunities and ensures that the best available person is appointed to any given position free from discrimination of any kind and regardless of factors like gender, marital status, tribe, religion and disability which does not impair ability to discharge duties. The Organisation had the following distribution of employees by gender.

Gender	2023	2022
Female	4	4
Male	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)**

12. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Organisation has not recruited any persons with disabilities. However, it is the policy of the Organisation not to discriminate against persons with disability in recruitment.

13. POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Organisation did not make any political or charitable donations during the year.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties are disclosed in Note 20 to the financial statements.

15. AUDITOR

ISHARA were appointed as external auditors of the Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2023.

By order of the Board



Mohamed Nkinde
Board Chairman

8th April,2024



Mwajuma Rwebangila
Executive Director

8th April,2024

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Organisation's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statements of financial performance, change in net asset/ equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, in accordance with International Public Sector Standards (IPSAS) and in the manner required by the Non-Governmental Organisations Act.


The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for maintaining adequate accounting records and an effective system of risk management.

The Director has made an assessment of the ability of the Organisation to continue as going concern and have no reason to believe that it will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

The auditors are responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the selected financial reporting framework.


Mohamed Nkinde
Board Chairman

.....8th April,.....2024


Mwajuma Rwebangila
Executive Director

.....8th April,.....2024

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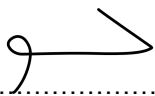
**DECLARATION OF HEAD OF FINANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) according to the powers conferred to it under the Auditors and Accountants (Registration) Act No. 33 of 1972, as amended by Act No. 2 of 1995, requires financial statements to be accompanied with a declaration issued by the Head of Finance responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the entity concerned.

It is the duty of a professional accountant to assist the Board to discharge the responsibility of preparing financial statements of an entity showing a true and fair view of the entity's financial position and performance in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Full legal responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements rests with the Board of Directors as stated under the Directors' Responsibilities on the previous page.

I, Ummyhawa Omar Aweis, being the Head of Finance at Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network hereby acknowledge my responsibility of ensuring that the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in compliance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

I thus confirm that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network as on that date and for the year then ended, and that the financial statements have been prepared based on properly maintained financial records.

Signature:

NBAA Membership No: ACPA 4594

..... 8th April,2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TANZANIA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network ("the Organisation"), set out on pages 11 to 32 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statements of financial performance, changes in net assets/ equity, cash flows and comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and in the manner required by the Non-Governmental Organisations Act.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organisation in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information which comprises the Report of the Directors, Statement of Directors' Responsibilities and Declaration by Head of Finance. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Non-Governmental Organisation Act, and for such internal control as directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Directors are responsible for assessing the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless directors either intend to liquidate the Organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

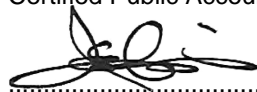
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organisation's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organisation to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

ISHARA

Certified Public Accountants (T)



Signed by CPA I. H. Saburi (ACPA 1707)

Dar es Salaam

..... 8 April 2024

TANZANIA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Revenue			
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	5(a)	1,909,742	1,087,711
Other income	5(b)	<u>5,080</u>	<u>320</u>
		<u>1,914,822</u>	<u>1,088,031</u>
Expenditure			
Program related costs	6	1,648,162	943,117
Administration costs	8	<u>263,320</u>	<u>144,914</u>
Total expenditure		<u>1,911,482</u>	<u>1,088,031</u>
Surplus before taxation		3,340	-
Taxation charge for the year	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus for the year		<u><u>3,340</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Notes and related statements forming part of these financial statements appear on pages 15 to 32.

Report of the Auditor – Pages 9 and 10.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment	11	<u>33,502</u>	<u>26,537</u>
Current assets			
Grant receivable	12	8,414	-
Advances to Implementing Partners	13	229,332	91,002
Other receivables	14	18,137	11,770
Cash and cash equivalents	15	<u>1,135,031</u>	<u>209,719</u>
Total current assets		<u>1,390,914</u>	<u>312,491</u>
Total assets		<u>1,424,416</u>	<u>339,028</u>
LIABILITIES			
Non – current liabilities			
Deferred capital grants	16	33,502	26,537
Deferred revenue grants	18	<u>1,364,100</u>	<u>303,863</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>1,397,602</u>	<u>330,400</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals and other payables	17	<u>104,473</u>	<u>89,627</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,502,075</u>	<u>420,027</u>
Net assets		<u>(77,659)</u>	<u>(80,999)</u>
NET ASSETS/ EQUITY			
Accumulated deficit		<u>(77,659)</u>	<u>(80,999)</u>
Total net assets/ equity		<u>(77,659)</u>	<u>(80,999)</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 32 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on
.....8th April,.....2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Board Chairman

.....8th April, 2024



Executive Director

.....8th April, 2024

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/ EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Accumulated deficit TZS '000
At 1 January 2022	(80,999)
Surplus for the year	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>(80,999)</u>
At 1 January 2023	(80,999)
Surplus for the year	<u>3,340</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>(77,659)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023	2022
	Notes	TZS '000	TZS '000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus before taxation		3,340	-
<i>Adjustments for non-cash items:</i>			
Depreciation charge on property and equipment	11	5,962	4,934
Loss on asset written off	11	73	-
Net movement in deferred capital grants	16	6,965	23,595
Net movement in deferred revenue grants	18	<u>1,060,237</u>	<u>298,606</u>
Surplus from operations		1,076,577	327,135
Changes in working capital items:			
Change in grant receivable	12	(8,414)	11,197
Change in advances to Implementing Partners	13	(138,330)	(91,002)
Change in other receivables	14	(6,367)	(11,770)
Change in trade and other payables	17	<u>14,846</u>	<u>(9,144)</u>
Cash generated from operations		<u>938,312</u>	<u>226,416</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property and equipment	11	<u>(13,000)</u>	<u>(28,529)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year		925,312	197,887
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		<u>209,719</u>	<u>11,832</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	15	<u>1,135,031</u>	<u>209,719</u>

Notes and related statements forming part of these financial statements appear on pages 15 to 32.

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TANZANIA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ORGANISATION INFORMATION

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network that is registered and domiciled in the United Republic of Tanzania. The address of its registered office is described in page 1 of these Financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as a measurement basis and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The accrual basis of accounting has been applied as required under IPSAS and presentation of Financial Statement is in Tanzanian Shillings.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IPSAS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

(b) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(i) New standards adopted by the Organisation

Amendments to a Standard were effective during the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out below:

IPSAS 41 Financial instruments

IPSAS 41 Financial Instruments, establishes new requirements for classifying, recognising and measuring financial instruments to replace those in *IPSAS 29 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*.

This Standard provides users of financial statements with more useful information than *IPSAS 29*, by simplified classification and measurement requirements for financial assets, applying a single forward-looking expected credit loss model that is applicable to all financial instruments subject to impairment testing; and a flexible hedge accounting model.

(ii) New standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Organisation

IPSAS 44 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

Non-current assets are 'held for sale' either individually or as part of a disposal group when the entity has the intention to sell them, they are available for immediate sale and disposal within 12 months is highly probable. Assets and liabilities of a controlled entity are classified as held for sale if the controlling entity parent is committed to a plan involving loss of control of the controlled entity, regardless of whether the entity will retain a non-controlling interest after the sale. Non-current assets 'held for sale' are measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell (or costs to distribute). The non-current assets are no longer depreciated.

Effective date: reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(c) Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenues from non-exchange transactions with the donors are measured at fair value and recognised on obtaining control of the asset (cash, goods, services and property) if the transfer is free from conditions and it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential related to the asset will flow to the Organisation and can be measured reliably. Donors grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Organisation will comply with the conditions attached to them and that the grants will be received.

Other donors' grants are recognised as revenue over the periods necessary to match them with the costs for which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis. Donors' grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Organisation with no future related costs are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they become receivable.

(d) Equipment

Property and equipment are tangible assets which the Organisation holds for its own use or for rental to others and which are expected to be used for more than one period. An item of property and equipment is recognised as an asset when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Organisation, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Also capitalise items that are intended by the entity to serve its business operations in the long term. This is the case for assets with the following characteristics:

- Total cost per unit with an equivalent amount of TZS 250,000 or more inclusive of tax;
- A probable useful life of at least one year; and
- The ability to be used throughout the entire life of the asset.

Property and equipment is initially measured at cost. Cost includes all of the expenditure which is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation of an asset commences when the asset is available for use as intended by management. Depreciation is charged to write off the asset's carrying amount over its estimated useful life to its estimated residual value, using a straight-line method which best reflects the pattern in which the asset's economic benefits are consumed by the Organisation. Depreciation is not charged to an asset if its estimated residual value exceeds or is equal to its carrying amount. Depreciation of an asset ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale or derecognised. The depreciation methods and useful lives of items of property and equipment have been assessed as follows:

Asset	Rate %
Office equipment	12.5
Computers and accessories	20
Furniture and fittings	12.5
Motor vehicles and Motorcycles	12.5

During the year, the entity charged its depreciation rates as indicated above.

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method of property and equipment are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. If the expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for prospectively as a change in accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Equipment (Continued)

Impairment tests are performed on equipment when there is an indicator that they may be impaired. When the carrying amount of an item of equipment is assessed to be higher than the estimated recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Performance to bring the carrying amount in line with the recoverable amount.

An item of property and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its continued use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from derecognition of an item of equipment is included in the Statement of Financial Performance when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from derecognition of an item of equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

(e) Payables

Payable under non-exchange transaction transactions represent grant received but not yet utilised as at the end of the year

Account payable is made up of accrual which represent amount due to support services and/or materials received prior to the year end, but not paid for as at the statement of financial position date and liabilities to pay for goods or services that have been received or supplied but have not been paid, invoiced or formal agreed with the suppliers respectively

(f) Cash and cash equivalent

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash in bank, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank balances are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(g) Deferred Revenue

Deferred Revenue is determined based on grants received from non-exchange transactions which have conditions attached that results to present obligation and meets definition of a liability.

(h) Employee benefit

Retirement benefit obligations

The Organisation and all its employees contribute to the appropriate National Social Security Fund (the fund), which is a defined contribution scheme.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Organisation pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The Organisation has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

The Organisation's contributions to the defined contribution scheme are charged to the statement of financial performance in the period in which they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Employee benefit (Continued)

Provisions are recognised when:

- The Organisation has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- It is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- A reliable estimate can be made of the obligation

The amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement shall be recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the entity settles the obligation. The reimbursement shall be treated as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the provision. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

(i) Translation of foreign currencies

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Organisation operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Tanzanian Shillings ("TZS") which is the Organisation's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency of the respective entity using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

(j) Financial instruments

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

Except for certain short-term receivables and payables, all financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through surplus or deficit, transaction costs. Short-term receivables and payables shall be measured at the original invoice amount at initial recognition, if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost fair value through surplus or deficit or (fair value through net assets/equity. Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Organisation changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

(j) Financial instruments (Continued)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following:

- It is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

A financial asset is measured at fair value through net assets/equity if it meets both of the following:

- The financial asset is held within a management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

These assets are subsequently measured as measured at: amortised cost fair value through surplus or deficit or (fair value through net assets/equity. A gain or loss on a financial asset or financial liability that is measured at fair value shall be recognised in surplus or deficit unless:

- It is part of a hedging relationship;
- It is an investment in an equity instrument and the entity has elected to present gains and losses on that investment in net assets/equity in accordance with paragraph 106; and
- It is a financial liability designated as at fair value through surplus or deficit and the entity is required to present the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in net assets/equity

Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

An entity shall classify all financial liabilities as subsequently measured at amortised cost, except for;

- Financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit. Such liabilities, including derivatives that are liabilities, shall be subsequently measured at fair value;
- Financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset does not qualify for derecognition or when the continuing involvement approach applies;
- Commitments to provide a loan at a below-market interest rate.
- Contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a public sector combination to which IPSAS 40 applies. Such contingent consideration shall subsequently be measured at fair value with changes recognised in surplus or deficit.

(iii) Derecognition

Financial assets

The Organisation derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Organisation neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Continued)

(j) Financial instruments (Continued)

(iii) Derecognition (Continued)

Financial liabilities

The Organisation derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Organisation also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

(iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Organisation currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment

Non-derivative financial assets

Financial instruments and contract assets

The Organisation recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Organisation measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- Bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.
- Loss allowances for trade receivables or other receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Organisation considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Organisation's historical experience and informed credit assessment, that includes forward-looking information.

The Organisation assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 90 days past due.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

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(j) Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment (Continued)

Non-derivative financial assets (Continued)

Financial instruments and contract assets (Continued)

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Organisation is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

An entity shall measure expected credit losses of a financial instrument in a way that reflects;

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Organisation assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Organisation has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

Usually, the Organisation individually makes an assessment with respect to the timing and amount of write-off based on whether there is a reasonable expectation of recovery. The Organisation expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Organisation's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

Non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Organisation reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets (other than biological assets, investment property, inventories, contract assets and deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment. For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs

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(j) Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment (Continued)

Non-financial assets (Continued)

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of the Organisation's financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

Judgments

In the process of applying the Organisation's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

Operating lease commitments – Organisation as a lessee

The Organisation has entered into lease agreements for office space. The Organisation has determined that it does not retain significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties and so accounts for them as operating leases.

Estimates and assumptions

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Organisation's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Organisation's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance.

(a) Market risk

The Organisation is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from grants receivable/received, purchases, assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Organisation, primarily with respect to United States Dollars.

Organisation financial assets and liabilities are denominated in Tanzania shillings. As a result, the Organisation is not exposed to exchange rate fluctuations that have an impact on cash flows.

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4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organisation will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash balances, and the availability of funding from various donors and (or) development partners.

The Organisation ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted.

Maturity analysis for financial assets and liabilities is as follows:

	Up to 1 year TZS '000	Up to 2 years TZS '000	Over 2 years TZS '000	Total TZS '000
At 31 December 2023				
Financial assets				
Grant receivables (Note 12)	8,414	-	-	8,414
Advances to Implementing Partners (Note 13)	227,007	2,325	-	229,332
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 15)	1,135,031	-	-	1,135,031
Total financial assets	<u>1,370,452</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,372,777</u>
Financial liabilities				
Accrued expenses (Note 17)	12,124	-	-	12,124
Trade payables (Note 17)	10,000	-	-	10,000
Total financial liabilities	<u>22,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,124</u>
Net liquidity gap	<u>1,348,328</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,350,653</u>
At 31 December 2022				
Financial assets				
Advances to Implementing Partners (Note 13)	91,002	-	-	91,002
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 15)	209,719	-	-	209,719
Total financial assets	<u>300,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,815</u>
Financial liabilities				
Accrued expenses (Note 17)	5,253	-	-	5,253
Trade payables (Note 17)	2,025	-	-	2,025
Total financial liabilities	<u>7,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,278</u>
Net liquidity gap	<u>293,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,537</u>

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and short-term deposits with banks. The Organisation does not have any significant concentrations of credit risk.

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4. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(c) Credit risk (Continued)

The amount that best represents the Organisation's maximum exposure to credit risk at 31 December 2023 is made up as follows:

	Gross carrying amount 2023 TZS '000	Credit loss allowance 2023 TZS '000	Amortised cost 2023 TZS '000	Gross carrying amount 2022 TZS '000	Credit loss allowanc e 2022 TZS '000	Amortised cost 2022 TZS '000
Grant receivable (Note 12)	8,414	-	8,414	-	-	-
Bank balances (Note 15)	1,134,853	-	1,134,853	208,363	-	208,363
Advances to Implementing Partners (Note 13)	<u>231,657</u>	<u>(2,325)</u>	<u>229,332</u>	<u>91,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,002</u>
	<u>1,374,924</u>	<u>(2,325)</u>	<u>1,372,599</u>	<u>299,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,365</u>

5. REVENUE

(a) Revenue from non-exchange transactions

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Revenue grants:		
The African Early Childhood Network [Note 18(b) and Note 12(b)]	104,767	11,166
Catholic Relief Services [Note 18(b)]	-	1,354
Better Way Foundation [Note 18(b)]	220,114	-
Spark Health Africa [Note 18(b)]	11,971	-
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [Note 18(b)]	71,323	-
Children in Crossfire [Note 18(b)]	1,490,632	445,253
Children in Crossfire – direct payments**	-	618,704
Other stakeholders***	<u>4,900</u>	<u>6,300</u>
Sub-total – revenue grants	<u>1,903,707</u>	<u>1,082,777</u>
Capital grants utilised [Note 16(b)]	<u>6,035</u>	<u>4,934</u>
Grand total – revenue from non-exchange transactions	<u>1,909,742</u>	<u>1,087,711</u>
(b) Other revenue		
Interest income (bank balances)	1,740	320
Subscription from the members' organisation	<u>3,340</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other revenue	<u>5,080</u>	<u>320</u>

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5. REVENUE (Continued)

** During the year ended 31 December 2022, TECDEN conducted most of its transactions through CiC, relying heavily on the latter's operational systems to manage its finances. However, in October 2023, TECDEN's operational system underwent a significant upgrade, allowing the Organization to assume full responsibility for managing its grants. However, during the year ended 31 December 2023, the grant from CiC was received in the Organisation's bank accounts and transactions carried out under Management's supervision. This development marked a significant milestone in TECDEN's financial management strategy, which is expected to strengthen its operations and enhance its financial sustainability in the future.

*** During the year ended 31 December 2023, Amani Girls Home and World Vision Tanzania contributed TZS 1,000,000 and TZS 3,900,000 respectively for the stakeholders' meeting. In the previous year, the same Institutions contributed TZS 500,000 and TZS 5,800,000 respectively to support meal costs for the event to launch the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP) in Dodoma.

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
6. PROGRAM RELATED COSTS		
NM-ECDP Multi-Sectoral Technical Working Group	-	5,285
TECDEN participation in other ECD coordination processes	24,454	22,365
National ECD Task Force	-	12,395
Engaging sub-national local CSO ECD Champions	11,520	6,528
Engaging sub-national local CSO ECD Champions	19,603	14,923
Coordination/ capacity-building of local CSO ECD Champions	339,210	183,732
Performance Management	394,044	137,546
Regional Bi-annual NM-ECDP progress review	114,869	42,499
Championing sub-nationally National ECD Advocacy agenda	180,853	56,452
Global Leaders Programme Sponsorship	14,465	20,091
Development of the NM-ECDP Advocacy strategy	-	14,342
Strengthening Advocacy Capacity (SAC)	45,779	-
NMCDP Score Card	69,389	-
Program staff costs [Note 7(a)]	461,911	426,959
Unrealised foreign exchange gain (net)	(27,935)	-
	<u>1,648,162</u>	<u>943,117</u>

Legend:

NM-ECDP: National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Program
 ECD: Early Childhood Development
 CSO: Civil Society Organisations

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
7. STAFF COSTS		
(a) Program staff		
Salaries and wages	405,376	381,090
Social security contribution	40,538	38,109
Skills and Development Levy	8,104	-
Health insurance premium	5,866	5,760
Workers Compensation Fund (WCF)	2,027	2,000
	<u>461,911</u>	<u>426,959</u>

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	2023	2022
	TZS '000	TZS '000
7. STAFF COSTS (Continued)		
(b) Support staff		
Salaries and wages	103,293	40,808
Social security contribution	10,329	4,081
Health insurance premium	2,814	1,404
Workers Compensation Fund (WCF)	516	311
	<u>116,952</u>	<u>46,604</u>
8. ADMINISTRATION COSTS		
Board of Directors meetings and Annual General Meeting	33,720	17,165
Review of the Organisation's Constitution	-	16,591
Strategic planning process costs	42,399	-
Strengthening financial management	18,380	14,106
Rental expense	13,300	13,200
Security charges	8,496	7,788
Printing & postage expenses	1,270	515
Supplies & material charges	3,230	10,238
Travel & transportation costs	1,640	1,313
Telephone & internet expenses	7,267	7,184
Compliance charges	2,197	2,167
Depreciation charges	5,962	4,934
Network equipment cost	72	876
Bank charges	6,110	2,233
Uncollectible balances from implementing partners – Note 13(b)	2,325	-
Support staff costs [Note 7(b)]	116,952	46,604
	<u>263,320</u>	<u>144,914</u>
9. SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION		
The surplus before taxation is arrived at after charging the following:		
	2023	2022
	TZS'000	TZS '000
Auditor's remuneration	12,123	5,253
Depreciation and amortisation charge	6,034	4,934
	<u>18,157</u>	<u>10,187</u>
10. TAXATION CHARGE		

The Organisation did not have a tax charge for the year as a result of NIL taxable income. Furthermore, its Directors believe that the Organisation's activities are of charitable nature, and have instructed the Management of the Organisation to apply for charitable status from the Commissioner General of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA). However, the Organisation's tax affairs (including the position asserted above) are subject to review and agreement by TRA.

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11. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Computers & accessories TZS '000	Furniture & fittings TZS '000	Office equipment TZS '000	Total TZS '000
Cost				
Balance at 1 January 2022	4,158	-	-	4,158
Additions during the year	14,556	12,078	1,895	28,529
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>18,714</u>	<u>12,078</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>32,687</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	18,714	12,078	1,895	32,687
Additions during the year	3,000	737	9,263	13,000
Eliminated on write off	-	(95)	-	(95)
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>21,714</u>	<u>12,720</u>	<u>11,158</u>	<u>45,592</u>
Depreciation				
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,216	-	-	1,216
Charge for the year	3,341	1,377	216	4,934
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>4,557</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>6,150</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	4,557	1,377	216	6,150
Charge for the year	3,809	1,569	584	5,962
Eliminated on write off	-	(22)	-	(22)
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>8,366</u>	<u>2,924</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>12,090</u>
Net book value				
31 December 2022	<u>14,157</u>	<u>10,701</u>	<u>1,679</u>	<u>26,537</u>
31 December 2023	<u>13,348</u>	<u>9,796</u>	<u>10,358</u>	<u>33,502</u>

12. GRANTS RECEIVABLE

(a) Composition of grants receivable

The composition of grant receivable as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Grant receivable – Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN)	<u>8,414</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Movement in grants receivable

Movement in grants receivable during the year is as set out below:

Balance at 1 January	-	11,197
Grant received during the year	(14,586)	(11,197)
Grant utilised during the year	<u>23,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>8,414</u>	<u>-</u>

The grant receivable as at 31 December 2023 relates to expenditure incurred in advance of receipt of part of the grant from Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN) in respect of personnel secondment arrangement with the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups as part of funding received from AfECN in the year 2022. Comparative information relates to grant receivable from Better Way Foundation from the year 2021 which was received during the year 2022. The grant receivable was part of funding from Better Way Foundation through Children in Crossfire to support institutional reform of the Organisation.

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13. ADVANCES TO IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

(a) Composition of advances to Implementing Partners

During the year ended 31 December 2023, The Organisation signed Project Implementing Agreements with various Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to collaborate with in implementation of the “Mtoto Kwanza” Project. This Project aims at catalysing the implementation of the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NM-ECDP). Balances in the Table below represent funds remaining as at 31 December 2023 from disbursements made during the year to the CSOs/ Implementing Partners. Activities in respect of those balances will happen during the year ending 31 December 2023.

Composition of advances to Implementing Partners as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	2023 TZS ‘000	2022 TZS ‘000
Gross advances to implementing partners	231,657	91,002
Uncollectible advances written off	<u>(2,325)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net advances to implementing partners	<u>229,332</u>	<u>91,002</u>

(b) Movement in advances to implementing partners

The movement in advances to Implementing Partners during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as shown below:

	2023 TZS ‘000	2022 TZS ‘000
Balance at 1 January	91,002	-
Amount disbursed during the year	715,751	285,000
Amount retired during the year	(575,096)	(193,998)
Uncollectible advances written off	<u>(2,325)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>229,332</u>	<u>91,002</u>

14. OTHER RECEIVABLES

Prepayments	18,689	11,864
Staff advances	<u>(552)</u>	<u>(94)</u>
	<u>18,137</u>	<u>11,770</u>

15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	1,134,853	208,363
Cash on hand	<u>178</u>	<u>1,356</u>
	<u>1,135,031</u>	<u>209,719</u>

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16. DEFERRED CAPITAL GRANTS

(a) Composition of deferred capital grants

Deferred capital grants compose of property and equipment received as direct donation from various donors or acquisitions done using revenue grants from donors. Presented below is the composition of deferred capital grants during the year ended 31 December 2023:

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Computers and accessories (Note 11)	13,348	14,157
Furniture and fittings (Note 11)	9,796	10,701
Office equipment (Note 11)	<u>10,358</u>	<u>1,679</u>
	<u><u>33,502</u></u>	<u><u>26,537</u></u>

(b) Movement in deferred capital grants

Movement in deferred capital grants during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Balance at 1 January	26,537	2,942
Additions during the year (Note 11)	13,000	28,529
Amortisation for the year (Note 5)	<u>(6,035)</u>	<u>(4,934)</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u><u>33,502</u></u>	<u><u>26,537</u></u>

17. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables	10,000	2,025
Accrued expenses	12,124	5,253
Provisions	<u>82,349</u>	<u>82,349</u>
	<u><u>104,473</u></u>	<u><u>89,627</u></u>

18. DEFERRED REVENUE GRANTS

(a) Composition of deferred revenue grants

Composition of deferred revenue grants at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	859,736	-
Children in Crossfire	490,406	210,395
Better Way Foundation	7,062	-
The African Early Childhood Network	6,496	93,468
Other donors	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>1,364,100</u></u>	<u><u>303,863</u></u>

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18. DEFERRED REVENUE GRANTS (Continued)

(b) Movement in deferred revenue grants

Movement of deferred revenue grants during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	AfECN⁽¹⁾	Spark Health Africa⁽²⁾	Other donors	BWF⁽³⁾	CiC⁽⁴⁾	Conrad Hilton⁽⁵⁾	Total
	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS '000	TZS'000	TZS '000
Balance at 1 January 2022	2,578	-	-	-	-	-	5,257
Receipt during the year	102,056	-	-	-	655,648	-	756,879
Utilisation during the year	(11,166)	-	-	-	(445,253)	-	(458,273)
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>93,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,863</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	93,468	-	-	-	210,395	-	303,863
Receipt during the year	-	11,971	400	233,326	1,784,275	937,209	2,967,181
Utilisation during the year (Note 5)	(81,767)	(11,971)	-	(220,114)	(1,490,632)	(71,323)	(1,875,807)
Prepayments during the year	-	-	-	-	(18,137)	-	(18,137)
Reclassification during the year	(5,205)	-	-	-	5,205	-	-
Transfer to capital grant	-	-	-	(6,150)	(700)	(6,150)	(13,000)
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>6,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>7,062</u>	<u>490,406</u>	<u>859,736</u>	<u>1,364,100</u>

Details of deferred revenue grants during the year is as follows:

1. African Early Childhood Network (AfECN)

During the year ended 31 December 2022, TECDEN entered into an agreement with AfECN to support finalisation of development of the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Program (NMECDP) advocacy strategy. The grant which is to the tune of USD 100,000 will be received in three instalments and shall cover a period up to 31 October 2025. During the year ended 31 December 2023 utilisation on the grant was TZS 81.8 million (2022: TZS 11 million). Likewise, during the same year, AfECN provided an additional grant of USD 2,000 (equivalent to TZS 4.8 million) per month to cover costs of personnel secondment arrangement at the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Group. The funding is for a period of one year from 1 August 2023, and during the year, TZS 23 million (USD 10,000) was spent on this additional funding making the total utilisation of grants from AfECN for the year of TZS 104.8 million [see also Note 5(a) and Note 12(b)].

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(b) Movement in deferred revenue grants (Continued)

2. Spark Health Africa

During the year ended 31 December 2023, Spark Health donated TZS 12 million to cover costs related to Conrad N. Hilton Foundation partners convening in Tanzania.

3. Better Way Foundation (BWF)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, TECDEN received a grant from Better Way Foundation of USD 100,000 (equivalent to TZS 233 million) which covers the period up to 31 December 2024, to support strategies investment in early childhood development, economic development, stakeholders training and advocacy. During the year ended 31 December 2023, grant amounting to TZS 226 million was utilised by the Organisation.

4. Children in Crossfire (CiC)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, TECDEN received another grant from Children in Crossfire to implement the “Mtoto Kwanza” Project which aims to catalyse the implementation of the National Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Programme (NM-ECDP). The Project is expected to be implemented in all 26 regions of mainland Tanzania. The grant duration is up to 31 March 2024, whereby the amount given is TZS 1.8 billion. During the year ended 31 December 2023, out of total receipt of TZS 1.78 billion as part of the grant, utilisation was TZS 1.49 billion [2022: direct payments of TZS 445 million and indirect payments (done by CiC themselves) of TZS 619 million].

5. Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

During the year ended 31 December 2023, TECDEN entered into an agreement with Conrad N. Hilton Foundation valid until 31 August 2024 to support the development of an Early Childhood Development Scorecard in Tanzania. The grant amount is USD 368,980 (equivalent to TZS 937 million) and out of that amount, TZS 71 million was utilized during the year then ended.

6. Other donors

During the year ended 31 December 2023, several stakeholders contributed through TECDEN for the Eastern Africa Regional Childhood Development Conference which took place from 11th to 14th March 2024. The Conference was organised by African Early Childhood Network (AfECN) in collaboration with TECDEN.

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

The Directors are not aware of any significant contingent liabilities and capital commitments as at 31 December 2023. (2022: NIL).

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party by participating in its financial or operational policy decisions. Transactions with related parties are consummated on terms substantially equivalent to those that prevail in an arm's length transaction.

There were several transactions with related parties over the year, as detailed below.

(a) Funding transactions – disbursements/ (retirements)

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Childhood Development Organisation (CDO)	17,619	30,000
Childhood Development Organisation (CDO)	(29,126)	(18,338)
Monduli Pastoralist Development Initiatives (MPDI)	19,966	30,000
Monduli Pastoralist Development Initiatives (MPDI)	(30,422)	(18,683)
Community Support Initiative Tanzania (COSITA)	20,000	30,000
Community Support Initiative Tanzania (COSITA)	(28,847)	(21,076)
	<u>(30,810)</u>	<u>31,903</u>

The above transactions give rise to the balances due to related parties as shown below:

(b) Amounts due from related parties

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Childhood Development Organisation (CDO)	155	11,662
Monduli Pastoralist Development Initiatives (MPDI)	861	11,317
Community Support Initiative Tanzania (COSITA)	77	8,924
	<u>1,093</u>	<u>31,903</u>

(c) Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration paid to key management personnel who were on contractual terms is as set out below:

	2023 TZS '000	2022 TZS '000
Salaries and other short-term benefits	<u>342,737</u>	<u>207,040</u>

21. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events after the reporting period that require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

22. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

Wherever appropriate, comparative information has been aligned to conform with current year's presentation.