



Twende Hockey Foundation – 2025 Annual Impact Report

1. Overview

2025 was a year of growth, visibility, and deeper community impact for Twende Hockey Foundation. Through our continued school-based programs, competitions, and community engagement, we expanded access to hockey while promoting youth development, inclusion, and gender empowerment across Tanzania.

2. What We Did in 2025

2.1 Schools Development Program

We delivered structured hockey training across **20 schools** (9 primary and 11 secondary) with regular monthly sessions led by our coaching team.

- 20 Schools engaged
- 35 Teams formed
- 850+ Young people reached
- 5 Coaches and 5 volunteers (trainee coaches) involved

2.2 Community Outreach

Weekend training sessions in **Kigamboni, Kipawa, and Ukonga** provided open access to sport for young people not in the target schools: An average of 60 players in every weekend session.

2.3 Girls Empowerment Through Hockey

Our girls' program combined sport with:

- 1 Menstrual health education and life-skills training .
- Confidence-building activities .
- Support through our pilot cook stove initiative .

2.4 Competitions & Events

- **Twende Dar es Salaam Schools' League** (July–December) :

18 Schools + 2 Community Centers ; 35 teams created.

503 Players U18: 291 (180 boys, 111 girls) U14: 212 (118 boys, 94 girls)

- **Annual Nyerere Cup** (October) ,hosted in Kilimanjaro region by the Sikh Union Club : Due to Twende's continued efforts, this was the second time there was a ladies' category in the 15 year history of the annual tournament.
- Friendly matches – inter school matches during every school break.
- Quarterly community matches against senior teams.
- Participated in the annual **Italian Sports Day in the World** event ,in partnership with the Italian Embassy in Tanzania for the second year in a row since its inception in 2024.



3. Key Achievements

3.1 Growing the Game

Later in the year, we introduced hockey to 3 new schools in Temeke and Kinondoni while strengthening relationships with schools, communities, and local leaders. The three new schools have been earmarked for 2026 schools' program.

3.2 Advancing Girls in Sport

- Increased participation of girls in competitions – The girls' teams participated in 4 competitions as compared to only 2 in 2024. This is attributed to the intense campaigns by Twende to ensure that all competitions are gender inclusive.
- Delivered critical menstrual health and life-skills education
- Built confidence and leadership through sport.

3.3 Stronger Competitions

- Our 4-month Schools' League saw improved structure, discipline, and participation. A remarkable improvement in the level of skill was also observed. This saw the emergence of new hockey champions in the 2025 season, unlike in the previous two years where the winners were the same schools.
- The **Nyerere Cup** continued to promote inclusion—marking only the second time in its 15-year history to feature a ladies' category, with Twende Hockey fielding 3 out of the ladies' 5 teams.

3.4 International Exposure

Through the Italian Day of Sport, participation grew from **90 (2024) to 210 (2025)**, strengthening global partnerships and visibility.

3.5 Building Capacity

- 6 Twende coaches and 4 trainee coaches trained and certified through FIH umpiring courses Level 1.
- 4 Junior coaches mentored through hands-on experience.
- Improved officiating and coaching standards - the officiating team for the schools' league was selected from the Under 21 program.

3.6 Organizational Growth

- Twende Hockey was successfully registered in Tanzania on the 8th October 2025, as an international NGO and is fully compliant with the Tanzania government national requirements and guidelines.
- Twende hockey was also the technical and implementing partner to Tanzania Hockey Association for the FIH Empower and Engage Development Grant 2024, implemented in 2025.



4. Challenges Faced

- Transport constraints for the school teams.
- Weather disruptions.
- Local Funding limitations.

5. How We Tracked Impact

We continuously improved our programs through:

- Monthly coaching reports.
- Player skill assessments.
- Feedback from teachers, parents, communities and the regional government offices.
- Regular internal review sessions.

6. Looking Ahead: 2026

6.1 Expanding Our Reach

- Grow to **25+ schools**, with the additional to cover Kinondoni and Arusha region to ensure participation in the government run national primary and secondary games at the regional and national level.
- Extend programs to new districts.
- Introduce hockey into regional and national school competitions in Tanzania.
- Participate in the annual East African secondary school games.

6.2 Developing People

- Create additional pathways for youth to become officials, as an addition to the coach pathway.
- Support emerging community sports initiatives e.g Zanzibar women's teams.

6.3 Building Partnerships

- Secure local sponsors, especially for girls' programs.
- Strengthen media and visibility.
- Expand local and international collaborations.

6.4 Sustainability

- Increase local funding and partnerships.
- Strengthen community ownership.
- Expand income-generating initiatives like the cook stove project.

7. Our Impact Continues

The 2025 year stands as a defining chapter for Twende Hockey Foundation—one marked by growth, resilience, and measurable impact. From expanding access to hockey in schools and communities to



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advancing gender inclusion and youth leadership, Twende has continued to demonstrate the power of sport as a tool for social change.

Through consistent programming, strategic partnerships, and a committed coaching network, the Foundation has reached hundreds of young people, strengthened competitive structures, and created meaningful opportunities for both boys and girls to develop skills on and off the field. Notably, increased participation of girls, enhanced visibility through national and international platforms, and investment in coach development reflect a maturing and increasingly influential organization.

While challenges such as limited resources and infrastructure remain, they also highlight the growing demand and relevance of Twende's work. The progress achieved in 2025 provides a strong foundation for sustainable expansion, deeper community engagement, and greater impact in the years ahead.

As Twende Hockey looks to 2026, the focus remains clear: to broaden reach, strengthen systems, and build lasting partnerships that will ensure more young people have the access to play hockey.

