

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023



# CO-DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

As the co-director of Terrawatu, it is my pleasure to present our annual report for the year 2023.

Throughout the past year, our organization has remained steadfast in our commitment to empowering women, promoting environmental sustainability, advancing IT for education, and supporting the next generation.

As you will see in the stories below, we have made impressive strides in all of these areas, directly addressing many of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of our staff, volunteers, partners, and donors. As we look ahead to the future, we remain committed to our mission and inspired by the positive change we can achieve together.

Thank you for supporting one of the most highly respected NGOs in Tanzania. We remain abundantly grateful for your continued support and encouragement.

DR. TANYA PERGOLA

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Founding Co-Director of Terrawatu

Operating in Tanzania since 2001

## LYNN BRETSNYDER WOMEN'S CENTRE

Focal Areas: Environment, Women's Empowerment, Good Health, Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Agriculture

The Lynn Bretsnyder Women's Centre in Mkonoo, Tanzania is finished! While there is still furnishing to be done and landscaping to be completed, the structure is ready to host our first event. In March of 2024, Terrawatu will host a day of learning and workshops for International Women's Day, with hundreds of women and men planning to be in attendance.

The Centre got a huge boost in 2023 with Terrawatu's collaboration with the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove, Florida. In May 2023, we hosted a wonderful evening of old and new friends of Terrawatu, including food, music and talks. Over \$38,000 was raised that evening and the weeks following the event. This allowed us to move towards completing the structure.

The official opening of the Lynn Bretsnyder Women's Centre will take place later in the year, in October 2024. In the meantime, we will be sourcing furnishings and planning programming and events with women's networks in Tanzania and in collaboration with the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove. We will also continue to develop the adjacent permaculture demonstration farm, including the cultivation of moringa.





## NEW WOMEN'S CENTRE OPENS DOORS

The first event held at the new Lynn Bretsnyder Women's Centre in celebration of International Women's Day.

### IT FOR EDUCATION - 2.0

### Focal Areas: Education, Access to the Digital Economy

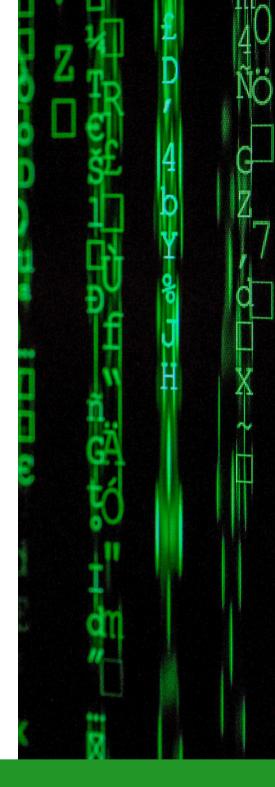
The first computer lab installed in Terrawatu's revamped IT for Education programme is located at Moshono Secondary School in Arusha. In May 2023, together with our new partners Reneal International Education Outreach, we installed 20 laptops connected to the RENEAL server. Students now have access to all the content on this server which includes material specific to the Tanzanian national curriculum.

Terrawatu's IT Specialist, Mr. Boris Sululu, makes regular visits to the computer labs to assess their use and troubleshoot. We also installed equipment to connect the administrative offices at Moshono to the Internet so headteachers and staff can communicate with government education officials and resources with ease.

Our second computer lab to be installed with our partners RENEAL will be at Mkonoo Secondary School. This will happen in March 2024, after the room is remodeled for computer use.

As IT for Education continues to gain more importance in Tanzania, particularly in government schools, Terrawatu intends to collaborate with RENEAL to explore ways to expand the computer labs and serve more students.





## MOSHONO SECONDARY SCHOOL

This new computer lab is housed on the campus where Terrawatu planted many trees with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programme

## HURUMA & KIBOWA ORPHANAGES

## Focal Areas: Education, Good Health & Well-being, Food Security & Improved Nutrition

In 2023, Terrawatu continued to cultivate our relationships with Huruma Orphanage and Kibowa Orphans Centre. A number of dedicated sponsors support individual children at the orphanages, covering their school fees, accommodation, and food and living expenses.

This child sponsorship programme has been operating for over two decades within Terrawatu. Over the years, many children have graduated from their schools and internships and have gone on to successful careers. We thank all of you who have been supporting this next generation of Tanzanian children.

At Huruma Orphanage, Terrawatu's Project Director, Angella Marcel, continues the cooking classes initiated by Board Member Natallia Clancy. There is now a beautiful new kitchen and dining area on the premises, developed by South Woodford Parish of the United Kingdom.

In 2024, we anticipate the continued growth of the permaculture farms adjacent to both Huruma and Kibowa, knowing that they will play a vital role in nourishing the well-being of the children under their care.





#### **BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS**

Co-Director Dr. Tanya
Pergola visits with Mama
Eusebia Paul Masawe,
guardian of Huruma
Orphanage.

### ANNUAL EVENTS

## Focal Areas: Gender Equality, Lifelong Learning, Human Rights, Environment

In 2023, Terrawatu continued to organize and lead key events throughout the year. Together with our partner NGOs, we hosted workshops and events for International Women's Day, The Day of the African Child, *Nane Nane* (Agricultural Exhibition) and Legal Aid Week.

Terrawatu team members speak on the following topics: women's rights, poverty alleviation, green environment, small business development, family planning and sustainable livelihoods.

## VENTURE PHILANTHROPY

Terrawatu launched its first Venture Philanthropy campaign in 2022. With a clear vision of where we would like to go with our work as an NGO over the next 5-10 years, venture philanthropists can choose to partner with Terrawatu on a specific project.

Our Vision is to create model villages. The first of these villages is located in Simanjiro District, Tanzania and aims to create a place where Maasai people can learn and live following the strategies of holistic land management and regenerative agriculture.





## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

As one of the most highly respected NGOs in Tanzania, Terrawatu is asked to participate in many annual events.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Financial Summary 2023 Statement of Activities for Terrawatu USA and Terrawatu Tanzania

### Support and Revenue

Donations received in the USA

Gifts, grants, contributions received

81,754

**Total Revenue** 

\$81,754

#### **Operations Expenses**

#### Tanzania

Program support, salaries & benefits

82,784

#### USA

Website & email communication, fundraising expenses 5,010

**Total Expenses** 

\$87,794

### Statement of Financial Position for Terrawatu USA

Assets 4,130

Liabilities 0

Total Net Assets/Fund Balance 4,130

Total Net Assets \$4,130

