



Child-Youth Transformation and Development

TWO YEARS OF IMPACT

A Report on Community-Led Change for Children, Youth and Communities

AUGUST 2024 – AUGUST 2026

3	2,500	3,500+	1,080+
Projects Implemented	Trees Planted	Impacted – Child Marriage Community	Impacted – Self-Leadership
	460+		
	Communities impacted		

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1. Executive Summary

Child-Youth Transformation and Development (CYTD) was registered in August 2024. Over the two years that followed, CYTD implemented three community-based projects addressing child protection, climate action, and youth leadership development in and around Morogoro, Tanzania. This report presents a consolidated account of that work: what was delivered, who was impacted, what structures have been left behind to sustain the impact, and where CYTD intends to take each initiative next.

Across the three projects, CYTD directly implemented activities that impacted more than 3,500 people through the Child Marriage Free Community pilot, planted 2,500 trees through Youth Action for Climate Change, and reached more than 1,080 children and young people through the Self-Leadership programme. Each project has also left behind a structure a community committee, youth working groups, or trained facilitators intended to continue the work independently of direct CYTD activity.

Reach figures are reported per project rather than combined into a single total, because some individuals may have been impacted by more than one CYTD project. See Section 9, “Methodology and Data Notes,” for the full explanation.

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Projects Implemented	Trees Planted	CMFC – Impacted	Self-Leadership – Impacted

2. About CYTD

CYTD is a dedicated NGO with registration number 00NGO/R/7248 working alongside children, young people, and local communities. We operate through four interconnected pillars Children First, Youth Empowerments, Green Generation, and Thriving Communities. Our approach is rooted in the belief that true transformation is intergenerational. We don’t just implement programs; we build a virtuous cycle where a protected child grows into an empowered youth, becomes a climate-conscious leader, and contributes to a resilient community.

In its first two years, CYTD implemented three projects that put these priorities into practice: the Child Marriage Free Community Project (a pilot in Mwembesongo Ward, Morogoro), Youth Action for Climate Change (in Kilakala and Bigwa/Mwembesongo), and the Self-Leadership programme (delivered across schools, colleges, faith institutions and partner organizations).

2.1 Where CYTD Works

Together, CYTD's place-based projects have been implemented across three wards in Morogoro Region – Mwembesongo, Kilakala and Bigwa – CYTD's reach further, into schools, colleges, faith institutions and partner organizations beyond these wards.

3. Impact at a Glance

The table below summarizes the headline results of CYTD's first two years of operation.

Metric	Figure
Projects implemented	3
Trees planted	2,500
Community members impacted – Child Marriage Free Community	3,500+
Children & young people impacted – Self-Leadership	1,080+
Community members impacted – Youth Action for Climate Change	1,580+
Youth climate ambassadors trained	18
Community committee members developed	10
Community members supported toward eco-friendly livelihoods	460+

Impact across child protection, climate action, youth empowerment and personal development. Project figures are reported separately and may include overlapping beneficiaries.

4. Project 1 – Child Marriage Free Community

Protecting Childhood. Strengthening Communities.

The Child Marriage Free Community Project was piloted in Mwembesongo Ward, Morogoro. It combined direct community engagement with the establishment of a locally-owned committee tasked with continuing the work of preventing child marriage after CYTD's direct involvement in the pilot phase concluded.

Supporting Partner: Child Marriage Free World (CMFW)

Result	Figure
Children & community members impacted and empowered	3,500+
Community committee members developed & nurtured	10
Impacted through the committee’s continuing action	100+
Primary schools impacted	3

How the Model Works

CYTD Support → Community Committee → Local Action → Continued Community Awareness → Child Marriage Prevention

The pilot established a community-based mechanism that continues to mobilize local action against child marriage in Mwembesongo Ward, Morogoro.

10-MEMBER CHILD MARRIAGE FREE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – NOW SUSTAINING COMMUNITY ACTION INDEPENDENTLY

4.1 From One Ward to Three More

Having established that the committee model can sustain itself beyond the pilot, CYTD is now seeking strategic partners to scale the Child Marriage Free Community model from Mwembesongo Ward to three additional wards in 2027.

Phase	Scope	Status
2024–2026	Mwembesongo Ward	Pilot implemented
2027	3 additional wards	Planned scale-up (seeking partners)

The next phase: scale what works.

5. Project 2 – Youth Action for Climate Change

2,500 Trees. 1,580+ People. Local Climate Action.

Youth Action for Climate Change was delivered in two communities – Kilakala and Bigwa/Mwembesongo – combining tree-planting with the formation of youth-led community working groups responsible for sustaining local climate action.

Financing Partner: Mennonitisches Hilfswerk (MH)

5.1 Trees Planted

A total of 2,500 trees has been planted to date. Of these, 2,300 were planted during the project itself, and a further 200 were planted afterward by the Youth Community Working Groups on their own initiative, following their empowerment by CYTD.

Location / Phase	Trees Planted
Kilakala (during the project)	1,500
Bigwa / (during the project)	800
Subtotal – planted during the project	2,300
Planted by Youth Community Working Groups after empowerment	200
Total trees planted	2,500

5.2 Community & Institutional Reach

Result	Figure
Community members impacted – Kilakala & Bigwa	1,580+
Education institutions impacted	4 (3 primary · 1 secondary)

6. Building Local Climate Leaders

Two youth community working groups were initiated, nurtured and empowered to mobilize communities and sustain local climate action – one in Bigwa and one in Kilakala.

Working Group	Location	Members
Bigwa Youth Community Working Group	Bigwa	9
Kilakala Youth Community Working Group	Kilakala	9
Total youth climate ambassadors	—	18

Beyond tree-planting, CYTD supported 460+ community members who were engaged in environmentally harmful income-generating activities, through mindset-change facilitation and the introduction of environmentally friendly income-generation alternatives – combining climate action, livelihoods, and mindset change in a single line of work.

SCALING NEXT: YOUTH ACTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE WILL EXPAND TO IMPACT MORE COMMUNITIES

7. Project 3 – Self-Leadership

1,080+ Young People Impacted

The Self-Leadership programme develops purpose, strengthens values, and builds direction in young people. Training equips participants with practical reflection and decision-making tools to help them clarify their life purpose and values and pursue meaningful goals.

In Partnership With: Helptohelp

CYTD continues to seek additional partners working with young people, to expand the reach of the Self-Leadership programme.

Children and young people impacted 1,080+

7.1 Where Self-Leadership Was Delivered

- Primary schools
- Secondary schools

- Colleges
- Faith institutions
- National organizations
- International organizations working with children and young people

7.2 The Self-Leadership Pathway

Purpose → Values → Self-Awareness → Decision-Making → Life Direction

SCALING NEXT: SELF-LEADERSHIP WILL EXPAND TO IMPACT MORE COMMUNITIES

8. Beyond Numbers: Systems That Continue

CYTD's approach combines direct engagement with local structures, youth leadership and community ownership to support sustainability beyond project activities. Four structures illustrate what has been built and left in community hands over the two-year period:

Sustainability Asset	Figure
Child Marriage Free Community Committee members	10
Youth Climate Working Group members	18
Community members supported toward eco-friendly livelihoods	460+
Primary schools impacted (Child Marriage Free Community pilot)	3

9. Two Years of Change

From activities to community-led action:

Period	Milestone
August 2024	CYTD registered
2024–2026	3 projects implemented
2024–2026	Children, youth and communities impacted
2025–2026	Local committees & youth working groups strengthened
August 2026	2 years of measurable impact

Period	Milestone
2027	Scale-up ambition: 3 additional wards for Child Marriage Free Community, plus wider reach for Climate Action & Self-Leadership

2 YEARS · 3 PROJECTS · MEASURABLE COMMUNITY IMPACT

10. Methodology and Data Notes

This report presents figures as provided by CYTD's project teams for each of the three projects covering the period August 2024 to August 2026. Readers should note the following when interpreting the figures in this report:

- Reach figures are project-specific and are not summed across projects into a single “total beneficiaries” figure, because some individuals may have been impacted by more than one CYTD project (for example, a young person could be reached by both the Self-Leadership programme and Youth Action for Climate Change).
- Where source data used “more than” or an approximate figure, this report uses “+” or “more than” rather than presenting a false precise number.
- This report distinguishes between people “impacted,” structures “established,” and physical outputs such as trees planted, since these represent different kinds of results.
- The tree-planting total of 2,500 is presented as two distinct components: 2,300 planted during the project period, and 200 planted subsequently by empowered Youth Community Working Groups acting on their own initiative; the latter is itself a sustainability indicator, not a project output.

11. Looking Ahead: The Next Chapter

From pilot projects to scalable community solutions – CYTD's priorities for the next phase of its work are as follows.

11.1 Scale

Expand the Child Marriage Free Community model to 3 additional wards, and grow Youth Action for Climate Change and Self-Leadership to impact more communities.

11.2 Sustain

Strengthen youth and community structures that continue local action.

11.3 Partner

CYTD delivers its current projects with the following partners, and continues to build strategic partnerships to scale evidence-informed child protection, climate action and youth development initiatives.

Project	Partner	Role
Child Marriage Free Community (Mwembesongo)	Child Marriage Free World	Supporting partner
Youth Action for Climate Change (Kilakala & Bigwa)	Mennonitisches Hilfswerk (MH)	Financing partner
Self-Leadership	Helptohelp	Technical partner

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