



*“Pioneering Change in the Lives of the under privileged through Education”*

# **2020/21 Annual Report**

## Founding Board of Trustees



**Olive Luena-Tanzanian**

Olive Luena is the Founder and Trustee of OLET. Prior to Founding OLET for 22 years Luena was the Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Gatsby Trust a charitable Trust whose mission is poverty alleviation through the provision of market-based solutions to farmers and SMEs with micro-credit, training, market strategies, low cost housing to the poor, appropriate technology transfer and acquisition. Luena has successfully managed collaborative/partnership projects with the University of Dar es Salaam, The Tanzania Cotton Board, The Tanzania Forest Institute Community Banks, the World Bank, and UNIDO. For six years she chaired the Foundation of Civil Societies in Tanzania and board member of various Civil and faith based institutions in Tanzania. She is also a Trustee of Transform Africa a UK Based Charity, a Member of the Bretton Woods International Committee. She is an Eisenhower Fellow, a Senior Fellow of the Johns Hopkins University and the Synergos Institute of New York. She has pioneered the establishment of several schools and education centers both circular and faith based. She is a recipient of many National and International awards in recognition of her leadership roles and working for disadvantaged groups



**Lincoln Manning- American**

Lincoln Manning is the Co-Founder of CareSoft and the CTO of LoanGifting and was an associate professor at Franklin University for over 10 years. He holds a Master's in Public Policy and Management and a Bachelor's in Economics.

Lincoln has led the technology of various software companies from their infancy, through massive growth all the way to being acquired. At Realtor.com he led the company transformation to the cloud. At SmartEtailng he led the company through 10-fold growth and transformation to PCI security compliance. He has led the technology of many startups to get their ideas off the ground to eventual success. He has extensive experiencing managing onshore and offshore development teams with strong technical ability including programming, architecting, database development and project management.



**Dr. Lillian Nyamizi Tanzanian**

Lillian G. Nyamizi is a Lecturer at the Institute of Finance Management (IFM) in the Faculty of Computing, Information Systems and Mathematics. She holds a PhD (Mathematics Education), MSc in Applied Statistics, MSc in Biostatistics, MA in Education and BEd in Double Mathematics from various international universities.

Lillian's teaching experience in Mathematics and Statistics spanning over five years in international secondary schools and about thirteen years at the Institute of Finance Management. She has organized numerous workshops and consultancies in ICT and Mathematics Education. She also has been a program coordinator and field coordinator of various undergraduates at the Institute of Finance Management.

Lillian's research expertise and interest focus on the teaching and learning of mathematics in primary and secondary schools. Currently, Dr. Nyamizi has published an educational article to help educational developers on ways to improve students' performance in Mathematics.

## Message from the Trustees

The Trustees of OLET are pleased to present a brief 2020/21 Operational Report. Year 2020 was the third year since the establishment of OLET which was incorporated in November, 2017 as a charitable Trust under the Trustees Incorporation Act (CAP.318 R.E. 2002). OLET strives to improve the educational outcomes for students who are lacking the financial means of achieving higher education and/or other development opportunities, in line with the UN **Sustainable Development Goal 4** “to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”. In pursuit of this goal, the founders of OLET believe that no one is too poor to give and equally, no one is too rich to receive and it is in giving that we receive. In this regard, through OLET’s model, the intention is to inspire more individuals to contribute to the education of young people, especially the vulnerable and girls who lack the means or whose performance in school is impeded by lack of financial resources.

Whereas during the years 2017 to 2019 were successful in reaching OLET’s Targets, Years 2020/2021 were a challenge as due to COVID 19 Pandemic, Sources of income from the expected funding streams declined tremendously. The Trust was only able to raise only Tshs. 18,000,000 (Eighteen Million) from family and friends because most of the businesses of the funders and initial contributors who had pledged to support OLET went into serious economic hardships due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, the amount raised and the balance brought from the previous year enabled OLET to cover the minimum pledged commitments. We appreciate the contributions made by the family and friends which kept the Trust going and for the coordinator’s Volunteerism in Managing the Trust.

While we look ahead with optimism, we can still see a gloomy picture given the fact that the Pandemic is situation has even worsened. The Management is working hard to raise funds from philanthropic sources, businesses, friends and family members so in order to achieve the Trust’s Mission of ***“Pioneering Change in the Lives of the under privileged through Education”***



**Olive Damian Luena**

**Founding Trustee**

## **THE 2020/21 REPORT**

### **1. OLET's Vision**

Pioneering change in the lives of the underprivileged through Education

### **2. Overall objectives**

OLET aims at the Provision of equitable education that addresses the integral human development as the vehicle by which Children with Special Education Needs (CSEN) and youth (in particular girls) from disadvantaged families get fair chances to developing their dignity, talents, dreams and contribute to the common good, in line with the UN *Sustainable Development Goal 4* to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

### **3. Brief Operational Report for 2020/21**

#### **3.1 Scholarship and academic school support.**

During the year 2020 OLET provided 15 Scholarships Bursaries worth of 10,000,000 (Ten Million) for a total of 15 students as follows:

- In the professional area OLET sponsored 1 specialized training teacher at Tanga
- In the higher learning area OLET sponsored 1 university student at Mbeya
- At secondary school level OLET sponsored 1 secondary student in Dar es Salaam.
- OLET sponsored one Child with special needs (cerebral palsy) in Arusha

At the same time the 10 Medical students who were sponsored for the 2019/20 academic year at the Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) for a total of Tshs. 10,000,000 (Ten Million) continued with their studies.

#### **3.2 Material Support for Education outcome improvement**

OLET supported the Registered Trustees of Sisters of Mary Trust (Coast Region) in the provision of teaching materials and books imported for the Makurunge Girls Schools for girls from disadvantaged families.

#### **3.3. Fellowships linkages and mentorship for leadership Development:**

The Trust helped to link three students to scholarship funds to higher learning institutions opportunities both fully funded by donors. At the Same time The Trust helped to link two emerging Young Leaders to opportunities of fellowships and employment both for professional development and mentorship.

#### **4. OLET'S way forward 2021 and beyond**

The Trust aims to empower underserved families and students with opportunities for them to realize their dreams. These include much-needed financial resources, information, and linkages to help them acquire the requisite education to meet their needs to attain their higher education and excel professionally. Resources mobilization will continue to be a challenge as the world continues to face the global crisis of COVID 19. The Founding Trustees will intensify efforts in this area for the sustainability of the Trust. The Trust and Trustees will work hand-in-hand with likeminded institutions and undertake the following:

- Connect students/less privileged kids/youth/young leaders to education and development opportunities
- To identify local and international partners offering scholarships, fellowships, and other resources that augment the work of OLET in fulfillment of this Strategic Objectives.
- To address the resources mobilization strategy both within and outside the country through various fundraising activities and methods.

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