

# Media Release



## SMEC Foundation Supports School for Deaf in Tanzania

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The SMEC Foundation recently partnered with Buguruni School for the Deaf in Tanzania to rehabilitate and improve basic facilities at the school. The school is run under a strict budget which is insufficient to meet the needs of the pupils. The SMEC Foundation helped rehabilitate the water supply system, to ensure a clean and safe source of drinking water, and provide water supply to the kitchen, toilets and dormitories.

Formed in 1974 by the Tanzania Deaf Society, and operated in conjunction with the Government of Tanzania, Buguruni School is a free primary school for deaf children. The school has approximately 268 pupils including 150 boarders. Many pupils attend until they are 18 years old, because they do not begin education until they are six or seven, often having to take years off in order to help at home, and need to spend time at the beginning of their school career learning sign language before they can progress to the mainstream curriculum.

The project comprised:

- A water supply system which included the extension of an existing single tap to a 1,000 litre tank and drinking area with 36 outlets for pupils. The outlets provide clean and safe drinking water after filtration to enhance water safety.
- A float switch for tanks using water from the borehole to reduce loss of water due to overflowing from tanks, improve sanitation and help to reduce electricity costs.
- A new supply and distribution system of pipe network to consumer points. Water was supplied to all toilets and bathrooms across the compound including dormitories, classroom blocks and offices.
- Flushing of the 20-year borehole and rectification of the pumps together with electric works for the pump.

Mr. Yasin Mawe, Executive Director of Tanzania Society for the Deaf said 'I would like to extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks to SMEC. We look forward to continuing working with you in any other projects from your end for the benefits of the deaf children at our Buguruni deaf school.'

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