

## Four Tanzanians Can Win The Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant 2023

Four Tanzanian entrepreneurs are Finalists for Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant. Learn more about them. The winners are announced this week.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 11, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- United People Global is pleased to highlight four remarkable Tanzanian entrepreneurs who are among 20 Finalists for the prestigious Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant. With 20 Finalists from 6 countries, the winners are set to be announced on 12 July 2023. The First Lady of The Republic of Botswana is expected to congratulate the 2023 winners, which is pertinent as Botswana as a nation is a testament to the fact that diamonds do good.



The Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant is known for supporting outstanding entrepreneurs. The grant provides financial support ranging from \$5,000 up to \$20,000, enabling the winners to scale their businesses and amplify their positive impact on society. As part of the design and the impact of the Grant, the Finalists go through a development process that includes completing the UPG Biashara Learning Journey through which they acquire new skills and sharpen existing ones. After the Grant, they also benefit from the UPG Biashara Action Journey that includes, ongoing exposure, skills acquisition, mentorship and more.

"The winners of the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant exemplify the spirit of entrepreneurship and the power of innovative ideas to create positive change. They have demonstrated exceptional dedication, creativity, and a deep commitment to entrepreneurship," said Nancy Orem Lyman, Executive Director, Diamonds Do Good.

The Four Finalists are come from diverse backgrounds and they are UPG Biashara Entrepreneurs. They each demonstrated exceptional vision, creativity and unwavering determination. And their qualities have made them exceptional candidates for the prestigious Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant. They are:

Abdalah Nyambi's Preyo Company Ltd. operates as a circular economy-driven enterprise, encompassing various endeavors such as plastic recycling, research and development, and consultancy services. Its primary focus is on adopting environmentally friendly production techniques and exploring innovative technologies that promote sustainability. At present, PREYO company utilizes recycled plastics sourced from external companies to manufacture automobile bushings.

However, it has future plans to incorporate

the entire plastic recycling process internally, which involves collection, sorting, shredding, hot washing, drying, and palletizing. By undertaking these steps, the company aims to enhance cost-effectiveness and profitability while utilizing eco-friendly and advanced technologies. The



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ultimate objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of the country and combat environmental pollution.

Elizabeth Mwakatimbo says that the high demand for affordable housing in urban areas leads to challenges, including reliance on middleman agents. Tenants in Tanzanian urban areas, such as low cadre employees, graduates, and students, face additional challenges such as paying agency fees (10-15% of annual rental costs), hiring multiple agents, and covering transportation expenses for distant houses. To tackle these issues,

Elizabeth propose CASA, a GIS-based platform designed to help tenants overcome housing search difficulties. CASA is a web and mobile application where tenants can share GIS information about available houses or their intention to move. Through gamification, individuals who provide reliable and verified house information will be rewarded with points on the platform.

David Rwegoshora's business, ELI GREEN GOLD FARM ENTERPRISE (EGGFE), focuses on integrating the Cassava Value Chain, linking Cassava Production and Marketing. They specialize in producing High-Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) and have plans to expand their product range to include cassava starch, biscuits, and chapati. They manufacture HQCF with strict hygiene standards and provide support to smallholder farmers by supplying them with organic fertilizers and certified droughttolerant, disease-resistant, high-yielding seeds. Their training programs cover GAPs for cassava quality seed farming, including crop management, harvesting, storage, processing, and agroforestry techniques. They promote climate resilience measures like rainwater harvesting and emphasize the benefits of drought-tolerant cassava quality seed farming. They also source dried



cassava from trained smallholder farmers, process it, and sell premium cassava flour to customers.

Elias Elisante is the owner of SmartDarasa is an innovative educational platform that enhances students' understanding of STEM subjects by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Through the SmartDarasa app and website, students can engage with interactive 2D and 3D simulations, augmented reality (AR) technology, and conceptualized questions. By utilizing Smartcards Vol 01 Augmented Reality cards, students can experience an immersive learning environment where they can visualize and interact with STEM concepts as if they were present in their own surroundings.

This year the 20 Finalists come from 6 countries: Botswana, India, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Tanzania. Which countries will be represented among the winners? And which country will win the grand prize? In 2022 the honour of the grand prize went to Botswana with UPG Biashara Entrepreneur Mirriam Margret Mothibe of 199 Farms securing USD 20,000.

In 2023 each of the 20 Finalists has demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination to reach the final stage of the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant. Their businesses represent diverse industries including: agriculture, education, electronics, energy, environment / nature, events, health and health care, jewelry, manufacturing, marketing, real estate and more.

And their creative approaches to business solutions as well as their dedication has propelled them forward as outstanding contenders for the Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup> Entrepreneurship Grant 2023.

Here are the Finalists representing 6 countries, they are also visible on this brief video: <a href="https://youtu.be/91EiXkKgVnw">https://youtu.be/91EiXkKgVnw</a>

What has happened so far? The 20 finalists advanced to the ultimate stage of the process: a "Shark Tank" format. This entailed presenting to an experienced panel, in front of a live audience. During these sessions, the UPG Biashara entrepreneurs showcased their ideas, businesses, and distinct value propositions. Now the next step is the announcement of the winners and with 10 winners expected, the Finalists have a chance of winning that is about 50%.

When is the announcement? The announcement of the winners takes place on 12 July 2023 from 3:30pm to 5pm CEST (9:30am to 11am EST). And it is possible for those passionate about entrepreneurship to witness the announcement of the winners of the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant 2023. While places last, those interested can RSVP here: <a href="https://upglive.org/upgbiashara-events-RSVP">https://upglive.org/upgbiashara-events-RSVP</a>. The event brings together people passionate about entrepreneurship including industry leaders, investors, and supporters who are eager to witness the next generation of entrepreneurial success stories.

And so who will win? "The Finalists for the Diamonds Do Good® Entrepreneurship Grant are outstanding and each of them is a winner! Once the announcement is made, we will be happy and sad at the same time. And we will remain united in the understanding that when any of them wins, then we are all winning. I invite you to keep an eye on all of these entrepreneurs," said Yemi Babington-Ashaye, President, United People Global.

About Diamonds Do Good<sup>®</sup>: A not-for-profit organization inspired in 2006 by Nelson Mandela to tell the world about the positive impact of diamonds in Southern Africa. Presently, its primary objective is to initiate significant transformations within natural diamond communities worldwide and to effectively share these impactful narratives. <a href="https://www.diamondsdogood.com">https://www.diamondsdogood.com</a>.

About UPG Biashara: UPG Biashara is an initiative that supports entrepreneurs in their journey to turn ideas into businesses. This includes growing and strengthening existing enterprises. UPG Biashara provides training, mentorship, financial support and more.

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