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Empowering youth, cultivating excellence



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“THE MAIN COURSE....

After successfully going through the Appetizer, Soup, and Salad phases, Batch 10 trainees began their Main Course with on-the-job training, a one-month placement in different hotels. The objective of this phase is to provide real industry experience while also helping trainees assess their readiness to perform in professional environments.

This quarter, we ran two training cohorts concurrently, Batch 10 and Batch 11 as part of our effort to streamline our intake process. As Batch 10 progressed into the Main Course phase of their training, Batch 11 commenced their journey with the Appetizer phase, marking the beginning of their learning experience.

.....STORIES OF IMPACT

Lellion, a Batch 9 trainee from the Maasai community, was once a watchman in a nearby factory and the only one in his family of twelve to complete secondary education. Today, he is one of the main chefs at Golden Tulip—a true shift from guarding gates to becoming a gatekeeper of people’s appetites.

His story is one of many. Carol, Asumper, Joseph, Mercy, Ann, and others continue to reflect the transformative impact of the program.



Lellion at golden tulip

BATCH 11 APPETIZER CAMP...



Reflection during the vision and mission session



Batch 11 first aid training session with Denzel from St. John ambulance



Sylvester and Myra planting a tree to mark the end of the appetizer for batch 11

A SMALL TASTE OF THE MEAL

As Batch 10 stepped out for their one-month apprenticeship, we opened our doors to a new group of trainees batch 11. On 6th February, 28 young people, 13 men and 15 ladies, joined us and officially began their journey through our training model – The Twajali 6-Course Menu, starting with the first phase: The Appetizer. This was 21 days of intensive life-skills training and an introduction to hospitality.

These days were filled with practical experiences, from nature walks, first aid training, and intensive life skills activities and introduction to hospitality designed to build awareness, confidence, and self-discovery. The Appetizer phase is about laying a strong foundation for the journey ahead

THE END THAT MARKS THE BEGINNING....

February 27 marked the completion of the Appetizer Camp, 28 trainees and 21 days of intense beginnings. During this time, we intentionally spent time understanding the trainees backgrounds, their personal journeys, and their future aspirations

As is our tradition, we closed the phase with a tree planting activity, where we planted 60 fruit trees as a symbol of growth and sustainability. We later shared a dinner together and gathered around our traditional bonfire to mark the end of this phase.



Batch 11 Trainees During Nature Walk

THE DESSERT.....

BATCH 10 EXITS FOR ATTACHMENT....

The journey that began on 21st September 2025 with 17 trainees and has come to a close on 26th March 2026, with 15 trainees (4 men and 11 women) successfully completing the course. They now move on to the next phase of their journey—their three-month attachment in various hotels.

The final day was filled with powerful reflection. Each trainee shared their best and most challenging moments, creating a space of honesty, growth, and connection. We marked the completion of the batch through the tagging of the trees planted during the Appetizer phase, with each trainee leaving behind three trees as a symbol of growth and continuity. Each tree was tagged with the trainee's name, the date it was planted, and the age of the trainee—creating a lasting connection between their journey and the land.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

we sincerely appreciate our partner hotels that have allowed our trainees to step into real working environments, practice their skills, and gain confidence in the hospitality industry.

A special thanks to Gallas Garden, Enchula Resort, Tawala Garden, Easy Hotel, Brimack Hotel, Tala Cottages, Kinga Resort, Koma Cottages, Golden Tulip, Castle Gardens and GMC Place for opening your doors and mentoring our trainees.

Because of partners like you, young people are able to transform classroom learning into real experience and move one step closer to meaningful livelihoods.



During a the last review session for batch 10



John Tagging one of his trees



Last photo with batch 10 trainees as they leave the centre

We are deeply grateful to all our stakeholders whose support has made our work possible this year. Because of you, we have been able to:

- ***Train 15 trainees in hospitality, life skills, and entrepreneurship (Batch 10)***
- ***Attach 13 trainees to 8 hotels for a three-month industry placement***
- ***Enrol and commence training for 28 trainees in Batch 11***
- ***Establish a pilot farm garden to support the centre's food supply***
- ***Install a 2KW solar system***
- ***Plant 60 additional fruit trees with Batch 11, bringing the total to over 200 trees***

Thank you for being part of our journey and for helping us create meaningful impact.

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Our upcoming model farm

WHAT NEXT.....

- ***Training of Batch 11 trainees through the Soup and Salad phases***
- ***Job placements for Batch 10 trainees after their attachment***
- ***Fencing of 3 acres of land for the resort development***
- ***Development of an access road to the resort***
- ***Landscaping of Twajali Enaag Resort & Gardens***
- ***Fundraising for a reliable water supply system***
- ***Installation of a 10KW solar system for the computer centre***



Twajali team