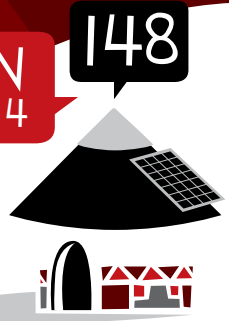
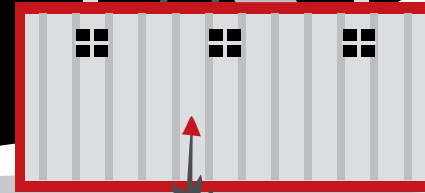


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## GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are excited to be back after the festive break. The dawn of a new year brings with it a renewed sense of hope, growth, and collaboration and the Woza Moya team is ready to serve the Ufafa Valley community. We look forward to all the new possibilities, initiatives, partnerships, community-driven activities and the new challenges that 2024 may bring. As we reconnect with familiar faces, we extend a warm welcome to all the new members who may join us on this exciting journey ahead. The Woza Moya team wishes our donors, friends and partners a prosperous and happy new year!

## WHAT YOU MISSED

This summer has brought heavy rains and severe thunderstorms, particularly over the past three weeks. This has affected more than 100 households across Ufafa Valley. Some roads were damaged making access to some villages difficult, mud houses were destroyed and crops were damaged too. Woza Moya intervened by issuing food parcels, clothes and seedlings to 100 community members that were affected.

## NEW YEAR, NEW PROJECT

Load shedding has affected our work since 2020. Office staff are generally the ones most affected, but it has a ripple affect which extends to the community members who are unable to access our services during load shedding hours. This month we said 'Goodbye to load shedding' thanks to a solar panel system that was generously donated by **Kinderfonds MAMAS**. With this new source of power we can ensure Woza Moya continues to work even during load shedding hours and it could even help reduce the electricity bill.





## RE-OPENING OF WOZA MOYA ECD CENTRE

In January we welcomed 60 children (3, 4 and 5 year olds) back to the Woza Moya ECD centre. Our talented educators were so happy to see the children again and heard all their stories about the Christmas holidays. The laughter of children and the dedication of our teachers has set a spirited tone for the year ahead and the classrooms are alive with curiosity, creativity, and the promise of endless possibilities. The older children enjoyed seeing their friends again, while the little ones were home sick and missed their moms and Gogos for a while, they are now adapting and settling in very well. Auntie Ncane is providing them with a nutritious breakfast and lunch to warm their tummies. As we embark on this journey into 2024, let us embrace the spirit of unity, collaboration, and growth. Woza Moya is not just a place, it's a community-driven force for positive change, and together, we will continue to shape a future that is inclusive, vibrant, and full of promise.

## WOZA MOYA GARDEN

Despite the challenges posed by the unusually heavy rains and floods that have impacted our community since December 2023, our resilient gardener, Syabonga Ndlovu, stands as a beacon of hope. While many homes and roads bear the scars of the weather conditions, Syabonga's determined efforts to prepare the soil for new vegetables symbolizes a collective spirit of recovery and renewal. In the face of nature's unpredictable forces, his dedication serves as a testament to the strength that community and sustainable practices bring. As we navigate these challenging times, the blossoming seeds in our garden under Syabonga's care remind us that growth can emerge even from the most trying circumstances, offering a glimpse of hope for a brighter future at Woza Moya.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Woza Moya, government departments, local stakeholders and Ubuhlebezwe's Back to School campaign kicked off with an inspiring visit to UFAFA schools on Friday, 26 January 2024. Aiming to ignite the flames of education, this initiative is more than just a return to the classroom; it's a commitment to fostering a supportive environment for our young learners. The team's visit was marked by enthusiasm, as they distributed essential school supplies, engaged with students, and reinforced the importance of education in shaping a brighter future.

## BRIDGE SPAN RESEARCH GROUP'S VISIT

We were thrilled to welcome **BridgeSpan** Research Group to Woza Moya this month. Their interest in our community-driven initiatives and commitment to sustainable development aligns seamlessly with our values. This collaboration promises to be an enriching experience, opening new avenues for knowledge exchange and innovative solutions that will benefit our community, organisation and beyond.

## ALSO IN JANUARY

- Good Guys Club had their opening session for year 2024.
- Community wellness days have also commenced in a very high note.
- Infrastructural developments in our buildings and improving of security.
- We are continuing our monthly craft days.

