



## **“To educate a girl is to educate a nation”**

### **The JOHA Trust Swedish Sponsors provide scholarships for poor girls in Tanzania to attend the top performing Barbro Johansson Model Girls' Secondary School**

JOHA Trust was set up in 1998 to promote quality education and equal chances for girls irrespective of, religious, ethnic and economic background through advocacy and by running schools.

The Trust runs the Barbro Johansson Model Girls' Secondary School, in short the Barbro School outside the capital Dar es Salaam. One third of the 630 students at the school are fully or partly depending on scholarships. The annual school fee is about SEK 14 000 and the total amount needed for scholarships for a target number of 25 - 30 % of the students is SEK 2-3 million. The aim of the Swedish Sponsors is to help raise this amount from members, friends, corporations and charities. So far it has managed to raise somewhat less than half of the targeted amount. Sida, the Swedish public Development Cooperation Agency, has contributed the balance, but is now showing hesitancy to continue.

**Girls' education** is a strong trigger for development. It brings better life opportunities not only for the girls themselves, but also for their families and communities. Educated girls can more easily choose when to marry and have children, they know better how to care well for their children and secure education for them. Income earned by women and mothers are more often than men's' income spent to the benefit of their families. As more educated girls and women reach leadership, management and professional positions in society they are likely to contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable development. From a democratic perspective as many as possible with a personal experience of what poverty means should be among them. The girls at the Barbro School capture the promises of girls' education in their slogan,

**"Give us the light we will brighten the nation"**



## **The Barbro School's outstanding track Record**

The school started with 40 students in 2000. It currently has 630 students in forms I-VI. It has established itself as one of the best performing secondary schools in the expanding community of secondary schools in Tanzania. It ranked:

- 9 out of 294 schools in the Dar es Salaam region in the 2010 national exams for form II,
- 10 out of 3196 schools in the country of Form IV (O-level) examination for 2010
- 18 out of 334 schools in form VI National Examinations for February 2011.

The school has also provided some of the top ten science students in the country, including the very best one in chemistry, Advanced Mathematics and Information and Computer Studies.

In general the Barbro School has significantly better results in exams than the average for the country. While it is an achievement for Tanzania that today more than 30% of an age-group can enter secondary school (up from 5% around the year 2000) quality has suffered in the resource- stretched public school system. Pass rates in Form IV national exams decreased from 83% to 72% between 2009 and 2010. In the Barbro School all girls that sat for the same exams passed. The good performance is uniform regardless of family background. The Barbro School provides an example that good results can be achieved and that girls can perform equally well as boys. Better economic development and expansion of the education system at all levels in Tanzania in recent years have improved opportunities for both girls and boys. Gender parity has been reached for enrollment in primary school and is close for the first years at secondary level. At higher levels the share of girls is not more than 40% and girls still face many obstacles for their education. Fees are charged by all secondary schools and cost of transport can be high for those who live in more remote areas. The importance and benefits of girls' education are more and more generally appreciated today but not in all communities and in less advanced rural areas of the country. Even the lower costs for attending a government school can be insurmountable and girls still also risk abuse e.g. when having to use not so well developed public transport. A boarding school like the Barbro School is therefore the only chance for many education-minded girls. The good teaching & learning environment at Barbro School not only develops a girl to her maximum potentials academically, but also produces a better social being. Barbro School offers a special programme aimed at grooming girls into leadership so that they can take their respective positions in their communities and societies later in life, as a way of making a contribution to the efforts towards improving a gender balance in country's decision making hierarchy. At the Barbro School there are several girls who are orphans or come from poor broken or poor peasant families. Also a group of Masai-girls, who are mostly denied access to education due to their livelihood style and culture, get a unique chance of education at the school.

## **Leading persons and role models – Barbro Johansson and Anna Tibaijuka**

Two strong women have special significance for JOHA Trust, the Barbro School and its students. They are Barbro Johansson and Anna Tibaijuka.

Barbro Johansson came from Uppsala, Sweden to Tanganyika in 1946 as a missionary. She became Headmistress at one of the first middle-schools for girls. She saw poverty and deprivation. At the time, discrimination and abuse of girls were glaring. Barbro Johansson wanted a change.

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She joined Julius Nyerere in the struggle for independence. She remained in Tanzania as a citizen, educator and politician. Many of the first generation of female African professionals, political and economic leaders in Tanzania were Mama Barbro's students and had her as a source of inspiration. In her presence and through the leadership of Anna Tibaijuka, The Barbro Johansson Girls' Education Trust Fund - JOHA Trust was launched in 1998. Mama Barbro passed away one year later. In 2012 her birth 100 years ago will be commemorated.

**Anna Tibaijuka** comes from a large rural family in Bukoba. She received her early education in a missionary school. Seen as a promising student she received grants to continue her studies until she eventually graduated as a doctor of Agricultural Economics in Uppsala. She continued with her research and academic teaching at the university of Dar es Salaam and later became the most senior African woman in the UN-system, as Under-Secretary General and Head of UN Habitat in Nairobi. Upon her return to Tanzania she was elected Member of Parliament from Bukoba region as Barbro Johansson once was. Later, in 2010, Anna Tibaijuka was appointed Cabinet Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development. Throughout this personal journey Anna Tibaijuka always minded about and contributed to broad-based development and equal rights for women. Even as a cabinet minister Anna Tibaijuka remains an active member of the Board of Trustees of the JOHA Trust.

**Girls who are given chances to develop give chances to others in return.**



**Do you want to help educate a nation?  
Then help educate a girl through the JOHA Trust Swedish Sponsors**

**The JOHA Trust Swedish Sponsors** is an NGO with close to 200 dedicated members. All fundraising and administration are handled by the members of the board on a voluntary basis. Administrative and information expenditure are covered by membership fees. All donations, other than the fees are used exclusively for scholarships. An officially controlled bank account - a so called 90-account- is maintained by the support association, guaranteeing the transparent and effective management.



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**Help make sure that the JOHA Trust girls' education effort can continue to bear fruit for poor girls and equitable development in Tanzania by donating funds regularly or ad hoc for scholarships at the Barbro Johansson's Girls' School**

**Commemorate the birth of Barbro Johansson 100 years ago and honour her legacy with a gift for scholarships at the Barbro School.**

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