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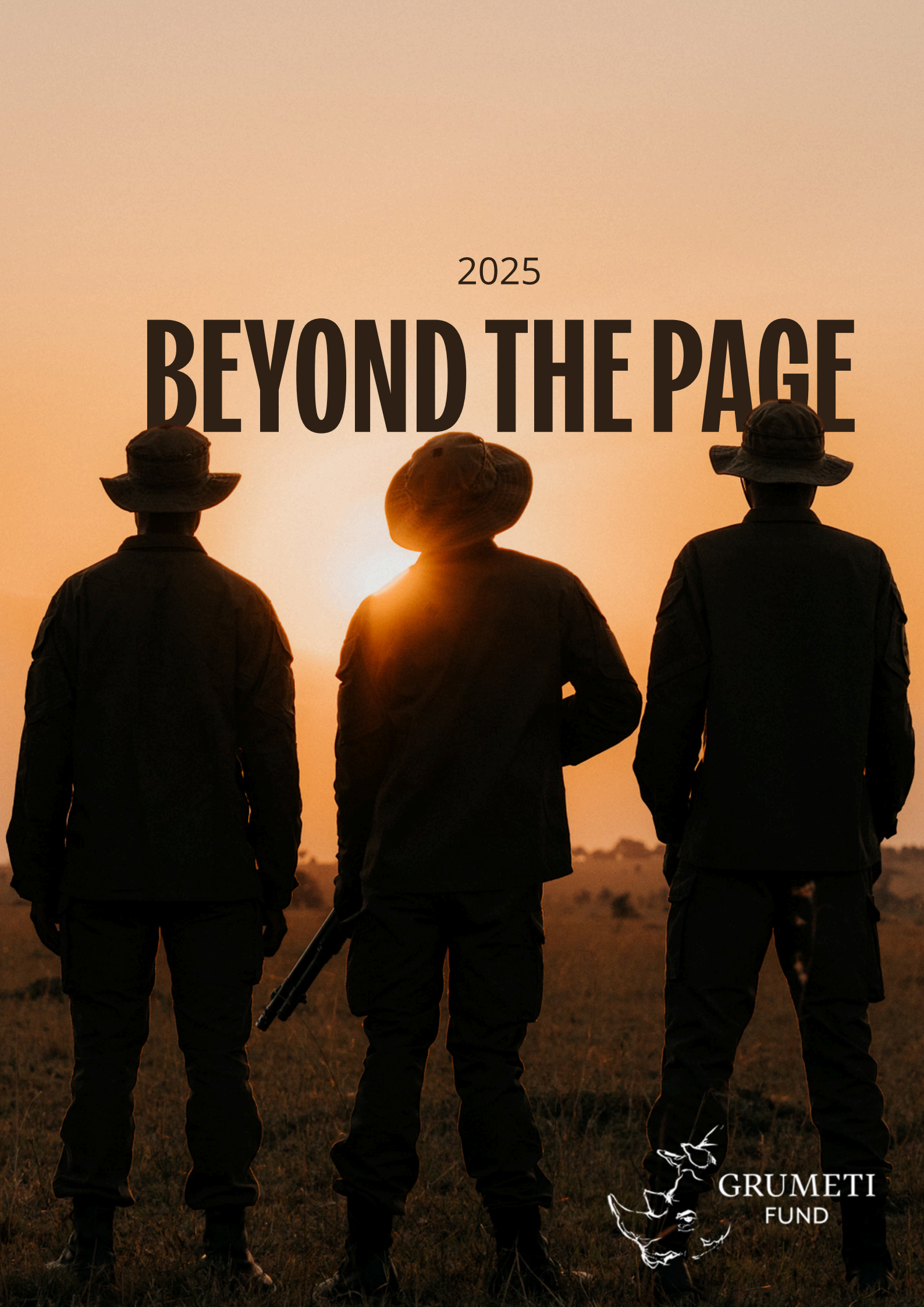

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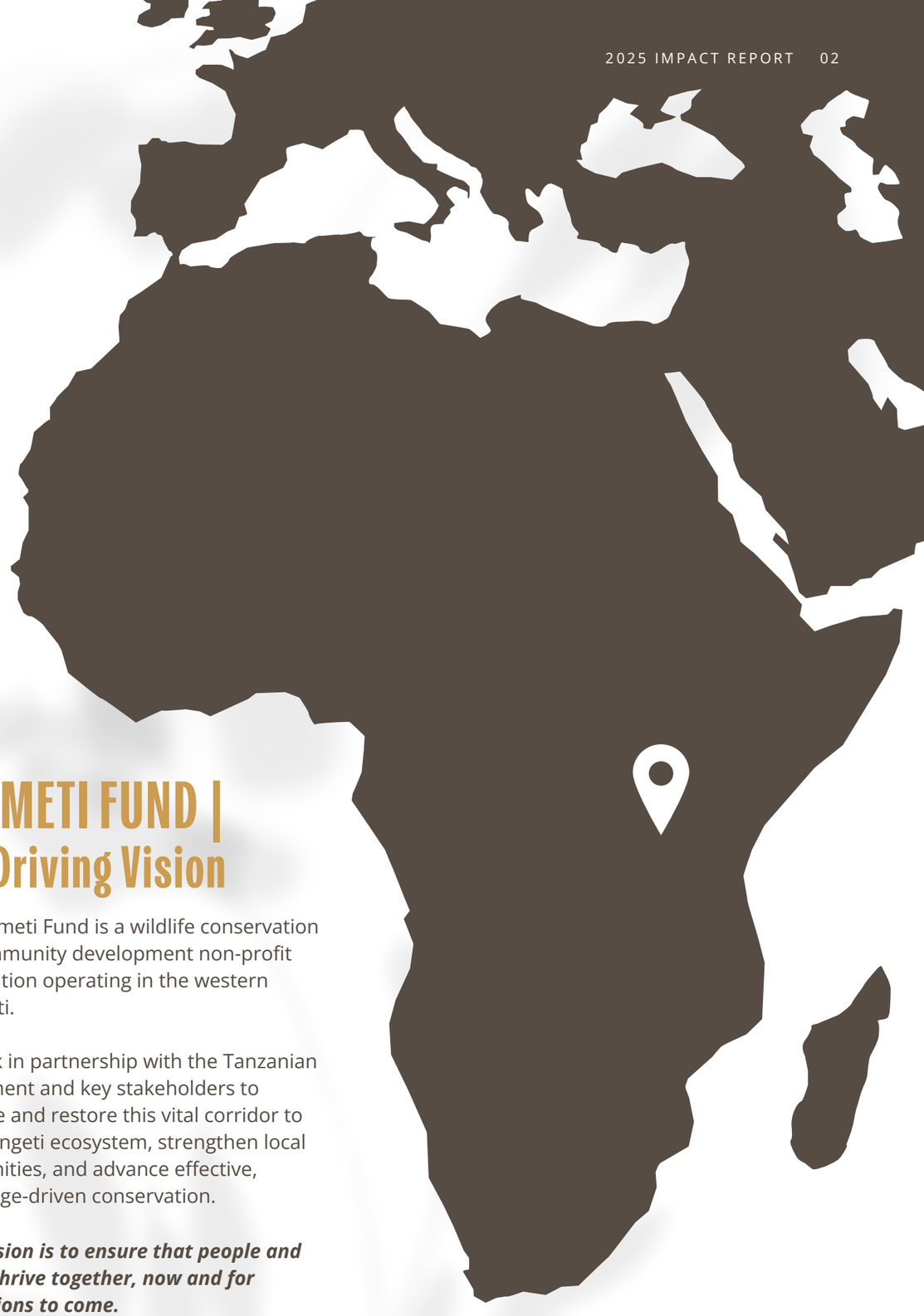
Traditional dance reflecting culture and heritage. | *Dany Samwel*

OUR PURPOSE



Strength and presence in the wild. | *Dany Samwel*



GRUMETI FUND | Our Driving Vision

The Grumeti Fund is a wildlife conservation and community development non-profit organization operating in the western Serengeti.

We work in partnership with the Tanzanian government and key stakeholders to conserve and restore this vital corridor to the Serengeti ecosystem, strengthen local communities, and advance effective, knowledge-driven conservation.

Our mission is to ensure that people and nature thrive together, now and for generations to come.



General Managers: Noel Mbise and Matt Perry. | *Tara Shupe*

CHOICES OF TODAY |

A message of motivation from our leaders

At the Grumeti Fund, we believe the future of the western Serengeti will be defined by the choices we make today.

In 2025, as pressures intensified and the world around us shifted, we chose ambition over hesitation. We strengthened our resolve, expanded our partnerships, and reaffirmed a simple but powerful belief: conservation succeeds when people and nature thrive together.

More than two decades after a bold vision set this work in motion, that vision has only grown clearer. We see a future where communities are empowered, ecosystems are abundant, and stewardship is shared across generations. We see young leaders rising, innovation shaping solutions, and collaboration transforming complexity into progress.

The Serengeti is an iconic landscape, and one that has endured for millennia. Nonetheless, its future depends on collective courage, long-term thinking, and unwavering commitment. Together with the Tanzanian government, neighboring communities, and dedicated partners, we are building something larger than protection alone – we are building resilience, opportunity, and hope.

We move forward inspired by the scale of what is possible, grounded in partnership, and determined to ensure that this iconic landscape continues to thrive – in harmony with its people.

MATT PERRY
GENERAL MANAGER |
Anti-Poaching &
Conservation Management

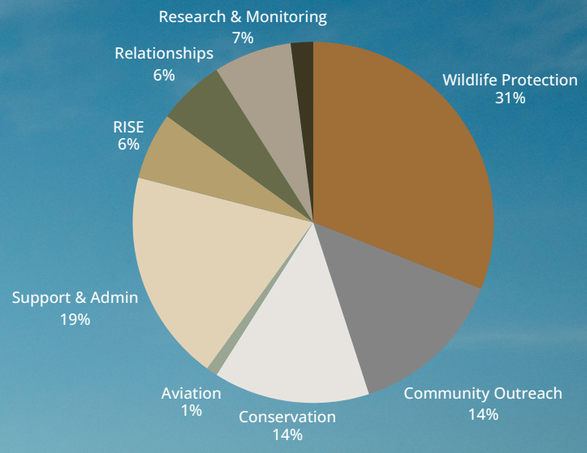
NOEL MBISE
GENERAL MANAGER |
Research, Monitoring &
Community Outreach

GETTING PERSPECTIVE

Vitelline Masked Weaver. | *Dany Samwel*

FINANCIALS

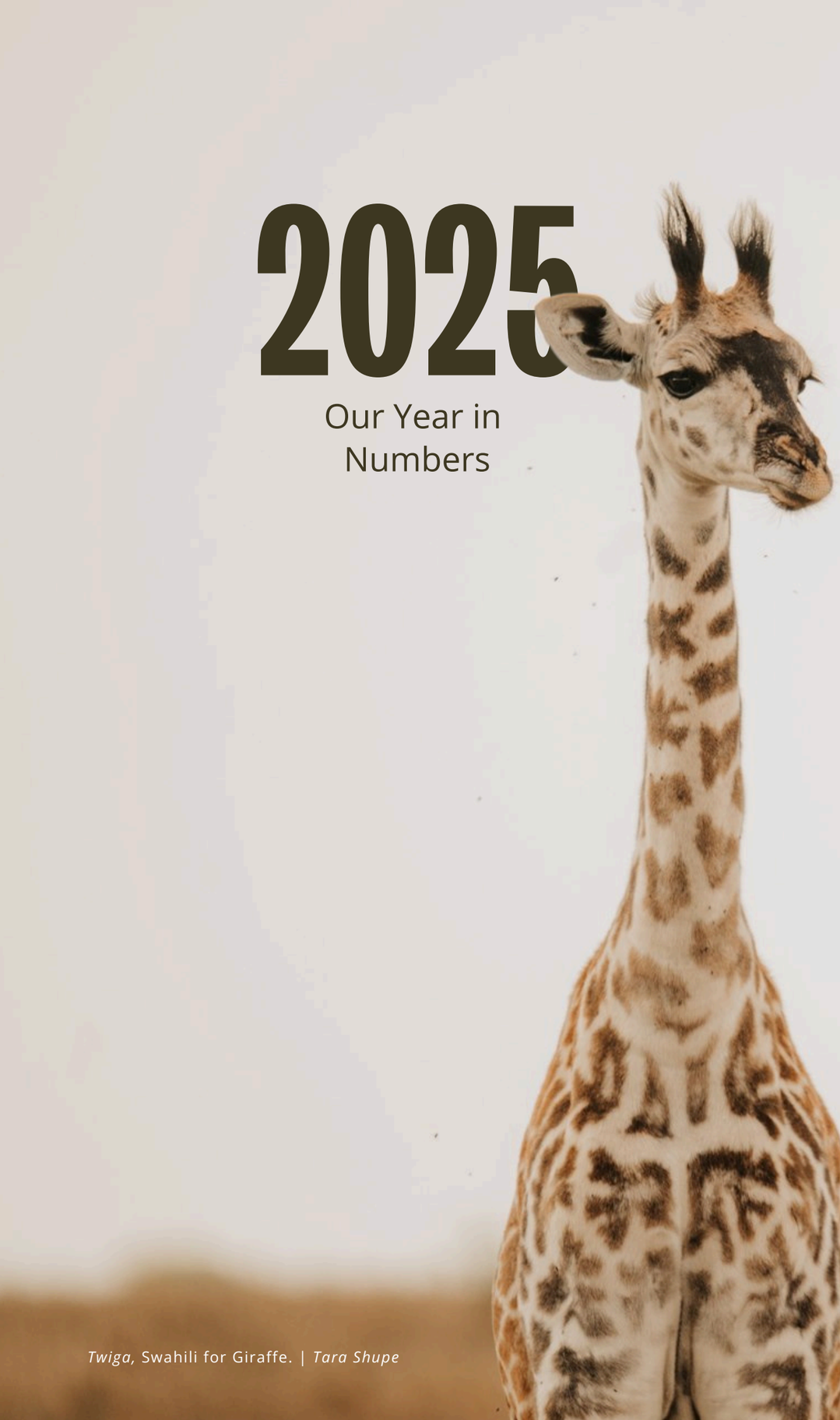
Wildlife Protection	31%
Community Outreach	14%
Conservation Management	14%
Research & Monitoring	7%
RISE: Research & Innovation	6%
Relationships	6%
Aviation	1%
Comms & Engagement	2%
Support & Admin	19%



Grumeti River. | *Dany Samwel*

2025

Our Year in Numbers



Twiga, Swahili for Giraffe. | *Tara Shupe*

OUR TEAM

- **22** **years** of the Grumeti Fund
- **188** total **team members**
- **2%** **staff** are international
- **98%** staff are **Tanzanian**
  - **80%** | *from neighboring* ***communities***

WILDLIFE PROTECTION & CONSERVATION

- **100%** **scouts** from neighboring villages
- **4** anti-poaching **dogs** and **6 handlers**
- **22** **animals** treated from **human-induced injuries**
- **1** critically endangered **species** being **re-established**
- **32,000** **acres** managed with fire

EMPOWERMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

- **40+** **schools** participating in projects
- **129** **awareness campaigns** reaching more than **70,000 people**
- **100%** **guiding entrepreneurs** keeping **business records**
- **32** **jobs created** through **entrepreneurship mentees**
- **2,122** **girls** attended empowerment **events,** all receiving **reusable pads**
- **1,410** **boys** attended **girls empowerment** events

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- **10** collared **elephants tracked**
- **4** **ecological surveys** on habitats, wildlife, and plant communities
- **8** **training programs** on research, conservation, and storytelling
- **1** **operation** to replace rhino monitoring **tracking technology**
- **147** **participants** completed **trainings** and **workshops**
- **3** **critically endangered species** monitored

6,072 | **Kilograms** of **bushmeat** confiscated from poachers

1,010 | **Snares** removed from the ecosystem

2,007 | **Patrols** conducted to secure the landscape

1 | **New dog** added to the **Canine Unit**

52 | **Scouts** completed basic training

0 | **Elephants** or **rhinos** poached

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

On the frontlines of conservation. | *Tara Shupe*

SECURE | With poaching being an ongoing threat in the western Serengeti, protecting this landscape and its critically endangered species demands constant vigilance and effective coordination. Grumeti Fund's Anti-Poaching Unit operates 24/7, combining ground patrols, rapid-response teams, intelligence networks, highly trained specialized units, and advanced technology to safeguard its irreplaceable wildlife.

SAFEGUARD

To secure the western corridor, our Unit is focused on:

- Enhancing unit **efficiency** and **effectiveness** to deter incursions
- Utilizing **technology** for early detection and coordinated reactions
- **Dismantling** commercial poaching **networks**
- **Building** internal **capacity** through practical training
- **Strengthening partnerships** throughout ecosystem
- **Improving** local **livelihood** diversity and conservation **education**

Using night vision on patrol. | *Tara Shupe*

ENHANCED EFFECTIVENESS

In **2025**, our Wildlife Protection force saw stronger outcomes powered by sharper detection, wider patrol presence, and more coordinated intelligence efforts, resulting in:

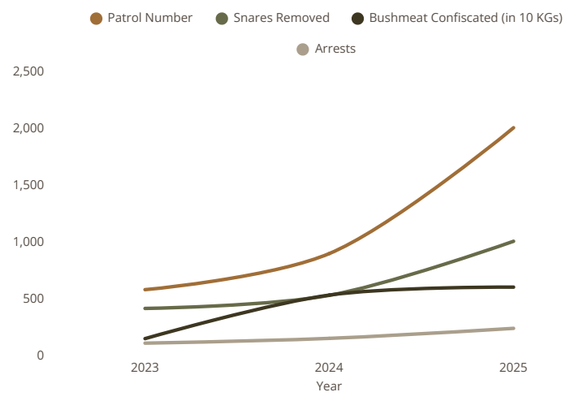
89% more **snares** recovered

40% more **kilometers** patrolled

56% more **arrests**

13% more **bushmeat** confiscated

Compared to respective statistics in 2024





Wagora Bike Ride 2025. | *Ross Couper*



Setting up camp. | *Tara Shupe*

MOBILE PATROL UNIT

Operating in the most remote and inaccessible areas of the concession, the Mobile Patrol Unit (MPU) deploys on foot and from mobile patrol trailers stationed for days at a time in **high-risk** poaching **hotspots**.

As one of the frontline arms of our Wildlife Protection force, this elite team conducts **covert operations** to intercept, relay real-time **intelligence**, and **respond rapidly** to critical incidents – including during the Great Migration to ensure the western Serengeti endures for the future.

Their constant presence deters illegal activity, while their field expertise helps secure the landscape year after year.

Key Accomplishments:

51% | of all **arrests** in **2025** were done by the **MPU**

84% | average **annual increase** in MPU **arrests** since **2023**

CANINE UNIT

PAWS FOR CONSERVATION | At the heart of our Wildlife Protection force is a team of highly trained, four-legged scouts. The Canine Unit supports detection and tracking operations — locating hidden weapons, snares, bushmeat, and wildlife trophies, and following poachers' trails across vast distances.

In 2025, the Unit welcomed a new recruit from the United States. **Mawenzi** is a two-year-old German Shepherd trained by the American Society for Canine Trainers. She specializes in human scent tracking, and her speed, precision, and drive are already strengthening operations in the field.

29% | of all **arrests** in **2025** included the Canine Unit

Partners in wildlife protection. | *Tara Shupe*

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

1 | Eastern **black rhino re-establishment** and **rewilding** project

22 | **Animals** treated for human-caused injuries

66 | **Emergency responses** to arson and accidental **fires**

4,569 | **Hectares** cleared of **invasive** alien **plants**

REVITALIZE | The Conservation Management (CM) team is the engine behind our landscape stewardship – a dedicated field force living and working in the bush to actively shape and restore ecosystem health. Their work goes beyond protection; it is about rebuilding ecological integrity and ensuring this wilderness regains and sustains its full natural function.

In 2025, the team applied targeted fire management and invasive alien plant control to maintain habitat balance, strengthened critical conservation infrastructure, and carried out timely wildlife rescue interventions alongside our government partners. Through hands-on and daily presence in the field, the team plays a vital role in securing the western Serengeti's long-term resilience.

A symbol of rhino restoration. | *Tara Shupe*



RESCUE

WILDLIFE WELLBEING | Working daily in the field, the Conservation Management team encounters wildlife constantly and is often the first to detect injured animals. With a trained eye for signs of distress, the team works closely with government veterinarians to respond to wildlife emergencies – particularly rescues involving animals caught in poachers' snares.

62% | reported **wildlife injuries** linked to humans in **2025**

22 | **animals treated** for injuries in 2025

7 | **species** treated

32% | ***treated** animals were **zebra***

Desnaring of an elephant. | *Dany Samwel*



Removal of invasive alien plants. | *Tara Shupe*

REMOVING INVASIVE ALIEN PLANTS

Invasive alien plants outcompete native vegetation, disrupting ecosystem processes, degrading habitats, and reducing biodiversity. In severe cases, their spread can even threaten endemic species.

The Conservation team works to identify and remove invasive species before they can establish and reproduce. Doing so, the team helps halt their spread and protect the ecological integrity of the Serengeti ecosystem and the communities that depend on it.

7 | invasive alien **plants** targetted for **removal**

1,628 | removal **interventions** in 2025

- **77%** | *of **interventions** were for **Chromolaena odorata***
- **3%** | *of **area** was **cleared** of invasive alien plants*

RESTORE

FIRE MANAGEMENT

Fire is a natural feature of the Serengeti ecosystem — shaping habitats, renewing soils, stimulating fresh grass growth, and helping to curb the spread of invasive species. When applied strategically, it strengthens ecological balance. When uncontrolled, however, it can cause significant ecological and economic damage.

The Conservation Management team carries the responsibility of harnessing this powerful force. Through carefully planned prescribed burns and rapid responses to accidental or deliberately set fires, they work to protect both the landscape and the communities that depend on it.



2025

- **23%** — **less** burned area than 2024 from **reduced arson** and **early detection**
- **96** — **fires**, including arson and managed burns
- **168k** — **acres** of concession **burned**
  - **31%** | **prescribed burns**, covering **19%** of burned area
  - **69%** | **arson** or **accidental burns**, covering **81%** of burned area

Using fire to maintain healthy landscapes. | *Tara Shupe*

RESEARCH & MONITORING

600 | **Samples** taken to estimate **biomass availability**

16 | **Weather stations** reporting daily climate conditions

8 | **Elephant collars** replaced

7 | **Freshwater monitoring sites** identified and surveyed

1 | **New study** on **invasive plants** and **herbivore** habitat use

10 | **Tracking devices** deployed on black **rhinos**

ANALYZE | Our ability to understand and protect the western Serengeti over the long term depends on rigorous research and monitoring. The Research and Monitoring (RM) team tracks the landscape's ecological dynamics – from rainfall patterns and vegetation health to wildlife populations, their critical habitats, and the processes that sustain this complex system.

In 2025, the team collected and analyzed data on climate, herbaceous biomass and composition, fire regimes, and wildlife movements, freshwater, sensitive habitats, and re-establishing rhino populations.

Tracking of collared elephants. | *Tara Shupe*

FRESHWATER MONITORING



Monitoring freshwater sources. | *Dany Samwel*

GRUMETI RIVER

In 2025, the Grumeti Fund partnered with The Wilderness Project to establish a monitoring program for one of the ecosystem's most vital resources: freshwater. The teams created the first systematic baseline dataset to track the long-term health and quality of the Grumeti River system.

The river supports people, livestock, livelihoods, and wildlife across the western Serengeti. By monitoring how the river changes over time and across locations, the program will help strengthen our understanding of this critical resource and inform efforts to safeguard a more resilient future for both people and wildlife.

INDICATORS

The program monitors **water flow**, **quality** and **aquatic biodiversity** through indicators including:

- River Discharge
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Fish Sampling
- Environmental DNA
- Macroinvertebrate Communities

FINDINGS

- **100%** **surveyed sites** met criteria for supporting **diverse aquatic communities** and **ecosystem health**
- **57%** **surveyed sites** demonstrated **good** to **excellent conditions**
- **1** **site** identified as having **lower quality** compared to others, indicating it is in need of **closer monitoring**
- **0** evidence of **eutrophication** or **pollution** impacts



Aerial survey. | *Tara Shupe*

AERIAL RIPARIAN SURVEY

Riparian zones are among the Serengeti's most vital habitats – dynamic, mosaic-like ecosystems that **regulate** nutrient cycles, **filter** pollutants, and **sustain** a rich **diversity** of plant and animal life.

To monitor their health, Grumeti Fund conducts a Riparian Survey, flying along key **rivers** and **tributaries** to track trends in these highly productive areas and their wildlife communities, while recording the **location** and **abundance** of key riparian species, nesting birds, and invasive alien plants.

In 2025, they flew **463 kilometers** in **17 hours.**

During the 2025 Riparian Survey:

463 | **kilometers** surveyed during **17 hours** flying

17 | types of **animals**, **nests** and **invasive plants** recorded

Findings:

Declines in riparian **species** and **habitat** for nesting birds

*Prompting **increased attention** and **monitoring** for riparian habiats*

RHINO MONITORING

TRACKING | In 2025, Grumeti Fund worked alongside TAWA, TAWIRI, and TANAPA to carry out coordinated rhino operations. Together, the teams immobilized selected rhinos to ear-notch and fit tracking devices to, supporting the recovery of this re-establishing population.

5 | **rhinos** fitted with **tracking devices** in **2025**

Tracking and protecting. | *Dany Samwel*

RISE
RESEARCH & INNOVATION

7 | **Training** programs and **workshops**

12 | **Graduate research scholars** supported through RISE

3 | **Papers published** on elephant and giraffe populations

19 | **Collaborations** with academic and non-academic **institutions**

10 | **Seminars** reached more than **500 people**

143,000 | **GPS** fixes from **elephant collars**

Vainess from WIF program monitoring vultures in the field. | *Tara Shupe*

APPLY | Founded in 2019, Grumeti Fund's Research & Innovation for the Serengeti Ecosystem (RISE) strengthens applied conservation science and supports the next generation of researchers. RISE ensures research translates into practical solutions for protecting the Serengeti's ecosystems and supporting its communities.

In 2025, RISE continued to mentor graduate students, support scientific publications on key conservation issues, and host trainings that build capacity among Tanzanian and international researchers – helping advance both the science and the people shaping the future of the Serengeti.



Elephant tracking. | *Tara Shupe*

APPLIED RESEARCH

Core to RISE's mission is to conduct applied research for the **Serengeti** ecosystem by collaborating and mentoring Tanzanian **graduate student researchers**.

In **2025**, RISE worked with **12 students** focused on projects including:

- **Insect Ecology**
- **Elephant Demographics**
- **Vulture Nesting Patterns**
- **Bushmeat Markets**
- **Human-Wildlife Conflict**
- **Southern Patas Monkeys**

RISE's Grumeti Fund Future Stewards Fellowship

4 **fellowship recipients** were **selected** for **2026**



Patas Monkey keeping a lookout. | *Mat Goodman*

PATAS MONKEY

PRESERVE | Collaborating with the Research and Monitoring team, RISE launched a monitoring initiative for the **Southern Patas Monkey** — a critically endangered species endemic to the western Serengeti. Once widely distributed throughout the ecosystem, this species is now confined to relatively small areas, underscoring the urgency of targeted monitoring and conservation action.

In **2025**, RISE and our government partners launched research on the Southern Patas Monkey.

- 2 | **months** of **field surveys** completed
- 5 | **confirmed sightings** of the Southern Patas Monkey
- 1 | new **monitoring program**
- 4 | Institutional and government **collaborations**

CONSERVATION EDUCATION for KIDS

INSPIRE | Conservation Education for Kids (CE4K) introduces primary school students in Bunda and Serengeti Districts to conservation through engaging, bilingual storybooks about Tanzanian wildlife. Designed to build environmental awareness and spark conservation curiosity at an early age, the program helps students understand animal behavior and the challenges facing some of east Africa's most iconic species.

As a new RISE initiative, CE4K is delivered in partnership with Wild Nature Institute and Tanzania Education Initiatives, who support teacher trainings and the distribution of books to participating schools.
It's intended impacts include increasing:

- **Conservation awareness** and passion amongst youth
- **Student engagement** in environmental topics and in classrooms
- **Teachers' understanding** and **excitement** in ecological topics
- **Classroom access** to engaging **resources**

In CE4K's **first year**:

469 | **primary students** reached in **156** classroom sessions

14 | **teachers** implementing the program from **7 schools**

3 | **interns** working on **conservation education**

Student exploring the story of Juma the Giraffe. | *Tara Shupe*

TRAINING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

ADVANCED GIS

- **50** trainees using GIS in conservation
- **21** countries represented

CAMERA TRAP DATA ANALYSIS

- **21** trainees utilizing camera trap data in conservation science
- **11** organizations represented

FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS

- **18** trainees focused on understanding freshwater systems
- **10** organizations represented

ENVIRONMENTAL DNA

- **16** trainees applying DNA to monitor biodiversity
- **1st** eDNA workshop at RISE

MEDIA LAB

- **8** Media Lab storytellers
- **1** video launched on the CE4K program

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS

- **10** trainees bridging science with storytelling

WOMEN IN THE FIELD (WIF)

- **1** month training program for early career women in conservation and research
- **10** interdisciplinary topics covered
- **10** Tanzanian women participated in 2025
- **17%** acceptance rate
- **2** alumnae returned to RISE as WIF instructors
- **4** alumnae received professional and academic positions using their WIF networks



Women in the Field session. | *Tara Shupe*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

81 | **New scholarships** awarded to unlock **7 levels** of **education**

276 | **Entrepreneurs** graduated business **training programs**

4,352 | **Students** attended girls empowerment sessions

104 | **Microloans** distributed, **60%** of which benefitted **women**

1 | **TSP fellow** amongst **Tanzania's Top 10** Primary Science **Educators**

100% | **Guiding entrepeneurs** registered **businesses**



Students from our neighboring community. | *Tara Shupe*

EMPOWER | Since 2003, Grumeti Fund's Community Outreach Program (COP) has worked to strengthen opportunity and resilience in communities neighboring the Grumeti concessions. While the program has evolved over time, its mission remains the same: to empower communities to thrive alongside the landscape they help sustain.

EMPOWER

In **2025**, COP partnered with our neighboring communities for another year, focusing on:

- Developing local **entrepreneurs** and their **enterprises**
- Empowering **women** and **girls**
- Building **climate-resilient livelihoods**
- Improving **access** to **quality education**
- Delivering **environmental education** for the Serengeti's youngest **conservation leaders**

Horticulture farmer with produce. | *Dany Samwel*

EDUCATION SUPPORT

In **2025**, COP awarded **81 new scholarships** to students from neighboring communities, supporting studies across a wide range of paths – from secondary school to vocational training, culinary programs, and university degrees.

These scholarships play a vital role in expanding **access** to **education**, opening doors to **opportunity**, and helping young people build the skills needed to shape their **futures** and contribute to their communities.

2025 Scholarships:

220 | total **scholarships** awarded

100% | **graduation** rate

44 | **internships secured** for **scholarship** recipients

46 | **mentor** relationships formed with **mentees**

101 | **scholars** participated in **life-skills training**

Covering **personal** and **professional topics** including:

- Reproductive health
- Enterprise development
- Technology
- Goal setting
- Personal finance
- Public speaking



Student in neighboring school. | *Tara Shupe*



EEC students learning about soil ecology. | *Tara Shupe*

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

In **2025**, EEC students explored **environmental science** and **sustainability** while gaining insight into **career** opportunities within the region.

Through **hands-on** learning, **game drives**, and **engagement** sessions, they explored environmental processes, started stewardship projects, gained exposure to conservation work, and discovered professional pathways in tourism.

464 | **students** completed the **5-day program**

31 | **teachers** accompanied students at the EEC

16 | **schools** sent groups to the EEC

6 | **post-EEC projects** maintained in 2025

Projects focused on:

- Waste management
- Soil erosion control
- Invasive alien plant control
- Tree planting and nurseries
- Debate clubs
- Essay competitions

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

VILLAGE LEARNING | Village Learning is a **12-week** program on **core entrepreneurial skills**, including financial management, business formalization, and product development. In **2025**:

277 | learning **entrepreneurs** from **10 villages**

28 | **new businesses** established

VILLAGE GUIDING | Village Guiding is a **year-long**, **one-on-one mentorship** program focused on moving businesses beyond early-stage **stabilization** and **expand** intentionally. In **2025**:

14 | **entrepreneurs** in weekly mentorships

100% | **mentees** keeping **financial records**

75% | **average** business **turnover** for 2025 **mentees**

CLIMATE-RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS | CLIP trains farmers in **sustainable dairy** practices. Through its **cattle-share** model, it helps build livelihoods and diversify food sources that are less vulnerable to environmental and economic shocks. In **2025**:

50 | **cattle** supported in **10 villages**

16 | **calves born** in 2025

15 | **farmers selected** for project expansion, **53% women**

Enterprise Development. | *Tara Shupe*

TEACHING SUPPORT

Many rural schools in Tanzania face severe teacher shortages, leaving educators overstretched and limiting the quality of instruction students receive. This challenge is especially critical in primary schools, where foundational learning takes place.

The Teaching Support Program (TSP) helps address this gap by placing graduate teaching fellows in under-resourced primary schools, reducing student-teacher ratios, and easing pressure on existing staff. In doing so, the program improves classroom support, enables students to learn in smaller groups, and initiates extracurricular activities to enhance student engagement in school.

2025 STATISTICS

- **17,284** ***students*** *benefitting from the TSP*
- **40** ***teaching fellows*** *placed in* ***24 schools***
- **16%** ***reduction*** *in* ***student-teacher ratios*** *from 83:1*
- **19** ***teachers*** *trained in* ***tech*** *and* ***lesson planning***
- **7** ***extracurricular*** *activities introduced*
- **4** ***subjects*** *taught: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology*

CHALLENGES

The TSP has made valuable impacts in nearby schools, but there remains much more to be done.

- **Internet** access
- Limited **textbooks**
- Low **attendance**
- Varied **literacy** and **numeracy**
- Classes still **30 students higher** on average than the **national average**

TSP fellow teaching a class. | *Tara Shupe*

RELATIONSHIPS

10 | **Topics** covered through **awareness campaigns**

9,852 | Indigenous **tree seedlings planted** for climate resilience

157 | **responses** to **active** instances of **human-wildlife conflict**

1 | Human-wildlife **conflict mitigation unit** and **hotline**

4 | **Exhibitions attended** representing Grumeti Fund

14 | Traditional **dance competitions** hosted

COLLABORATE | The Relationships department is grounded in the belief that lasting impact is built through partnership. They ensure that Grumeti Fund works closely with community, government, and institutional stakeholders – fostering collaboration, sharing information, and driving joint solutions to the most pressing challenges facing people and wildlife in the western Serengeti. Through ongoing outreach and stakeholder engagement, the team ensures our work remains responsive, responsible, and aligned with the needs of the people and landscape we serve.

Ikoma tribe celebrating in dance. | *Tara Shupe*



In **2025**, the Relationships team **focused** on:

- **Strengthening** stakeholder **partnerships**
- **Mitigating** human–wildlife **conflict**
- **Delivering** community **education**, **awareness**, and **training** campaigns
- Deepening **government collaboration**

Stronger together with our team. | *Dany Samwel*

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

The Relationships team strengthens partnerships in neighboring communities through **targeted outreach** and **engagement**. Through community **meetings**, film **screenings**, traditional **dances**, and participation in **workshops** and **seminars**, the team expanded its reach and deepened connections across the Serengeti ecosystem.

In **2025**, they raised awareness on **key issues** including:

- *Ecosystem conservation*
- *Wildlife protection*
- *Human–wildlife conflict mitigation*
- *Sustainable tourism*
- *Modern agriculture*
- *Black rhino re-establishment*

2025 Awareness Campaigns:

24 | **villages** engaged

1,887 | **written materials** distributed

70,643 | **people reached** through **campaigns**

- **31%** *men*
- **31%** *women*
- **38%** *children and students*



Head of Relationships, David Mwakipesile. | *Tara Shupe*

HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION

Homemade chili bomb, a human-elephant mitigation tool. | *Roshni Lodhia*

WILDLIFE CO-EXISTENCE

Human-wildlife conflict (HWC) remains a critical challenge in the western Serengeti, as recovering wildlife populations have led to more frequent interactions with neighboring communities, putting both people and animals at risk.

Addressing HWC requires both immediate response and long-term solutions. The Relationships department works to equip communities with the knowledge and skills to mitigate conflict safely, provide resources and emergency support when incidents occur, and implement preventative measures to reduce future conflict.

In 2025, human-wildlife conflict priority species were elephants, hyenas, lions, and hippos.

AWARENESS

The Relationships team conducted wide-reaching human–wildlife conflict awareness campaigns in neighboring communities.

- **6** ***sessions*** *on pilot elephant mitigation* ***fencing*** *project*
- **9** ***movie screenings*** *for* ***1,925*** *community members*

MITIGATION TRAININGS

In 2025, community members were trained to interpret elephant and carnivore behavior safely, apply effective conflict mitigation strategies, and use practical tools to reduce human–wildlife conflict.

- **32** *elephant* ***task groups trained*** *on safe mitigation*
- **20** ***first aid kits*** *distributed and* ***trainings*** *hosted*

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Relationships team operates a dedicated Human–Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Unit (HWCMU) within community areas, tasked with responding to active conflict incidents and ensuring the safety of both people and wildlife.

- **1** ***emergency response unit*** *and* ***hotline*** *operated*
- **100%** ***response rate*** *to calls to the HWCMU*

ENGAGE

WAGORA BIKE RIDE

Hosted in partnership between Grumeti Fund and Singita, the Wagora Bike Ride is a multi-day cycling event that brings riders from around the world together to experience the Serengeti while supporting wildlife protection. The ride raises funds for Grumeti Fund's anti-poaching scouts and honours the memory and courage of those who have sacrificed their lives to protect this ecosystem.

Held over five days and covering approximately 150 kilometers, the ride traverses the western corridor of the Serengeti, offering participants a rare opportunity to cycle through a landscape shaped by the Great Migration. Along the way, riders engage with Grumeti Fund's conservation work and gain insight into the efforts required to protect this iconic ecosystem.

2 ***years** of the **Wagora Bike Ride** in 2025*

150 ***kilometers** of riding over **three days***

SERENGETI GIRLS RUN

The Serengeti Girls Run is an annual, all-women, multi-stage run held in the Grumeti concessions. Grumeti Fund and Singita partner up to host the event, bringing together participants of all fitness levels to run through one of Africa's most iconic landscapes. More than an endurance event, it is a platform for purpose – raising funds to support our girls empowerment initiatives for girls living in surrounding communities.

During the six-day event, participants run three half-marathons, engage with beneficiaries of the empowerment programs, and learn about Grumeti Fund's conservation work. The experience also offers a unique opportunity to connect with the Serengeti's wildlife and ecosystem, linking personal challenge with meaningful impact.

8 ***years** of the **Serengeti Girls Run** in 2025*

63 ***kilometers** of running over **three days***

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Cycling in the western Serengeti. | *Ross Couper*

LOOKING FORWARD

OUR FOCUS 2026:

Strengthen wildlife protection through improved detection, technology, and anti-poaching coordination.

Enhance ecosystem management via invasive species control, fire management, and field team capacity.

Advance research and monitoring to guide long-term conservation decisions.

Support communities through livelihoods, education, and empowerment initiatives.

Build partnerships to improve coordination and address human–wildlife conflict.

Tembo, Swahili for elephant. | *Tara Shupe*

SUPPORT

A leopard's perfect vantage point. | *Tara Shupe*

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Thank you for your collaboration, commitment, and trust. You are part of the Grumeti Fund team, and your steadfast commitment to people and planet unlocked the lasting impacts we celebrate this year.

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Grumeti Fund extends its sincere gratitude to our key partners for their continued collaboration and commitment – particularly the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority. We thank you for another year of strong partnership and shared progress, and look forward to the achievements ahead.

Some community stakeholders. | *Tara Shupe*

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The Grumeti Fund. | *Tara Shupe*

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