



### Short description of the Bicycle Project:

*"The Bicycle Project aims to set up a bicycle rental business run for and by the women of Kazi na Sala offering a stable income to its managers, promoting responsible income management and incentivizing saving. As part of the WE Thrive program, the project's wider goal is to foster economic empowerment by facilitating management and entrepreneurial skill transfer."*



Last October, Kazi na Sala was thrilled to open the Bike Rental Shop!

Finally they had a place to stall the bicycles and were able to start renting them out. In early 2016, the women of the Bike Rental Shop Committee participated in several trainings to have enough knowledge and practice to be 'bike fundis' (a fundi is a mechanic in Swahili). The trainings turned out very necessary because the majority of the bicycles needed repair or maintenance due to the harsh environmental conditions in Msitu wa Tembo and Londoto and the unforeseen challenge of the bicycles sitting for some time before the women were trained and organized. The area is very dusty, which affects the bike chains and hubs, amongst other parts. It is also important for the long term sustainability of the project that the women are able to repair and maintain the bikes.



Thanks to the trainings, our female fundis now have the knowledge to repair Buffalo bicycles, the brand of bikes used in the shop that were donated provided by Global Bike, our generous partner. Their expertise is also called upon by neighboring villages whom were also beneficiaries of Global Bike and who also use this type of bike.

The months of November and December were already profitable! Nowadays almost all bikes are repaired and more and more bikes are rented out each day. Customers are positive about the Buffalo bikes, because the bikes are very strong and are good for transporting big loads like buckets of water and firewood. This makes life easier for the inhabitants of Msitu wa Tembo and Londoto.

Therefore we are very happy with the Bike Rental Project. The future looks bright now that the shop is up and running. Rentals are increasing, customers are happy and the women are very ambitious. Congratulations to Neema, Hamida and Lucy of the Bike Rental Shop Committee, TATU volunteer Judit and TATU Project manager Alice for this accomplishment!