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Annual Report 2024

Activities, projects and finances

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Bantu Association for Global Education, Justice and Cooperation e.V.

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This report is based on the 2024 Transparency Report of Bantu e.V., following the criteria of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative. Design based on the Brand & Corporate Design Guidelines v2.1 (November 2026).

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear members, funders, partners, and friends,

If I am to be honest, and I want to be, because transparency is at the core of our work, then 2024 was the most difficult year in Bantu e.V.'s history.

The SDG4 project 'Okushoma kwa Boona' put us to a severe test. Five of six Ugandan participants received Schengen visa rejections for the planned return exchange to Germany. A co-funding partner who had given verbal commitment withdrew at short notice. We faced the question: how do you run an encounter project when the encounter fails?

I want to express, explicitly and from the heart, my thanks to Engagement Global and the entire DAJW team. They did not view this situation as a failure, but as a reality we could navigate together. The flexibility and concrete adjustments, the approval of a digital format, the extension of the project period, the solution-oriented support, were what made it possible to bring the project to an honest conclusion at all. That is what I call partnership-based funding.

At the same time, I thank the Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken and the Schmitz-Stiftungen for funding the P 24/200 project (Msingi School of BTVET), which launched in December 2024 in Mbarara and opened the path to vocational training for 18 young women. I thank the DSEE for funding Black Engagement Matters, and the EU/Aspire Education Group for the Youth Eco Project.

I also thank Racheal Kekitinwa (ABI Uganda), who, despite all the obstacles, travelled to Germany as the sole Ugandan participant and kept the exchange alive. Her commitment was a demonstration of what genuine partnership means.

From this year I take away one important lesson: Bantu e.V. will in future only apply for projects for which written co-funding commitments are already in hand. Not from distrust, but out of responsibility towards our partners, our participants, and our funders.

With thanks to all who accompanied us through a difficult year

Boaz Murinzi Murema

Executive Director

Bantu Association for Global Education, Justice and Cooperation e.V.

Introduction

2024 was a year of structural change for Bantu e.V.: in January 2024, Tubman Network e.V. was independently registered as a non-profit association, bringing to an end three years of host organisation work. The year's central focus was the first in-person exchange of the SDG4 project in

Uganda (Feb./Mar. 2024), the completion of the Mama Circle project, and the launch of the BTVET project P 24/200 in Mbarara.

Note: The 2024 income-expenditure statement (EÜR) will be submitted by 31.07.2026. Verified total income and expenditure figures are not yet available at the time of publication. Known project budgets are set out below.

Known Project Finances 2024

Project / Item	Amount
Mama Circle, final expenditure (May–Aug. 2024)	EUR 10,008.72
P 24/200, Msingi School BTVET (total budget)	EUR 11,220.74
Income for overseas projects (DZI table)	EUR 27,624.00
Administrative costs Germany (approx.)	approx. EUR 900.00
Public relations expenditure (approx.)	approx. EUR 300.00

The full 2024 income-expenditure statement will be published following submission of the tax return (by 31.07.2026).

Domestic Projects 2024

Project 1: Black Engagement Matters: Building Black Resilience (Final Phase)

Funder: Deutsche Stiftung für Engagement und Ehrenamt (DSEE)

Host: Tubman.Network (host function through Bantu e.V. concluded Jan. 2024)

Context: Conclusion of the UN Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024)

- Training of 10 Black resource persons for culturally sensitive counselling
- Networking of activists from 30 Black organisations across Germany
- Training in organisational management, legal, and fundraising topics
- Closing conference marking the end of the UN Decade for People of African Descent

Project 2: Youth Eco Project: Eco-Entrepreneurship (Erasmus+)

Funder: European Union (Erasmus+)

Role: Bantu e.V. as implementing partner for Germany; Coordination: Aspire Education Group GmbH

Key event: Youth Eco Conference, 18 October 2024, Berlin Global Village

- Training in eco-competence and sustainability for young people from 6 European countries

Mama Circle: Final Expenditure (May–Aug. 2024)

Funder: Robert Bosch Foundation (residual funds)

Final expenditure: EUR 10,008.72 (May–August 2024)

With Tubman Network e.V. registered as an independent association from January 2024, the full proof-of-use report for the Robert Bosch Foundation was prepared and submitted on time.

Overseas Projects 2024

SDG4: Okushoma kwa Boona: First In-Person Exchange in Uganda

Funder: Engagement Global gGmbH / BMZ (Teams up!)

Exchange: 23 February, 13 March 2024, Mbarara, Uganda

- 6 German participants visited educational institutions in Mbarara (schools, university, TVET institutes)
- Fish Bowl panel discussion with political decision-makers on 07.03.2024
- Visit by a BMZ delegation and Engagement Global
- International Women's Day celebration on 08.03.2024 at the Ruhaama Community Resource Centre
- Schengen visa issue: 5 of 6 Ugandan participants received rejections, return exchange conducted digitally
- Racheal Kekitinwa (ABI Uganda) was the only Ugandan participant to visit Germany in November 2024

P 24/200: Msingi School of BTVET (Project Launch December 2024)

Funders: Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken; Schmitz-Stiftungen

Partner: Nyentsya Community Development Association (NCDA), Mbarara City

Total budget: EUR 11,220.74 (SNSB: €8,380; Bantu e.V. own funds: €2,840.74)

Duration: 15 December 2024–14 June 2025

- Renovation and fitting out of the training premises in Biafra Cell, Mbarara City
- Procurement of a complete salon equipment set
- Selection of participants in collaboration with local community representatives
- Appointment of two full-time teachers

- Target group: unemployed young women (18–35 years) without completed vocational training

Project Overview

Project	Funder	Duration	Notes
Black Engagement Matters	DSEE	2023–2024	Closing UN Decade 2024
Youth Eco Project (Erasmus+)	EU / Aspire Education GmbH	2024	6 European partner countries
Mama Circle (final phase)	Robert Bosch Foundation	May–Aug 2024	€10,009 final expenditure
SDG4, Okushoma kwa Boona	BMZ / Engagement Global	2023–2025	Uganda exchange Feb–Mar 2024
P 24/200, Msingi School	SNSB / Schmitz-Stiftungen	Dec 2024–Jun 2025	€11,221; project launch

Transparency and Non-Profit Status

Tax number: 27/661/53393

Non-profit status: Recognised by the Finanzamt für Körperschaften I Berlin

Tax return 2024: Will be submitted to the tax office by 31.07.2026

Donation receipts: Issued upon request

Outlook 2025

Plans for 2025: completion of the SDG4 project with digital exchange (May–June 2025) and full financial reporting with Engagement Global; completion of P 24/200 (Msingi School, June 2025) with 18+ certificates; strategic realignment and preparation of new grant applications.

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Signed by the Board

Bantu Association for Global Education, Justice and Cooperation e.V.

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