Bantu e.V.

# 2024

# TRANSPARENCY REPORT – FINANCES & PROJECTS

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# A Message from the Executive Director - Transparency Report 2024

***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**

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## Introduction – Transparency Report 2024

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 |
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| 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 |
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| Black Engagement Matters | DSEE | 2023–2024 | Closing UN Decade 2024 |
| Youth Eco Project | EU / Aspire Education | 2024 | 6 European partner |

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| (Erasmus+) | GmbH | | 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.

Berlin, May 2026

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