## READY FOR TAKE OFF



Leaving secondary school isstill no guarantee of security or certainty for the future, especially for vulnerable adolescents. An alternative path to self-reliance for these youths can be anything from apprenticeship to short vocational training. This training equips them for an independent and productive life when further formal education isn't an option.

Graduates from Chilala FDC in a group photo after they received start-up toolkits in early January 2017.

In 2017SATF was successful in helping11 youths to train and gain employable skills in the trades of Batikmaking and Solar installation. This tailor-made courseis a joint program between SATF andChilala Folk Development College (FDC) in Lindi, aimed at helping SATF supported beneficiaries to accomplish their educational dreams. With these valuable skills, they can pursue self-sufficiency, start stable livesforthemselves and play an active roleintheir communities.

These 11 graduates, added to the first batch of graduates, brings the total to 18 individuals who have mastered similar trades since 2016 and are ready to take to off to brighter futures. Aiding these graduates in their immediate transition, and as a way for them to be better equipped to apply their new skills and gain income, SATF provides start-up kits for the graduates, on top of supporting their training activities.

SATF passionately believes that skill development for youthis the best way to address unemployment challenges in Tanzania. This program seeks to expandand reach more vulnerable youth across the country, turning the tide in joblessness.