



help2kids newsletter

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help2kids TANZANIA

Tanzanian Field Manager's Report Hello from Tanzania!

This quarter has seen many enhancements to our various projects. We've implemented a new Kids Group Concept at the Children's Home, conducted more preventative health workshops, and signed a new partnership with a government Nursery & Primary School in the Kunduchi area called Pwani.

Pwani is already becoming a much-loved project with our international volunteers and we are well progressed with the establishing the Health Project at the school as well as having just selected our first group of students for sponsorship under our Education Sponsorship Programme. We look forward to seeing the partnership develop in the months and years ahead.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generous ongoing support of our many donors, sponsors, volunteers and supporters around the world.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support and encouragement.

Tim Spooner
Field Manager, Tanzania

This quarter has culminated in 6 of our Children taking their Standard VII National exams for which they have been studying hard and taking advantage of the extra tuition provided by our ESP Coordinator Kasmiri. We have also been working with our new Primary School partner (Pwani) to select 10 bright stars of the future who we will be looking to get sponsors for in the coming months.

We also celebrated several weeks of hard work with the performance of "A King's Choice – a story based on "The Rich and the Poor King" written by Mama Abdallah, which was adapted by our volunteers and performed by a cast made from kids from the Children's Home, some of our ESP students and students from English Corner. It was a great way to enable the children to express their creativity and build confidence performing in front of a live audience.



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CHILDREN'S HOME

The caregivers, through our partnership with Creative child, followed workshops on behavioral changes, specifically on how to deal with teenager. The caregivers were able to grasp skills in helping children to deal with issues that are troubling them in a more positive way, praise them if they did something good.

We managed to implement different physical activities for the children during the weekends, so as to enable them to be more active as well as socialize with other children when they visit the pitch for football and netball. In the middle of July children start having movie nights every weekends. On Sundays, the children have are going to the beach to refresh their minds, have fun before the new week begins.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Making dreams come true

"I can't believe that I am in Form Four now preparing for the national examinations. When I finished Standard VII in September 2016 I didn't think I would be able to continue with my education in Secondary School due to financial difficulties in my family. I was planning to start doing housekeeping jobs to collect money to at least buy my school uniform. I was so happy when help2kids came in and managed to find a sponsor for my education." says Pendo one of our Form Four students at Jangwani Secondary School.

Although officially fees are no longer levied in schools, many of Tanzania's poorest children are still unable to attend school because of other school-related costs. Their parents cannot afford to pay for the basics - transport, uniforms, and additional school materials such as books.

We continue supporting Secondary School students through ESP by covering all of the school related cost a which means these children can not only continue with their education but can focus fully on their studies. We also regularly meet with our students, both individually and in groups, to discuss the challenges they face and provide the tools to overcome them.

SPONSOR A STUDENT



Maria, 13 years



Bush, 13 years



Elisafi, 14 years



Winifrida, 12 years



Ashura, 13 years



Grace, 13 years

KUNDUCHI DAY CARE CENTRE

During the past three months we have been working hard to deliver a new curriculum which will improve not only the ways in which we teach the children but also make it easier and more enjoyable for the volunteers to participate. We have also been working on raising funds to enable us to finish off the construction of a new office and kitchen as well as replacing the leaking roof. A big thanks to those volunteers that have already donated towards this building project – we still have a little way to go but are confident we should have the necessary funds in place shortly- watch this space!



THE ENGLISH CORNER



As many of you may already know, we have an ongoing relationship with a local organisation who focus on waste management and recycling (Nipe Fagio). Our students from English Corner, volunteers, staff and the local community participated in a big clean up in Kunduchi. The day was a great success – many thanks to everyone who got involved.



THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We saw a beautiful theatre project led by three volunteers in July and August, which involved many of the students from English Corner and from the Children's Home. The students learned how to improvise, but also had to learn their lines and the art of acting. Many people from the community came to watch the show and were delighted by the performance, which also included dancing and singing. On a different note, we have continued to improve the curriculum for the children at the Kunduchi Day Care Centre, which is enriching the volunteering experience and is helping to improve the education for the children.



THE HEALTH PROJECT

After spending the last quarter of 2019 working closely with our partners to set in motion our expansion plans for the third quarter- this September, the Health Project was able to open our medical treatment services to Pwani Primary School, where children are aged between 3 – 16 years. As a result, the Health Project currently benefits 915 children across 5 different partnered centres.

At the end of July, we held a health education workshop at our Children's Home. The workshop focussed on the behaviour of teenagers and how to deal with them in an effective and positive way. This has helped our caregivers identifying behavioural changes and how to help them cope with the dealing with them both emotionally and physically.

In August, we held our Health Club workshop which is used as a tool used to monitor and evaluate the impact of the workshops we deliver to the children. The topics are presented through drama, plays, presentation and poems.



PWANI PRIMARY SCHOOL



July saw help2kids sign a partnership agreement with Pwani Primary School – a local government school. The team have been working hard to get the partnership off and running and we have already started providing volunteers, photocopying key learning materials, setting up a Health Project and our Education Sponsorship Programme (ESP).

The children at Pwani recently took their Standard VII National Exams and the school held a celebration for their graduation with speeches, singing and dancing. The children are excitedly waiting for their results to come later this year and are all looking forward to starting the next step on their education journey next year.





help2kids MALAWI

The warm Heart of Africa



Hello everyone, and greetings from Malawi.

It has been an exciting first three months for me as Field Manager for help2kids Malawi. I had the chance to see the end of the school year and the beginning of a new one, facilitate the Education Sponsorship Program for current students and potential students, and manage the implementation of a LEGO Foundation-funded construction project at Lifuwu Primary School.

Students from Lifuwu took a break from school in August, but some anxiously waited for the results of the Standard 8 examination. Our partner schools have produced more passers this year – 23 students were selected to go to secondary school and 10 of them were placed in public boarding schools.

There is more work to be done in the final quarter of 2019, such as finding sponsors for eight secondary school students and completing the second LEGO Foundation-funded construction project at Kazembe Primary School, among others. Zikomo!

Chndy Rogel
Field Manager, Malawi

KAZEMBE AND LIFUWU BASIC SCHOOL

help2kids Malawi received funding from the LEGO Foundation for the construction of changing rooms and latrines at two partner schools in Lifuwu. Construction at Lifuwu Primary School started in August and will be finished this September. The construction at Kazembe Primary School will also commence this month.

With the changing rooms in place, girls could avoid skipping school due to their monthly periods. The structure has four individual changing rooms, two latrines at the end of the hall, and a drying line where girls can hang their washed reusable pads.



TIYANJANE AND CHISOMO NURSERY SCHOOL

At the end of July, parents and teachers celebrated the end of the school year. Closing ceremonies were held to showcase what the students have learned and to celebrate their completion of a year of learning. On September 16, classes resumed and some of Tiyanjane and Chisomo's students have moved on to Primary School.

help2kids Malawi met with the teachers at Tiyanjane Nursery School to plan for the new term, including their end-of-term goals as well as their teaching methodology. There are two class levels at Tiyanjane – a class that prepares students for entering Standard 1 and a younger set of students. The younger students will be engaged in more exploratory activities and song and dance, while the pre-Standard 1 students will focus on the basic skills and knowledge required to ease their transition into Primary School.



MATERNITY WARD FEEDING PROGRAM



The maternity ward houses pregnant women who are due to give birth within three months. This is a simple but very effective step in reducing infant mortality and improve the lives of many families in Lifuwu and the surrounding area. They are provided with nutritious meals from a nearby garden which is sponsored by help2kids and managed by the Clinic Gardener Enock.

The Maternity Ward is usually very quiet and we organise activities, such as art classes, with the women on a regular basis.

GIRLS GUIDE

The young women of the Girls Guide group have been sewing reusable pads. The reusable pads have boosted their confidence to keep coming to school even during menstruation. A few girls were selected to attend a Girls Guide district workshop outside the community and had the opportunity to interact with other girls from different schools.

Now that school's back in session, the Girls Guide group will resume their weekly Friday meeting and continue the reusable pad-making. Former volunteer Anna Ash has been fundraising for materials for the girls and also made reusable pads. We have received them here in Malawi and will be distributing them to Girls Guide members as an incentive to motivate them to finish sewing their own pads.



GRASSROOTS SOCCER



GRS has been meeting during the school break and continued to facilitate educational games with children from the community who range from 10-18 years old.

Children who have been actively participating in GRS activities had a chance to go on a trip to Kuti Wildlife Reserve in Salima District. They spotted giraffe, zebras and antelopes.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

help2kids Malawi facilitated a number of activities for ESP students during the school break – word games, a screening of “The Boy who Harnessed the Wind”, a field trip to Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve and cookout by the beach, and a creative activity on their goals. ESP students have actively been attending computer classes as well. On September 16, Secondary School classes resumed and they all went back to their usual academic routine.

People in the village recognise the value of having a good education, but their limited access to resources to keep their children in school has been a big barrier. Public Primary school education is free, but not Secondary School. Every year, students in their final year in Primary School take a national exam to determine eligibility for Secondary School. Among the passers, only a handful of bright kids are selected to go to public boarding schools in the country. This year, 10 students from Lifuwu made it to boarding schools – nine in district schools and one at a national-level school. However, only two have found sponsors and we are actively looking for sponsors for the remaining eight children who have a bright future ahead of them.

SPONSOR A STUDENT



Mayamiko is one of six children of farmers in Lifuwu Village. He enjoys studying Maths, loves reading books, and is an avid football fan.

He dreams of becoming a doctor and getting into Secondary School is just the first step. He is a promising student who has been accepted to one of the top national-level schools in Malawi. He is hoping to find a sponsor to be able to attend Secondary School for four years.



Tumary is the only student from her primary school who has been selected to go to a public boarding Secondary School and one of the two students (out of 36 test-takers) who have been placed in a Secondary School. Her favorite subject is English and she likes reading books. She promises to continue working hard in school.

Her father works as a gardener to support the family and cannot manage to pay her school fees. She will be grateful if someone could sponsor her because continuing her education will help her in building a more secure future for herself and her family.

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help2kids NEW AND DEPARTING STAFF



We are delighted to welcome our new Guesthouse Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, Ivana Dragna, to help2kids. She has previously worked in Tanzania as a Logistics Officer and Volunteer Coordinator for an NGO so we feel sure she will fit in seamlessly.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Erik. Erik has been with us for one year as our Guesthouse Manager and Volunteer coordinator. He juggled the challenging responsibilities of his role with ease.

We will miss him and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.



THANK YOU

help2kids thanks all our former, current and future volunteers for your hard work on our projects in Tanzania and Malawi. Your dedication changed our children's lives for the better! We are thrilled to be able to bring you this newsletter with updates from all our projects. For more regular news, please check our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and website!



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