



help2kids newsletter

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help2**kids**TANZANIA



Tanzanian Field Manager's Report

Mambo Vipi from all of us in Tanzania

Lockdown may have ended but the true impact of COVID-19 is only just starting to be understood for many poorer countries including Tanzania. Though Sub-Saharan Africa so far has been hit relatively less by the virus from a health perspective, leading experts projections suggest that it will be the region hit hardest in terms of increased extreme poverty!

On the ground our team are increasingly having to deal with families losing their homes often forcing them to live in even more dangerous conditions, our Health Project is seeing an increase in cases ranging from malnutrition to diseases born out of worsening living conditions and it is noticeably increasing each week.

Now more than ever, the vulnerable children we aim to serve need your help to ensure they can survive and then thrive and return to a more manageable life. We thank you as always for your support which ensures we can help as many of the poorest and most vulnerable kids in our community as possible and we hope you will be able to continue to support us in the coming months ahead.

Asante Sana

Tim Spooner, Field Manager Tanzania



CHILDREN'S HOME

Schools re-opened on 29th June and the kids were excited to be able to reconnect with friends and eager to get back to their studies having spent 3 months in lockdown at the Campus. 4 of our children are back at boarding school and the caregivers and some of the children spent a weekend visiting them to make sure they were settling back in.



For those kids that are in day school it has been very busy with the extended school schedule, but we have still found time for a number of activities including learning how to make door mats.

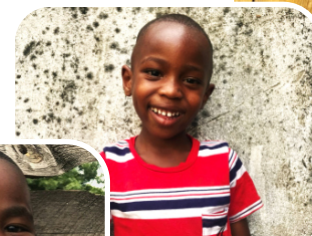
We also said a fond farewell to our lovely Pendo and Monalisa who stayed with us for the 6 months between the end of "O" level education and the start of "A" levels. The girls helped out as volunteers at our Campus Day Care Centre and around the Children's Home. During their stay they became friends and favourites with all of the children and staff and we can't wait until the December break when they come back to visit.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Everyone is delighted that schools in Tanzania re-opened on 29th June and particularly the ESP Team and students. The closure of schools did have some benefits though as it allowed us to focus on developing a wider range of sponsorship packages to cover all age groups from Nursery up to Vocational Training. We are delighted to be able to inform you of the launch of ESP Nursery for whom 3 sponsors have already been found.

We are always keen to identify more sponsors to match up with the growing number of great kids from poor backgrounds who are desperate to be able to get the education they deserve. If you would like to sponsor a child, or know anyone that would, you can click on their pictures below to find out more about our current crop of Nursery & Basic Secondary School children looking for sponsors or click [here](#) to find out more about the programme.



Nursery School



Basic Secondary School





Campus Day Care Centre

After 3 months of school being closed due to COVID-19, our children were very excited to be able to return at the end of June. As part of working towards our license and after consulting the parents we have opened a new Lunch and After Care programme. For the afternoon study schedule, stage 2 & 3 continue with their studies while stage 1 (the baby class) have a sleep in the lounge room before rejoining the older kids for afternoon activities. The children enjoy the food they eat at school and being able to keep active and their parents can focus on trying to earn enough money whilst knowing their kids are well fed and cared for in a safe environment.



Kunduchi Day Care Centre

The kids are all delighted to be back in school and we have been really impressed at how quickly they are catching up for the lost time. They are also happy to be able to be reunited with their friends and share playtime and sports activities using the equipment donated during COVID-19. We've even been able to fix the swing thanks to donations from DonorSee - thanks as always for your support.

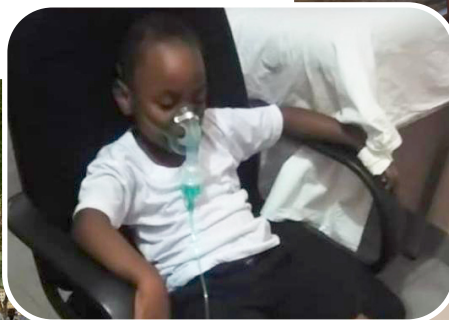


HEALTH PROJECT



Both during the COVID-19 lockdown and since schools re-opened we have had to cover a lot of cases as well as adding additional services to provide hand sanitisers and washing facilities, mosquito nets and additional First Aid supplies to all of our partners. We've even helped a vulnerable minor who had been physically and sexually abused to safely deliver her baby daughter and managed to reunite her with her family having worked with Social Welfare to ensure she could return to a safe home with her mother.

From a prevention perspective we have delivered a Health Education workshop to our partnered Primary School Pwani to all the children to educate them about COVID-19, the benefit of physical exercise, personal hygiene and living a healthier lifestyle.



NEW AND DEPARTING STAFF

The **help2kids** Team Tanzania unfortunately had to say goodbye to Martin Kury, who dedicated his time and energy to the expansion of the Education Sponsorship Programme, while ensuring that all the students on the programme get all the support they need to be successful in their studies.



We are delighted to welcome Emmanuel to our Team in Tanzania. After one year of volunteering with us at Bajeviro Primary School, he has decided to join our ESP Team to help deliver the continued growth of the Programme so that an ever increasing number of children from challenging backgrounds get the gift of education.





This quarter started on a low note as schools were closed due to COVID-19 and this naturally limited which projects we could continue to run, particularly those involving the students. We therefore focused much of our attention on ensuring the continued running of the Health Projects in collaboration with Lifuwu Health Centre.

We are looking forward to a great start to the fourth quarter with the economy opening up, restrictions loosening and reopening of schools.

We would like to pass on our huge thanks and appreciation to our sponsors and donors for your love and support. We could not get this far without you. Let us hold hands in promoting access to Education and Health in rural Malawi

“If you must leave a footprint behind, let it be love”

Mercy Mvula,
Field Manager Malawi



Primary Schools

It has not been any easy for all of us during this pandemic. For over four months, schools have been on break to protect children and the population at large. At last, we can breathe a sigh of relief as students will be going back to school on 7th September. For areas such as Lifuwu where young people often fall into the trap of early pregnancies and marriages due to cultural and economic factors, closure of schools posed a great threat to their future. School closure also made it impossible for us as help2kids to reach out to students – school makes it easier for us to ensure the students get all the advice and support they need. Interventions easy and meaningful. We are delighted that we will be able to interact better with the students again and to implement more of our programs now that school will be open.

Education Sponsorship Programme

We continued with our home studies, group works and discussions to keep up with schoolwork and help our students not to lose focus due to what seemed to be an indefinite closure of schools. This initiative was coupled with a weekly sports programme to assist in the physical development of our students and keep them motivated.

In addition, we arranged for them to meet career mentors which gave them the chance to interact, get inspired and ask them different questions. Among those that offered advice were Engineers and Medical personnel.



HEALTH PROJECT



We focused much of our effort during COVID-19 on our medical projects at Lifuwu Health Centre. Ensuring that children under five are protected from various devastating diseases including malnutrition. We also continued to provide transport to the health workers from the clinic to ensure they could continue to provide their services to families in the more remote areas using the mobile clinic services. Altogether we can reach out to over 800 under five children per month with medical support.

Regrettably, we are sometimes faced with the unfortunate death of the mothers during delivery. Once such case is Yassin who is now being looked after by his grandmother and help2kids continue to provide support including specially formulated baby milk. Baby Yassin has grown to be such a bubbly and healthy child who will continue to get his provision until he reaches two years of age.

Thank you so much for your untiring support to us



Community Library

As it has not been possible to have our readers come together during COVID-19 though we were able to offer literacy services to the community through a home reading program. Young people can borrow books from our library, read from home, and return them after a specified period.



A couple of months ago we were offered the opportunity to partner with DonorSee, a humanitarian crowdfunding platform that is intended to allow donors to quickly and easily help people in the world's poorest countries. Since May we've been publishing a number of campaigns to raise money not only for our projects but also to help individuals in the community.



Through DonorSee we were able to provide our Day Care students not only with home study packages but also supported their families by providing them with food parcels when the schools were closed because of COVID-19. The donors of DonorSee donated mosquito nets to our partner orphanage and over 500 masks to the children in our Health Project, three important boreholes in Lifuwu could be fixed, so that the village now has clean water again.

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