

### **NINE MONTHS' REPORT ON TWIGA VISION'S PROJECTS**

First of all, we would like to apologize to all the interested parties (partners and friends) for a very long delay of the release of this report. Among other factors, the main reason for the delay was that we had to deal with so many issues recently which resulted into the delay of this very important report. Please accept our apologies.

Also, we are asking for your patience while reading this report, because it long and descriptive; every section has a number of photos to demonstrate what is being said.

This report covers a period of nine months, from September last year to May this year. Within the mentioned period of time, Twiga Vision has made quite a lot of progress in its 4 currently ongoing projects. Which are:-

One, KHM infrastructure improvement project; two, Women empowerment program; three, Sponsorship program, and four; Twiga Vision's KHM's new building project.

## KHM'S INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In this area a lot have been achieved within the 9 months period: We managed to buy a big carpet that covers almost all the main classroom which is mainly occupied by the youngest children. This has made our children to study more comfortably and without the risk of them being attacked by chest aches or cold which is often caused by the cold coming out of the ground. But also it has given the children a more conducive learning environment.





Moreover, within that particular time, we managed to expand the size of the main classroom by cutting more than half of the old sleeping room and merging it into the main classroom and leaving a small space of the old sleeping room for a storage room. This has made the main classroom a very spacious area which adds to the efficiency in terms of teaching and learning.



We moved the beds to another room that we added as one of the rooms that we occupy in that house and linked it with the classroom in the middle (Class/Group B).

We also managed to merge two small classrooms C and D into one, nice, big-sized classroom, which gives the children more space and more conducive learning environment as well as giving the teacher a comfortable teaching environment. Now the centre has 3 reasonable sized classrooms.







In our play ground, there was water coming in from the main building when it rained even after roofing the entire playground. So we managed to install gutters to trap the water and throw it outside the playground. This has made our play ground a nice and more suitable for the purpose of our children to play and learn.



In addition to the above, after all the adjustment of the rooms we repainted the two newly set classrooms which was another big thing we achieved.

## WATER PROJECT

After a long, long time of waiting for the authorities to connect us with water, we managed to get connected with running water. Now we don't have to buy water from other people we use our own water. We just need to pay the bill monthly. That was also one of the biggest achievements in our KHM Day Care Centre.





The other thing that our partners and friends, all over the world, need to know is that, in order for us to occupy the two new classrooms C and D we had to evacuate people and rent them two rooms elsewhere so that we could use the rooms as classrooms. However, the long term plan was that we build them the two rooms on their land so that we can continue using the rooms for as long as we wish. We started building the two-roomed house and now it is in the final stage of being finished.





# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

#### Take a Malaika project

Website: <a href="https://takeamalaika.jimdofree.com/">https://takeamalaika.jimdofree.com/</a>





Within the mentioned time, we managed to start a new women's project goes by the name of 'Take a Maika Project'. The project was pioneered by Tanja Schmitt who brought up the idea and we all agreed that it was a good idea. Tanja didn't end there, she made the first Malaikas in Germany and sold them so that she could raise funds to buy the necessary equipment for the project to start, she sent us the first donation in November last year which we spent on buying a sewing machine and paid for a trainer to training a group of 7 women who would be the members of the Take a Malaika Project. In January Tanja visited Tanzania and we officially launched the project. Currently the project has 7 women who are members of the Take A Malaika project who meet three times a week to make the Malaikas.

The word 'malaika' is a Swahili word for an angel. So this project aims at empowering women by getting them to make the malaikas and send them to Germany where Tanja sells them and she gives sends the money back to the women. From January this year the women gets an allowance of 40,000Tsh every month regardless of whether the Malaikas have been sold or not. This is a big relief to poor families; although the amount of money they receive every month is small it can help them cover some basic needs.





Early this year the news on our Malaika project was published on a local newspaper in Germany. This has created a lot of awareness to people about what we do for the projects.



In addition to the Malaika project, we still hold women's meetings twice a month, where women meet and discuss issues and find solutions of their problems as well as advising each other on economical issues. The

ultimate goal is to start a small microfinance where these women will be able to borrow some money to start their small businesses.

#### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our sponsorship program is program that was designed to give children from poor families an opportunity to get education. It started with children who were coming to our KHM Daycare Centre and wouldn't continue because they couldn't afford the small fees we charge. So we decided to start this program so as to give children from low income families an opportunity to stay at the Centre regardless parents' inability to pay for this.

In the last 9 months, we have made a lot of progress. We managed to get 10 new sponsors. We have introduced green vegetable to our sponsored kids' meals. We have continued to support our sponsored kids in a number of ways. We have continued to facilitate communication between sponsors and sponsored children's families, all of our sponsored children got their uniforms and of course all the basic school requirements.



We have continued to process our children's health insurance though the process has been very slow due to the requirement of birth certificate which most of our sponsored children families didn't have. The people in the authority promise to do the process within two months but to some children it has taken a lot longer than that, but hopefully, we will inter the second school term with health insurance for all our sponsored kids.

On the other hand, our sponsors have continued to be very supportive and reliable. More people have promised to start sponsoring children at our centre. We have about three potential sponsors.

In August last year, our sponsorship program got published on one of the local newspapers in Germany. This was a very powerful step for the program to grow, because just after the publication of the news, we got 10 new sponsors! We so proud of ourselves for such a big advancement!



Esther Prohl, the co-initiator of this program, has played an important role for all this to come true. She has been working hard day and night to make sure the program continues to provide the expected results for the ultimate goal of making sure we give a future to these children, who once were hopeless.

Generally we could say that, Esther is playing the role of the heart of this program currently. We are obliged to be very grateful to Esther for this sacred job that she is doing. We are so much grateful, beyond what our physical organs can express.

#### THE NEW KHM NEW BUILDING PROJECT

As some of us have been discussing in the last year, about the need to improve our day care service, there has been thoughts that we expand our Day Care Centre by funding another house nearby where some of the children can go there so as to give a really meaning of a Day care Centre. Currently we are located very near the road and a music studio, which is just opposite our building, has become a big challenge to the provision of our service. Security is another issue due to the fact that we are very near the road; this puts our kids into the risk of getting run over by reckless motorists and even drunk people. Then we started thinking of at least have a small manageable number of children at the current space and move the majority to the new building. This is where the idea started. Like in the picture below children are exposed to so many risks because we are just at road. Also, there is no strong facing as well as the issue of music and the fact that we cannot expand more at the current place because no more space. Les space for playing and all sorts of issues.



The other idea behind it is that,, Twiga Vision has other programs, like the youth programs, the women programs. So, we thought if we can get the new building improved, then part of the current building will be used for those other programs. Because currently it is impossible for other these programs to take place in the building unless it is a weekend day when there are no children. We want this to change we want a meeting place for the women and the youth at anytime not only the weekends.

Anika Stolze, our former volunteer, received this idea very positively and started the process of putting it into action by writing to the German Embassy in Tanzania for some funds to improve the new location. Unfortunately our proposal was not successful. But because of the fact that the project will very much improve our service provision, we have continued talking to people about the idea.

Just recently, we got two donors who donated money for us to start the work in the new site. We have started with the toilet project, the funds will only get us to the point of covering the hole, we still need money to complete the project. The work of digging and building the toilet chamber is currently on continuing.















#### SPEACIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

All the above-listed achievements wouldn't be possible without the support of the following people: Magdalena and her grandfather, who contributed the biggest chunk of the money we spent, followed by Andrea Wierzbicki and Tanja Semler who also donated the second biggest chunk for this, Jenny Azali, who encouraged Tanja and Andrea to organize a fundraiser for us. We would also like to thank Karen prohl for the third biggest chunk she contributed to this project not forgetting Esther who encouraged her to mobilize the funds. Alexandra Breeger also contributed to this cause. And just before this project Anika Stolze had fundraised money for the project of roofing the playground, we also thank her very much for a very big chunk of donation that helped us to roof the playground. Another contribution was from Christine.

Anne was the one who worked hard to make sure that the main classroom is well painted with very nice drawings. And any other friends who have helped us in one way or another, we thank you very much.

On the other hand, we would like to thank Esther Prohl for her very sincere dedication to our sponsorship program. Currently, we have 41 sponsored children and all of the children wouldn't have this opportunity if this program wasn't there. We also thank the sponsors very much for choosing to sponsor our children, we know very well that they could have chosen to work with other organizations, but they chose us because of their love to our community and to our children.

Also, we would like to take this same opportunity, to thank Tanja Schimitt, Tom and Ruth so much. They are the pillars of the Take Malaika Project. Without them the project wouldn't have existed.

Special thanks also should go to our, partner organizations starting with Step Africa. To be frank, Step Africa has a lot of percentage in our existence. From when we began they have been there to support us in each step of the way. Most of the people mentioned above are former Step Africa volunteers.

We also thank our new partner organization, VIVA Tanzania, for being such a blessing. In March we held an event for the international women's day, most of the costs were covered by. VIVA and much more. We have had some really lovely volunteers who had a lot of positive impact to our projects.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank Katja and Carina for starting with us at the new building.

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