

AGH 2009 Semi-annual Progressive Report.

**A Project for Street
Girls.
Rehabilitating children
for a better future.**



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03. List of acronyms and abbreviations.

NGOs – None governmental organizations

FBOs – Faith based organizations

CBOs – Community base organizations

SRH – Sexual reproduction health

STIs – Sexual transmitted infections

SRHE – sexual reproduction health education

UD – Upendo Daima

CT – Capacitar Tanzania

MPI – Mwanza policy initiative

AGH – Amani Girls Home.

FTT – Fadhili Teens Tanzania.

FBME – Federal Bank of the Middle East.

UK – United Kingdom

USA – United State of America

TBL – Tanzania Breweries Limited

UK £ - United Kingdom pound

US \$ - United State dollar

Tshs – Tanzania Shillings

'All pictures subject to this report is by *AGH* program team'

04. A letter from management team.

We wish to report on the highlights of AGH activities for the first half of the year 2009, its achievements, challenges and way forwards to be undertaken to meet the short and long terms of the organization.

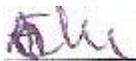
There is no doubt that January to June 2009 was a successful period with some hectic paces for AGH. The overall performance of the organization was average. This performance was a result of dedicated staff team work, exposure, intensive project implementation, internal evaluation, internal weekly and monthly planning and feedback meetings.

During the period we embarked on four projects with our partner for vulnerable girls and their families in Mwanza region. Economic empowerment to families, Life skill training/Talking on HIV and AIDS program, Education/reeducation support and street children (girls) rehabilitation at Amani Girls Home, which come up with a number of findings, of which most can be used to scale up campaign so as to resolve the problems facing our poor community. The development and replication of pre-primary education programs for marginalized girls (aged 2 to 6 years) is real encouraging.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following partners for their support during the year. MPI, MCEPD, UD, FTT, CT, different NGOs, FBOs, CBOs, Local government authorities within our area, The Regional welfare department and the community we work with. Special thanks to Hope for Children in the UK in early May 2009, they accredited our work and entered into partnership with us, as the first international charity to value AGH programs.

With God's blessings we look forward to a more vibrant and successful remaining half of 2009.

AGH Management Team!



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AGH – Manager.



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05. Introduction.

AGH is a home for vulnerable girls in Mwanza Tanzania. Registered with registration number 00NGO/00002112, it was founded in August 31, 2004. The overall goal was to find alternative dealing with vulnerable girls separate from boys, for it is generally understood that girls need are widely far from that of boys, therefore outreach to them is best dealt with separately.

Children found at AGH include lost/missing, runaway, throwaway, abducted, trafficked, orphaned, abandoned etc. Majority of children at the AGH are of 4 – 10 years with few over 10 years who have been at AGH since their early ages. Many of children found at AGH come from outside Mwanza, mostly from rural areas.

AGH goes to the level of facilitating micro-income generating skills and support to women, caregivers and guardians of vulnerable children with specific to girls. With this AGH also facilitate better parenting and child rights skills within remote areas.

The home is designed to be a temporary accommodation to settle children while finding a permanent solution for their problems, but there are cases where some children have stayed over 2 years at AGH. The home is run by professional social workers.

Over these six months, AGH has positioned and structured its services to animate the community involvement on the above explained issues.

The goal.

The main goal of AGH is to reunite girls, where possible, with their families. Through home visits we understand the problems these girls face, for those girls whose home situation does not allow them to return home right away we seek permission from family members, welfare office and community leaders to stay with the girls at AGH.

We are a home where girls feel safe and loved, receive much needed counseling and education and hopefully will be rescued from the traps of poverty, HIV/AIDS and prostitutions.

Our vision.

Our vision is to bring healing, hope and wholeness to girls facing difficult environments, thus empowering them to live happy and productive lives.

Mission statement.

To be an integral instrument in reducing the problems of vulnerable girls this causes them to end up on the streets.

Main objective of AGH.

To reunite girls with their families or close relatives through home visiting and reintegration.

Specific objectives.

Amongst others the specific objectives of AGH are as follows: -

- a. To provide healthy loving home that cares for all the basic needs of the girls.
- b. To provide education and reeducation support, trainings and spiritual guidance.
- c. To provide economic support to families with girls that are extremely poverty and those affected by natural disasters.
- d. To establish and engage in innovative micro income project with the purpose of sustaining the project.
- e. To establish youth community centers aiming at fighting gender discriminations of all form by providing equal opportunities with encouragement to girls participation in development issues.

AGH task in the region.

We recognize the importance of addressing children rights, education/reeducation support to girls, HIV/AIDS, poverty and associated problems at all levels, especially with people at grass root level including CBOS, FBOs, NGOs, research institutions, government bodies, and private partnership in realizing sustainable development aiming at vulnerable girl's future prosperous through harnessing their potential.

06. Restructuring AGH.

We started the year 2009, with 14 girls, and the number has been fluctuating. Currently we have 12 girls and their progress is real encouraging. AGH is being lead by an executive committee, presently 2 people, assisted by 2 caregivers, two watchmen and 3 volunteers. Our work is moving forward slowly since we are still at our infancy stages and have to re-structure a lot of things within AGH.

Structuring the centre's work by putting into action various forms aiming at simplifying our work, these includes rehabilitation forms, reporting forms, activities forms, meeting forms, financial receipts and payment vouchers. Also we had been formulating AGH financial regulations, AGH child protection polices, AGH employment terms and conditions, different contract, commitment forms, the homes regulations for the girls and caregivers. All this work is almost done.

We opened a bank account for and in the name of AGH, Account number 021599 Tzs at FBME, since we didn't have one. We successfully managed to own a new rental mail box number 5073, for the name of AGH located at Bugando post office.

The work of forging partnership with national and international stake holders is also on good progress. Currently we secured an international donor from United Kingdom (Hope for Children UK) we agreed they will be supporting AGH with scholastic materials for our girls. By 15th May 2009 they donated UK £ 182, the money are ready into our bank account and promised they will keep supporting us.

We are also on the middle stages of completing others formalities with The Better Way Foundation in the USA, promised to donate to AGH a total of US \$ 40,000.0, The Hilden charitable fund of UK UK £ 18,000.0, The Foundation for Civil Society in Tanzania Tshs 4,500,000/= . On the way we are finalizing a proposal to the conservation for food and health foundation in the USA, we are asking the foundation for a support of US \$ 17,000.0 for the girls need at the centre. We expect to have submitted this proposal at the end of June 2009.

Local funding within the Mwanza region – we approached different companies for financial or material support. The most promising ones include Mansoor Industries Co. Ltd - Mwanza, Nyanza road works –Mwanza, Nyanza bottling and co Ltd - Mwanza, TBL – Mwanza. The process of soliciting funds to individuals, charity organizations and companies within and outside the country is going smoothly.

07. Programs.

Economic empowerment to family living with vulnerable girls.

The organization formulated this project aiming at empowering families to attend their children school needs and in increasing individual and household income. Also girls have chances to learn and engage in income generating projects within their families' while at home. During the first half of 2009 the program was established through training to 2 families living with vulnerable girls at Mkuyuni and Nyakato areas respectively. Training on basics of micro income generating activities, children rights and better parenting.

Life skill training/Talking on HIV and AIDS.

Life skill activities are normally carried to girls in and out of schools. The main goal of this activity is to help girls and boys to grow up from teens to adulthood with good and acceptable morals within the community and their families in general. Another aspect is to assist them enter adulthood and to change their behavior. For these semi-annual 32 girls benefited full with this program.

Education/reeducation support to vulnerable girls.

This activity is given to vulnerable girls who are expecting to join primary schools, adult education, those who didn't access primary education. Also finance and scholastic material support is given to girls in primary, secondary and vocational trainings to assist them go on with their education. A total of 42 girls were involved within the program at the centre and outside.

We have been running pre-primary education support project at the centre and within families. The main purpose of this activity is to prepare children to be ready for primary school by building on their potentials. 7 girls were attending pre-primary class at AGH and other 11 were being supported within their families.



Picture above – *Vulnerable girls during their education and reeducation support in pre-primary education sessions.*

Street girl's rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation program at AGH went in harmony with other programs; 18 girls received various services at the center and among them 3 girls were successfully reunited within their families. Unluckily 3 girls escaped back into street. The remaining 12 girls at AGH are on going with the designed rehabilitation programs. Counseling at the centre and within families was made effective to ensure a safe and supportive environment during child reintegration.



Street girls are counseled and assisted to dream again on their brighter future.

Details for girls rehabilitated at AGH from January to June 2009.

No.	Full Name	Age	Domicile	Short history	Academic status
01.	Hamida Rashidi	14	Kitangiri -Mwanza	We got her from the street through Mchungaji Nelson at Nela. She was once a time raped at home with a relative. Her progress is good.	Standard 6 kiseke A
02.	Zuhura Saidi	16	Mhandu-Mwanza	We got her in 2006 on the street; her behavior is changing, since she experienced street life for a long time. Currently doing fine.	Standard 5 kiseke A
03.	Raheli Kahindi	15	Misungwi-Mwanza	We got Raheli from a good Samaritan, she was employed as a house made. Raheli is doing well in school and her behavior is good.	Standard 5 kiseke A
04.	Getruda Eliasi	14	Lumala-Mwanza	We got her from the Catholic sisters at Lumala, her behavior is unpredictable due to trauma experienced before.	Memkwa kiseke A
05.	Beatrice Eliasi	12	Lumala-Mwanza	We got her from the Catholic sisters at Lumala, her behavior is real encouraging.	Memkwa kiseke A
06.	Getruda John	11	Musoma	We got her from the Jipemoyo institution at Musoma, she is progressing well.	Standard 4 kiseke A
07.	Ester Mwita	13	Tarime	We got her from the street through the welfare department, her behavior is improving.	Standard 3 kiseke A
08.	Hawa Jumanne	9	Mabatini-Mwanza	We got her from the street through the welfare department, her behavior is improving.	Standard 2 kiseke A
09.	Frank Eliasi	7	Lumala-Mwanza	We got her from the Catholic sisters at Lumala, her behavior is unpredictable due to trauma experienced before.	Prepo II Lumala English Medium
10.	Tumaini Richard	6	Still unknown	We got her from the street through the welfare department, her behavior is improving.	Pre-primary at AGH
11.	Lemi Daudi	5	Sengerema	We got her from the street wise Mwanza, her behavior is improving.	Pre-primary at AGH
12.	Edina Eliasi	4	Lumala-Mwanza	We got her from the Catholic sisters at Lumala, she is doing great.	Prepo I Lumala English Medium

Achievements.

- a. During this first half of 2009, 32 different vulnerable girls were involved in our programs and their progress is real encouraging, 13 parents and caregivers were among our beneficiaries. Those enrolled in primary schools are being reported with good progress.
- b. Reported behavior changes among girls who at one time they were on the streets.

Challenges.

- a. AGH works with communities in rural areas, the demand to help these marginalized groups is growing bigger, at AGH and within families.
- b. For effective delivery of pre-primary education, AGH need support in procuring additional training aids, training facilities, skills upgrading trainings for teachers, physical training equipments to beautify this program and finances to support vulnerable girls at family level.
- c. We still need technical assistances, especially to caregivers and other guardians on attending the needs of the most traumatized girls at AGH.
- d. The location of the centre is some how close to Mwanza city (approximated 7 Kms); other times girls are tempted to escape back into streets.
- e. We didn't have Board of Directors for a long time, back forces and support is real missing in advancing and encouraging AGH work.

Way Forward.

- a) To forge and re-establish partnership from national to international level with the aim of sustaining AGH programs.
- b) Traumatized girls need continuously counseling as well as others over traumas.
- c) To have Board of Directors set into action for a strong support on our work with the girls.
- d) In connection with the Board of Directors, find solutions on the current situations of AGH and work closely to solicit funds for AGH programs.
- e) Plan to introduce a half way house outside the city where the girls home will be located. (Proposed areas are Kamanga and Buyombe near Igombe).

Children and especially girls are creativity, assisting in harnessing their potential means building a strong foundation aiming at their future prosperous - (By Sono – Program officer/Counselor AGH).

08. Financial accounts.

January to June 2009.			
S/No	Description	Tshs	Tshs
Income			
1.	Opening balance		436,200.00
2.	Grants/donations		16,403,300.00
3.	Others		2,110,000.00
Total Income for first half of 2009.			18,949,500.00
Less expenditure			
1.	Bank charges and commission	46,000.00	
2.	Postages	31,100.00	
3.	Stationeries	51,400.00	
4.	Telephone and communications	137,000.00	
5.	Office keeping	360,000.00	
6.	Fuels and lubricants	-	
7.	Water and utilities	204,000.00	
8.	Power and electricity	102,600.00	
9.	Food and beverages	4,321,000.00	
10.	Health and medical expenses	2,111,290.00	
11.	Staff capacity buildings	97,000.00	
12.	Staff wages and allowances	7,440,000.00	
13.	NSSF costs employers contribution	-	
14.	P.A.Y.E (to income tax)	-	
15.	R/M Furniture and fittings	27,310.00	
16.	Recreational expenses	42,500.00	
17.	Rehabilitation expenses	1,700,500.00	
18.	Clothing expenses	210,000.00	
19.	Special needs for the girls	900,000.00	
20.	Meetings and evaluation	327,000.00	
Total Expenditure		18,108,700.00	
Surplus (Deficit) for the period			840,800.00

We dedicate this report to all vulnerable girls were serving and the community we work with, May the almighty God fill our work with blessings.