

# A BRIEF REPORT ON PROGRAMS AND MANAGERIAL ISSUES AT AMANI GIRLS HOME JUNE 2010

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



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## **From**

Amani Girls Home Coordinating team

## **To the**

Board of Directors for Amani Girls Home

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## **Preliminary**

We wish to report on the organisation account since we started the year 2010. It has been a challenging year with a new beginning of programs and recovering from the past hectic pace of the previous year. Thanks to all the support that the board of Amani Girls Home provided a strong hold in times of calamities and organisational stresses.

This half year report for 2010 had been of much success to some extent. 4 programs are on going successfully, the work of forging partnership with local institutions and international agencies is really encouraging. At the girls home structures are being renovated. Program execution and staff team are a little balanced. May God's blessings be on our part so that we reach a prosperous climax, as the year 2010 slowly ebbs to an end.

## **Programs**

Since January 2010 the following programs have been executed under Amani Girls Home and the overall performance of these programs is of much success with some challenges that mark a number of ways forward to work for the remaining half of 2010.

### Psychosocial support

We started the year with 11 girls at the centre who were within the home since 2009. Their age ranges from 5 to 15 years. Intake was affected to 5 girls from the streets under the region welfare department office. 10 out of 16 girls were successfully reintegrated back to their families. 2 girls within Musoma region, other 8 girls around Illemela and Nyamagana districts, both are reported with good progress.

Currently we have six girls at the center. Plans are being set to reintegrate 2 of them by September 2010. The other four are still undergoing counseling and trauma healing process. Under this program we had strong support from Capacitar Tanzania (Local NGO in Mwanza) and from the Mwanza region welfare office.

Amani Girls Home is also a member under NGOs network working with street children in Mwanza, the network members meets monthly, for sharing informations and best practices among members. The network is under registration process.

#### Economic empowerment, better parenting and nutrition education to impoverished families

Under Better Way Foundation we have been executing this program targeting marginalized families living with vulnerable girls, those at the age of joining early childhood education. The target was to work with women and caregivers. By collaborating with most vulnerable children committees, community parasocial workers and ward leaders in the six wards we work with (Igoma, Mkolani and Buhongwa wards at Nyamagana district, Ilemela, Bugogwa and Sangabuye wards at Ilemela district) we successfully identifies 91 women from 91 families. Three days training was conducted to these beneficiaries and they formed micro-income generating groups in every ward. Groups were restructured and supported with start up capital to embark on micro-income generating activities. Currently we have 12 operating groups within six wards we work with. A total of 87 women are within the 12 groups. Groups are making good progress and supporting their children to access pre-primary education which is our overall aim. We are going on with monitoring and onsite trainings to all the twelve groups.

#### Education

This program is supported by Better Way Foundation USA and Hope for children UK. Under this program we have pre and primary education.

- a. In pre-primary we are supporting a total of 261 children in the six wards we work with. Children were supported with scholarstic materials, enrolled and supported to access the program within their area. At the centre 21 children are attending the program from near by families. We work with 14 primary schools which are located within the wards we work. **Targeted schools per ward** - Igombe, Bugogwa and kabangaja primary schools at Bugogwa ward. Nyafura (A and B) primary schools at Sangabuye ward. Ilemela and kiseke primary schools at Ilemela ward. Igoma and shamaliwa primary schools at Igoma ward. Mkolani and Ibanda primary schools at Mkolani ward. Buhongwa A and Bulale primary schools at Buhongwa ward. Amani Girls Home pre-school is included at Ilemela ward. Total schools we work with are 14 primary schools in 6 wards.
- b. In primary school we support 14 girls, 10 are within their families and three are still at Amani Girls Home. This project is supported by Hope for children-UK and other local supporters.

#### Health support

Under this program the activities are sexual reproductive health education to girls on streets and at the centre and HIV/AIDS education as a preventive tool, none of these activities has been implemented since funds are not yet secured. However we have been conducting some of these activities unceremoniously at the centre to all girls.

## **Partnership**

We are currently working in close collaboration with the following local partners in realising sustainable achievement in our programs and in reaching more of our targeted beneficiaries. Capacitar Tanzania, Fadhili Teens Tanzania, Upendo Daima, Kuleana, Fonelisco, Defesco organisation, Tujifunze project, DEFESCO, Kivulini, Nelico at Geita, TAHEA, THAT, EDFO and Montessori training centre. Other local partners who support our work include Smart Tailor Co. Ltd, Kenya Commercial Bank and Nyanza road works Ltd.

At international level we work in collaboration with Hope for Children-UK, Better Way Foundation-USA, and IN VIA in Berlin-Germany.

## **Renovation and related issues at Amani Girls Home**

### At Kiseke office

The girl's house renovation is ongoing as we finished painting the inside of Amani Girls Home working office. Plans are being set to have the outside of the home being painted. We established gardening activities at the centre and we are planning to begin a small poultry project at the girl's house.

### Volunteer house at Pasiyasi

As we discussed with some of the board members it was irrelevant to continue hiring a rent house while we didn't have enough money to manage and sustain the building. The decision was then to hand back the house to the owner (Mzee Issa) at the end of December 2009.

The house was handed back to the owner and some of the property under Amani Girls Home was not released by the owner of the building who claimed some money to the organisation. He still has those property and measures to find him for conversation is on process.

### Workers who were claiming their salaries

Four personnel worked under Amani Girls Home were claiming their salaries being payed. Josephat Cyrus, Emmanuel Masanja, Laurian Mathiasi and Daniel, were payed after sold the Amani Girls Home Min-bus vehicle which was broken. The vehicle was sold at Tshs 5,000,000/= (five million) and the money were used to pay those staff and those on work. Some of the money was used for the girls need at the centre.

### Christopher Gates issue

The region office discussed the issue of Christopher Gates with Amani Girls Home Coordinating committee in presence of the chairperson of Amani Girls Home, in all occasions Christopher Gates didn't appear and it was as agreed that founding members of Amani Girls Home to be hold a meeting that would give directives on the issue of leadership at Amani Girls Home. Founding members meeting was held, and the decision was given as shown on the founding members meeting report that was presented to the Mwanza regional commissioner office and copied to Mwanza region community development office, Mwanza region welfare department office and to all board members of Amani Girls Home. Currently the situation is calm and the centre operation is gaining momentum.

## **Program execution**

Amani Girls Home programs are currently executed under coordinating committee of three people (Agrisina John who is the centre manager – on maternity leave. Revocatus Sono – program officer and Mary U Kyoma – accountant), Assistant is being driven from the following staff members Eusebia Itegi – Caregiver, Emima Benjamini – Caregiver, Theresia Kilumile – Educator, Mussa Haruni – part time social worker. Two volunteers Mashaka Amos and George Matala are also assisting program implementation smoothly. We are also anticipating having a new volunteer (Regina Schreier – from Germany) who will join our team in early August 2010.

We generally still lack the required expertise and technical support to full implement all the designed programs. Management system is also still fractional. Therefore strong efforts are needed to have the right people on the board or to build capacity for the existing personnel.

## **Program funding plan and Current activity/s**

We are currently finalising our renewal application and semi-annual implementation report to The Better Way Foundation-USA who has invited us to reapply for funding in the period of two years to come. Proposal to Hope for Children UK for next interim funding has been submitted. We are also waiting for KCB and Nyanza road works Co. Ltd - local supports, who promised to support the center in September 2010.

Other donor agencies that we have submitted proposals and letter of interests include Comic Relief UK – Final decision to be made in September 2010, Climb High Foundation USA, Athur B Foundation USA and to the Wise Award in Qatar, Children Investment Fund Foundation-UK – results are being waited patiently.

We are also approaching Canadian International for Development Agency and the Steve Lewis Foundation in Canada for future collaboration. With God blessings we pray that our efforts bear fruits.

## **Challenges**

1. There has been a gap of communication and close working between board members and staff team.
2. Lack of technical and financial support to implement the designed programs.
3. Organisational demand in term of expertise and resources is still bigger.
4. Organisation working structure, managerial issues and board meeting needs to be reviewed.

## **Way-forward**

- a) To convey a board meeting that will discuss this brief report and come out with suggested solutions and plan for a bright future of Amani Girls Home.
- b) To forge and re-establish partnership from national to international level with the aim of sustaining Amani Girls Home programs.
- c) Traumatized girls need continuously counseling as well as others over traumas.
- d) In connection with the Board of Directors, find solutions on the current situations of Amani Girls Home and work closely to solicit funds for planned programs.