Progress report

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The goal of the Safe Haven Foundation is:

“To provide a platform on the national and international arena for children and youth in care to be able to contribute meaningfully to the developmental and socio-economic needs in Africa, through innovative approaches that are rights-based supported by the establishment of a Young Leaders Network.”

Objectives of the project

4 key objectives include the following:

- The establishment of a talent pool amongst children and youth in care using various creative methodologies such as the arts and sports.
- Provision of Psychosocial Support (PSS) and rehabilitative therapy for the well-being of children and youth in care.
- Undertaking of advocacy for, with and by the children and youth in care that provides creative platforms for their meaningful participation in developmental issues.
- Increased access to social protection and life skills (job creation and self-empowerment).
- Mobilization of resources that support the Mulika Africa Young Emerging Leaders Network (a subset if MAYELN) and its initiatives.
- The establishment of a MAYELN EA and Africa Chapters.

The scope of the project

The first phase of the project will be a 5 years, renewable depending on the needs of the children and youth. The first 2 years, the project will be in the pilot phase, whereby the location will be set in Dar Es Salaam, in 5 child care facilities namely, New Hope Family Group, Kigamboni, Ijango Sinza Children’s Centre, Sinza, Ward, Hananasif Children’s Centre, Kinondoni and Mkuranga, as well as KIWOHEDE, Manzese. After 2 years, the project will be scaled up to the East African level, and after a 5-year period, SHF Africa will be launched and a Young Leaders Network-Africa of children and youth in care will be established.
**Key Implementing Partners**

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP**

Youth Volunteering Group (YVG) is a union of determined Youths from different places in Tanzania who have realized their position in the society. YVG Started in June 2012, and some major activities that this group have been able to undertake include cleaning the shores of Indian ocean, serving orphans, sick children, and most of all, working towards their dream of self-employment through entrepreneurship training, leadership skills development.

**Leadership development**

3 training sessions on the following topics:

1. Assessing a child care facility
2. Strategic planning phase 1—needs analysis, setting objectives
3. Fund raising—introduction letters, effective communication techniques

**The peer-to-peer approach**

The model used to bring about transformation amongst the children in care facilities visited is peer-to-peer education, youth educating other youth in their communities. The areas they have concentrated on this past year has been in provision of sporting tools (footballs), food packages and books.
A word about our beneficiaries

Activity highlights

In total 2 centres were targeted in 2014, namely Ijango Centre (Sinza) and New Hope Family Centre (Kigamboni). Basic assessments were conducted in these 2 orphanage centres in Dar es Salaam to find out which orphanage centre required what kind of interventions. The first one visited was the Ziadia Ijango Centre. Assessment forms were designed to capture the basic needs of each centre, and other youths external to the Youth Volunteer group were invited to attend the event, and a party and lunch for the kids. 21 members of YVG participated this event, and they were touched by the very tough challenges that children in that care centred faced. I was able to coach the YVG in how to start up a fundraising mechanism whereby cash boxes were bought and each member was to contribute a certain amount each month towards these kinds of activities.

In September 2015, one child care centre called Buguruni Children’s Centre in Buguruni was visited, and YVG were able to raise a total of Tshs 300,000/-, a donation made by Lion Club, Dar Es Salaam chapter.
More highlights in pictures—Ijango
Children’s Centre
Time spend with New Hope Family Centre, Kigamboni
**Plans—2015–2017**

- **November 2016**—Board selection, appointments and Registration of foundation—Selection to be done mid-2017

- **December 2016**—Fund raising event: Art Exhibition—Nafasi art space. Partners: Makini Foundation, Nafasi Art space, Right to Play, DSTV and THT. Target: to raise USD 5,000 for Trust Fund.

- **January 2017**—Assessment—Arusha, Mwanza Moshi: identify 3 more child care centres to partner with

- **March 2017:** Site visits

- **December 2017**—First annual forum for MATF—Dar or Mwanza
  - 3-day dialogue on sharing of best practices re: support to children in care facilities
  - Sports and fun activities included
  - Action plans per centre on how to assess their situation and advocate for change in area of Psychosocial support, talent development and leadership.