

Did you know...?

Today, 50% of the Tanzanian population are children. Many of these children live under difficult and dangerous circumstances: some face **abuse** or **neglect** in their family, some endure parent's or caretaker's **alcoholism** or domestic **conflicts**, some have to work to support themselves or their families, and others have ended up living a **harmful life in the streets**. Right now, within your own community, a number of children lack positive relationship with an adult who cares about them. As a result, these children drop out of school, fail to develop good values, or become involved in dangerous behaviour. Some actually choose to live in the streets.

YOU can help prevent these outcomes. Children need adult role models who set a good example and provide emotional **support, friendship and care**. Mkombozi believes everything needed for supporting our children already exists within the local community. As a community member, **YOU** are just one step away from **empowering a child** to choose the right direction in life...



Empowering children.
Engaging families.
Enabling communities.

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Be a Big Brother / Big Sister



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What is BBB\$? Big Brother / Big Sister is an Mkombozi intervention that improves the lives of vulnerable children through quality relationships with voluntary community mentors in Moshi and Arusha towns...

Want to learn more about BBBS?

Visit us: You are welcome to visit Mkombozi's Arusha office in Kaloleni, located behind the Golden Rose Hotel. Or, visit our Moshi office in Majengo, located by Motex.

Contact us: Contact Mkombozi's Community Engagement Facilitator, Amani Lucas, by telephone or e-mail: 076 788 1175 / amanilucas@mkombozi.org



Think BIG. Act BIG. Children who spend time with a Big Brother or Sister develop confidence, learn to make decisions, take initiative, and pursue their own learning. In fact, children with adult support are less likely to involve themselves in risky behaviour and more likely to perform well in school. Being a Big Brother or Sister means doing something important. After all, when you better the life of a child, you will inevitably add meaning and purpose to your own.



Calling all BIG hearts! We want YOU

Do you care about children's happiness? Do you enjoy volunteering to help your community? Are you willing to spend some free time with a child? Are you a good listener? Can you be relied on? Are you over the age of 19?

If you answered yes, then you have what it takes to mentor a child! You don't need special skills or money to be a "Big" - all you need is a big heart that cares to help children develop their potential.



Mkombozi is one of the leading child-focused agencies in northern Tanzania, working with over 1,000 children and families a year in the Kilimanjaro and Arusha Regions

Mkombozi's mission is to help children and youth grow in mind, body and spirit and to build a more caring society for all wherein family, neighborhood and community cohesion is built and supported by the rule of law. We act as a catalyst for holistic development.

Mkombozi's vision is a world where all children and youth are prioritised and can access opportunities to become well rounded, inquiring and productive people who are working towards a more just and democratic society. We believe that we can promote social justice through participation and collaboration.

What is expected from me as a Big Brother / Sister?

You commit to mentor a child with whom Mkombozi pairs you for a year.

You meet with your Little Brother / Sister for at least one hour each week.

You attend Mkombozi trainings and meetings four times within one year.

You do NOT provide your Little Brother/Sister with money or things.

You do NOT receive any financial compensation from Mkombozi.

What do I gain from serving as a Big Brother / Sister?

Experience and knowledge.

Basic training in relationship-building with children, child development, child abuse and protection.

A spirit of volunteering to help others.

Experience in caring for and helping vulnerable children.

A sense of ownership for your community.

At the end of your year of service, Mkombozi will recognise your effort with a "Certificate of Appreciation".

What is the process by which I become a Big Brother / Sister?

1. You call or visit Mkombozi to get an application form.
2. You submit your completed application with two references.
3. You are interviewed by Mkombozi's Programme Officer.
4. You invite Mkombozi's Programme Officer to visit your home and meet with your family and neighbours.
5. Mkombozi notifies you that you have been accepted.
6. You attend an introductory meeting.
7. Mkombozi pairs you with a child.