

Mkombozi

Empower. Engage. Enable.



Looking forward, looking back: Directions in 2011, Achievements in 2010

STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2015

2010 was an important year for Mkombozi, a year where we critically reviewed the challenges and successes of our work and created a new strategic plan for 2011 - 2015. This new strategy embodies our belief that loving and caring families and communities are the best environment for children to grow and consolidates our focus on child protection, family strengthening and reunification.

Reflecting the emphasis on family as opposed to institutional care, we have changed the nature of the residential centre in Moshi to a short-term 'transition home' for children age 7 – 15 years old. As suggested by children and young people, we decided to focus future work with children under 18 years of age. To prepare for the implementation of these changes, we have invested a lot of time working with the older youth in our caseload to support them to become self-reliant and independent.

We now ensure that every new child who comes to the transition home understands it is not a long term solution and our priority is to reunify them with their families. In the meantime we continue to support the older youth still in school and living at the Mkombozi centre and will assist them to make the transition to independent living when the time is right for them.

This shift in emphasis from residential centre to transition home highlights the importance of having a safe place of shelter for children on the streets to rest and receive food, healthcare, education and counseling while social workers work with them and their families. For Mkombozi's new strategy, the transition home is a key component, not as an end in itself but as the stepping stone for a child to leave the streets and return to a sustainable and welcoming family and community environment.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

- 972 children and young people (858 boys & 114 girls) were helped in some way by services provided by Mkombozi as part of our Children's Programmes;
- 526 children and youth (510 boys & 16 girls) were contacted on the streets through various Mkombozi street-based interventions;
- 459 children and youth (403 boys & 56 girls) received health services from Mkombozi. In all, 2,899 instances of health services were provided which included sexual, physical and mental health education sessions, provision of first aid, basic health care, referrals to the hospital and treatment;

DID YOU KNOW...

it costs just
GBP 26 / USD 43
to ensure that a child
who is on the streets of
Arusha or Moshi can
access a hospital
for appropriate
treatment & medicine?

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■ 300 children (297 boys & 3 girls) attended non-formal education classes prepared by Mkombozi teachers on the streets of Moshi and Arusha;

■ 253 boys & 3 girls participated in different sport and creative activities designed to encourage their skills, talents and self-confidence;

■ 194 youth (145 boys & 49 girls) were supported by social workers to join or continue in various activities designed to help them become financially independent (i.e. activities included vocational training, apprenticeship placement, job preparation training, linking to employment and street business toolkit training);

■ 97 children (90 boys & 7 girls) were supported in formal mainstream education: 44 in primary schools; 51 in secondary schools; 2 in further education at university and teacher training college;

■ 65 children were reunified with family members (61 boys & 4 girls);

■ 90 children (all male) were given shelter and 136 (134 boys & 2 girls) were given food at the centre;

■ 2,510 children (1,272 boys & 1,238 girls) in 3 different primary schools attended training on child rights and responsibilities through our Community Engagement work;

■ 71 teachers received training in child-centered models of teaching and in Child Protection;

■ In addressing the causes of child migration to the streets, 59 of the most vulnerable families (29 in Moshi and 30 in Arusha) were identified and trained in business skills with the aim of economically strengthening the family.

CURRENT DIRECTIONS IN 2011

We began 2011 ready to expand our work with vulnerable children and families in schools and target communities. This year we are / will be:

■ promoting awareness and dialogue about the impact of abuse and neglect on children at school and in the home;

■ providing support for children involved with the streets to help them make the transition away from street-life;

■ working with families to strengthen their ability to provide a safe, caring and economically secure environment for their children;

■ working with local leaders to establish systems that facilitate child protection within target community areas;

■ piloting methods to increase our support for girls living and working on the streets of Moshi and Arusha.

SPECIAL THANKS to our supporters!

None of this work could take place without the assistance of people like you. We welcome Friends of Mkombozi who wish to support us financially or can volunteer with fundraising or research to help provide funds to increase this work. Every donation we receive helps us to maximise the scope and impact of our activities with families, neighbours, local leaders and street-involved and vulnerable children in target communities in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions, Tanzania.



DID YOU KNOW...?

■ It costs GBP 26 / USD 43 to refer one child on the streets of Arusha or Moshi to hospital for treatment and provide the child with appropriate medicines;

■ It costs GBP 70/ USD 115 to provide 3 daily meals and a safe bed for one child for one month at the transition home;

■ It costs approximately GBP 239 / USD 393 to support one child through their form 4 exam year in mainstream secondary education;

■ It costs GBP 570 / USD 936 to train 900 children in one school on child rights and responsibilities;

■ On average it costs GBP 633 / USD 1,041 to reunify one child with their family;

■ It costs GBP 870 / USD 1,429 to economically empower one family. This includes skills and business training for a main care-giver, materials and rent for 6-months.

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