



***Help complete
the Safe House
for girls escaping
from FGM****

The SAFE HOUSE was built in 2014 in Mugumu, in Tanzania's Serengeti Region with funds raised by the TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST (UK Reg. Charity 270462). It provides a home for up to 40 girls, but at the height of the 'Cutting season' in December 2015, we were housing 190 girls! Attached to the Safe House is a Vocational Training Centre (VTC) where the girls not in school learn computer technology, and more

traditional skills like tailoring. A British company has donated satellite broadband so the facilities are excellent.

Pictured left are new arrivals getting a hot meal, sheltering from the rain under the porch of the VTC because there is no dining room.



The Safe House is complete except for the Kitchen, Dining Room, and fence. A new road is being built across the front of part of the Safe House grounds, so it will be very important to construct a perimeter

fence to protect the girls and to deter intruders. Some girls have had abuse shouted at them for refusing FGM. Behind the Safe House is a substantial shamba (vegetable garden) where the girls are growing food and a much larger one will be started in 2016 and this will provide training in best food-growing techniques.

**** Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting***



This is the Safe House kitchen and you can see why a new one is so badly needed. It is just a garden shack and it has no running water or electricity and therefore no refrigerator.

A purpose built and properly equipped kitchen is badly needed.

Here some of the girls are working in the kitchen garden they are establishing so that they can grow food for the kitchen for themselves and also for visitors.

The Dining Room won't just be a place for eating. It will also be a large space where the girls can sing and dance and rehearse as well as socialise in bad weather. At the height of 'Cutting seasons' it can be used at night as a temporary dormitory.



The girls recently performed before 500 people a song against FGM they had written for the African Day of the Child. The Dining Room will also be let for weddings and generate an income to help with the Safe House Running

One girl's story—

Veronica, who came to the Safe House in December 2014

Veronica learned about the dangers of **FGM** at School. Her father wanted her **cut**, so he could get cows as her marriage dowry. Veronica refused.



Her father beat her and she fled into the bush. One of our volunteers found Veronica and put her on a bus to the Safe House.

Veronica today, a confident and happy girl at the Safe House, and enjoying Secondary School.



She is becoming skilled with computers and making crafts which are sold to support the Safe House. She likes playing netball, and has a good chance of doing well in public exams.

Why don't the Tanzanian Authorities stop FGM?

FGM is illegal in Tanzania, but it is practised in remote areas far from the police and often only discovered at an ante-natal check. Family loyalty is strong and many women are unwilling to tell what their relatives have done. The Police in Mugumu have been very supportive of the Safe House. Parents who wanted to take their daughters home had to sign a binding declaration at the Police Station (infringement punishable by imprisonment) not to harm their daughters. Our Social Worker, Sophia, (centre in the picture) is following up all cases. So far there have been no breaches of the commitments made.



How much will it all cost?

We have raised £18,557 (\$26,730) so far and need another 15,201 (\$21,896) to build the Dining Hall and kitchen on the other side of the building and put up a perimeter fence.

HOW YOU CAN HELP COMPLETE THE SAFE HOUSE

You can donate by going to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/safehouse> or fill in and send the form below.

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