



Investing in a Brighter Future

Malika
children's friends

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“It doesn’t how much we give, but how much love we put in what we give.”

– Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Who We Are

Since 2006, Malaika has been creating brighter futures for children who have been orphaned or abandoned. Our ultimate goal is to empower every child to become self-reliant members of their community.

In the last twelve years, work at Malaika has grown tremendously. We are now supporting almost 30 children, in total. The needs at Malaika are very different and increasing.

Our three key priorities are:

1. Love & Care
2. Education
3. Outreach



2004 – 2006

Malaika founded, land purchased in Moshono and temporary accommodation is rented to welcome the first children!

2007 – 2010

The new shelter is built providing more space for the growing number of youngsters in need of a loving home. The first attempt was made to dig a well, the generator was installed and farm animals were purchased.

2011 – 2014

New projects including, a vegetable garden, water tank, solar panels and a second building to accommodate more children.

2015 – 2019

The children at Malaika are getting older, with the majority enrolled in school and the wind turbine was erected.

THE FUTURE...

Looking ahead to the next decade we know there are going to be new and increasing needs. That's why we are planning ahead now.

What We Do: Love & Care

Malaika provides a stable, safe and loving home for children who are unable to live with their parents. Many of the youngsters, all assigned by Social Welfare, have had a difficult start in life. Some stay with us for only a short time, before being adopted or reunited with family members. Most grow up at Malaika.

We support 30 kids of which 20 children currently living at Malaika. Aged between one year and 16 years old, each receives good nutrition, healthcare and most importantly LOVE. 'Aunties' and 'uncles', employed locally, provide daily care and guidance. They share cultural traditions and help children to learn key life skills such as cooking, washing and growing crops.

Our child-centred approach highlights the difference between merely touching a child's life versus fundamentally changing it.



Types of care provided:

Short-term

Malaika looks after children for a few weeks or months while locating family members and making plans for the child's future.

Care for adoption

When babies or small children, with no family, stay until a family adopts them.

Long-term

Supporting children who need to permanently live away from their birth family, until they're adults.

Specialist therapeutic

For children and young people with very complex health needs.

What We Do: Education

The gift of education opens up a whole new world of opportunity. It connects each child to life and helps them realise they can accomplish more than they ever thought possible. Education really does change everything.

The schools that the children are enrolled in offer small class sizes, sufficient resources and a higher standard of teaching. In the coming years, more youngsters will come into our care. Their education costs also need to be met.

Our focus is on encouraging each child to realise their full potential. We do this by providing:

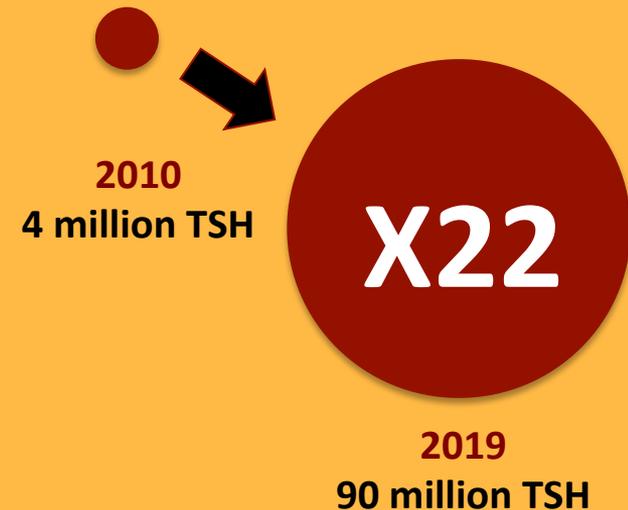
1. Access to quality primary and secondary education
2. Uniforms, resources and books to aid learning
3. Vocational training



Key Facts:

- Ten years ago the average age at Malaika was 2 ½ years old. Today, 6 children are enrolled in pre-school, 6 in primary school and 12 have already joined secondary school. 1 is attending a special school.
- In government schools the average class size is between 80-100 students, with as many as five students sharing one textbook.
- The costs of education at Malaika have increased x22 in the last nine years. For the next years we foresee a further growth.

The scale of increasing education costs at Malaika



What We Do: Outreach

Poverty, health issues and family breakdowns mean that some parents struggle to care for their children. In these instances, if there are no other family members to offer support, Malaika provides short-term care until the situation has improved. This may be for a few weeks, months or even several years.

Working closely with Social Welfare, an assessment is done before each child returns home. Malaika continues to make regular visits to monitor the child's progress and ensure all their basic needs are being supported, especially education and healthcare. We are currently providing outreach support to eleven children in this way.

In a safe, loving family environment, children get a greater sense of personal identity and have a healthy development. Working together with family members, this is the ultimate goal of our vital outreach work.



Elizabeth's Story...

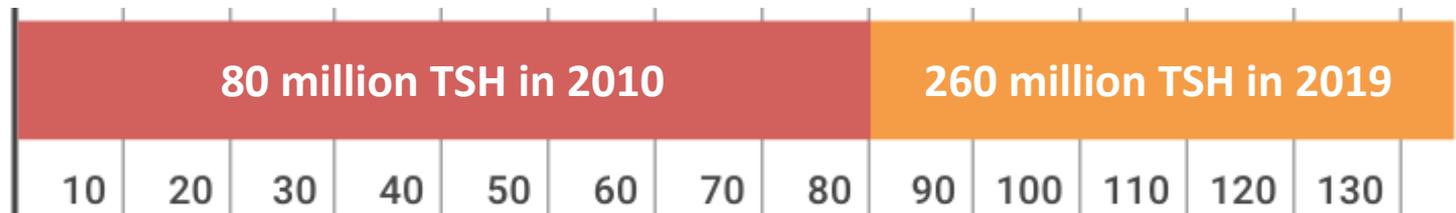
Elizabeth was one of the first children to arrive at Malaika. She was just six months old. A beautiful girl, always smiling, Elizabeth was reunited with her father at the age of 7. Our outreach coordinator makes regular trips to the family home. During a recent visit, it was apparent that Elizabeth was not performing well at the local government school, often turning up to school hungry and unable to concentrate. Following discussions with the family and headmaster, a joint decision was made to enroll Elizabeth in a boarding school. Paid for by the generous supporters of Malaika, Elizabeth is now receiving an excellent education, regular meals and the opportunity to realise her full potential!

Key Numbers: 2010 -2019

Growth in the Number of Children Supported by Malaika



Increasing Annual Running Costs at Malaika



And..

The Average Cost Per Child Is increasing (because of school expenses)!

7,000,000 TSH

2010



9,903,000 TSH

2019

Creating a Brighter Future

Over the next five years, we aim to progress our vital work through several key projects:

Malaika Guardians – Education Programme

A special initiative designed to give each of our children, now and in the future, access to a quality education. Regular donations will help us to plan ahead as more children progress to primary and secondary school.

Estimated annual cost – 90 million TSH

Increased Outreach Support

In the last 12 months, there has been a big shift at government level regarding the care of vulnerable children. As more children are reunited with family members, our outreach work is becoming increasingly important. We are committed to ensuring the basic rights of children are upheld and protected.

Estimated annual cost – 5/7 million TSH

Skills Training and Living Assistance to Young Adults

Transitioning from childhood to adulthood is a huge step. Arguably, it is greater for those living at Malaika. Tanzanian law dictates that by the age of eighteen, children must move out. Our aim is to provide life and soft skills training to every child in our care. In addition, for those that don't progress to university, the opportunity to undertake vocational training will be offered, alongside basic accommodation.

Estimated annual cost – 5 million TSH



Sustainability & Key Partnerships

In order to support our operational costs and key projects, one of our goals is to:



Raise 10% - 15% of the total need from handcrafted products produced by Malaika.

Specifically, we are now undertaking a brand new enterprise – producing **beautiful hand-made candles**. We have already produced and sold the first few batches.

According to our projections to reach half of this goal Malaika should sell throughout Tanzanian Resort, Hotel and Bar at least 3.000 – 4.000 candles per year.

This is one of the projects we have in the pipeline, others will follow.

We are now seeking to develop relationships with select organisations, so that we can accomplish something truly amazing for vulnerable children who need our care and support.

Today, we welcome the opportunity to explore how we might work together with either other companies or Institutions, transforming the lives of disadvantaged children in Tanzania.



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Malaika Children's Friends, based in Italy, has been supporting the shelter **Malaika Children's Home** since 2011, through fundraising and direct management of the local organization in Tanzania.

Founded by five friends after a journey to Arusha, **MCF** is deeply involved in giving a real chance for a brighter future to children in need in Africa.

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The logo for Malaika Children's Home features a stylized orange and black graphic above the word 'Malaika' in a large, orange, serif font. Below it, the words 'children's home' are written in a smaller, orange, cursive font.

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