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Schools in Tanzania reopen after 3 months lockdown

Education has resumed for children in Tanzania, after a closure of three months due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Universities and vocational training institutions already reopened beginning of June. Primary and secondary schools have now opened their doors as well. Girls that are attending day schools in the direct environment of Masanga centre, the safe space where girls were protected from Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) during the school closedown, are remaining in the shelter.

Safe place during lockdown

The Masanga centre saw an influx of girls seeking protection at the start of the COVID-19 outbreak in Tanzania. When learning institutions closed, many girls could not go home as their families were preparing to forcefully subject them to FGM. A total of 171 children came to the shelter for safety.

With the schools reopening, 84 of them have joined the boarding facilities of various institutions:

- 12 children joined Primary Schools
- 51 children joined Secondary Schools
- 19 children joined Vocational Training Institutions
- 2 children joined Teachers Training Colleges.

Family reconciliation

Currently there are 87 girls remaining in Masanga centre, 85 school going and 2 out of school children. The school going children study in nearby schools while family reconciliation, home safety assessments and sourcing for boarding schools are still underway.

With your contribution, you have saved these girls from FGM, and given them a chance to an independent future through education. Thank you so much!