

ORPHAN SAUMU

INTER CARE - MEDICAL AID FOR AFRICA



This is Saumu

Saumu lives at St. Francis of Assisi school for orphans, in northeastern Tanzania.

For most orphanages in Africa, it's normal for all the **children to live on-site** however, during the **school holidays orphanages close**.

The children - just like Saumu - spend time with other family members. This lack of stability can make a difficult childhood even more challenging for them.

Living conditions are incredibly basic

When Inter Care visited, we discovered that the **living conditions** are incredibly **basic**, and there really **aren't enough staff** to look after these children properly. Keeping them all clean is clearly a huge challenge, and the staff who welcomed us seemed simply **overwhelmed**. They apologized; as they couldn't offer us any food because they didn't have any, not even a glass of **water** because it **wasn't safe for us** to drink.

Despite the challenging conditions, **orphanages** are a form of **salvation** for these African children - orphaned through parental loss or simply abandoned due to having albinism. Whatever the reason, any alternative just doesn't bear thinking about.

The vital medical supplies **Inter Care helps provide** to the orphanage provide **crucial resources**, to help the staff care for the physical and emotional needs of up to 250 vulnerable orphans.



Inter Care help children like Saumu

When a consignment of medical aid arrives, they open the boxes together.

What they find inside generally includes basic medicines such as **anti-biotics** for treatment of infections, **medicines** for pain and intestinal worms.

Also, healthcare goods; **dressings** and **swabs** to care for injuries - and hundreds of **sticking plasters** for all the many trips and falls in the playground each week! Not forgetting lots of knitted **teddies** and **blankets** for comfort and warmth - they are only children after all.

The teachers and nurses say "Thank you Inter Care. With these blessings we will care for all God's children"