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PROJECT CHANCE 2012

Project CHANCE was started with the objective to help young people who finish primary school with good records, but cannot afford to continue with secondary school studies because of difficult financial situations.

The main target group of the project is orphans and children from low income families within Tanzania.

Why we thought of CHANCE

We thought of CHANCE because there are not many scholarships for secondary schools. Most of our African children come from low income families, sustained by agriculture. We asked ourselves what the impact will be on the social/economic in 20 years, if this high population of young people cannot attend secondary school education now? CHANCE is meant to make a difference.

Main Challenges

Since the initial research of CHANCE in 2010 there has been a number of challenges in moving to the next step that being implementation of the project.

Financial:

Most organisations we approached have limited funding and are already investing in other projects. Furthermore, the project CHANCE has been seen as a non income generating project that will require long term support which is not feasible for the current economic situation.

Location:

The initial location of the project is in Tanzania. Some of the potential donors approached are mentioned that they are focusing more on investments that are in high risk countries such as Sudan and Somalia because it is easier to access government funding for projects located in these areas.

Time:

All Green Waters foundation workers are volunteers, which means we each have daily occupations including full time work, raising children and/or studying. Being that the time we have is already fully occupied with other activities, there was no possibility of following up on Green Waters projects 100% as it is also necessary for Green Waters workers to earn a living.



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Meeting with “MOTHER OF MERCY” institution in Dar es salaam Tanzania 19/11/2012:

While in Tanzania, I was able to meet with a charity institution that takes care of less fortunate children. This is a small local institution within the area of Goba.

Mother of mercy charity institution was established to assist orphans and vulnerable children with accommodation, education and general upbringing. Three nuns without any connection with church sponsorship, sought funding from individuals and some companies in Tanzania to construct a small hostel.





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They further started receiving beneficiaries from the village councils in Dar es salaam.



The children were either accommodated at the hostel and taken to the neighborhood day schools or sponsored to attend boarding schools. The charity institution has so far assisted 80 pupils of whom 60 stay at the hostel while 20 are accommodated in boarding schools.



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A speech was read by a smart boy of 9 years old to welcome Green Waters guests from the Netherlands. We were very impressed by his level of mastering the English language.



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Some of the younger children sang a few welcome songs in English and in Swahili



Eventually they also taught us to sing the national anthem



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Later we observed the children receiving their math lessons in class. They were not paying too much attention, though because the plastic walls around the classroom made the room extra hot.





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Challenges:

Currently the charity organisation doesn't have permanent sponsors. It seeks funding from various individuals who are willing to offer small amounts and some are committed to make monthly donations. Although it is not tiresome for the charity organisation to continue asking for donations from individuals, this situation creates uncertainty especially when it comes to meeting specific goals.

Furthermore, the charity institution doesn't have it's own school and therefore it is forced to pay the children's school fees to other school instead of offering them education under one roof and thus benefiting more children.

Mission:

The current mission under the Mother of Mercy institution is so build their own boarding school. The charity institution has bought 6 acres of land for construction of the boarding school campus and with much help from benefactors the institution has been able to buy some building materials worthy of three rooms. The overall budget for the construction of the orphanage and boarding school is 150M Tshs. Any contribution received is immediately spent on buying building materials such as sand, gravel and bricks.





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The nuns are working as volunteers and therefore although they spend 24 hours looking after the children, they don't have any income to support the household. Additional challenges they currently face includes lack of funding to buy the ingredients for making proper meals to satisfy the growing number of children, learning materials, uniforms for the children who attend various day schools.

Mother of Mercy sisters believe that with the will, determination and contribution from the global community, it is very possible to ensure that each child has a safe haven, basic education and at least one meal a day. The nuns are part of the community, they are hard working, they have credibility and they are worthy of assistance. The weak points they have include lack of business skills and sustainable sponsorships. We believe that a quality boarding school(s) for orphans is necessary in Tanzania because solid education has become extremely expensive and somehow not even affordable for middle income groups. Without contribution from all of us, most of the vulnerable children will not be able to finish basic school.



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Children rights starts with children nurturing, it is a right of every child to have a safe home, to have nutritious food and to have someone who looks after him/her when they are not feeling well, to have education so that they can be empowered with the tools to live a sustainable life in their futures. Without the CHANCE to attend basic education, it is irrelevant to talk of secondary school education.

Having observed the existing situation of vulnerable children in Tanzania, project CHANCE is at a point that requires rethinking and taking action.

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