Tanzanian Field Manager’s Report
Hello from Tanzania!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year! help2kids Tanzania has been enjoying the new campus and children’s home. The children love the expanded outdoor area and the employees have been productive working together in the same office space.

Our students at Bajeviro and Kunduchi have been off to a great start to the academic year. Mock exams have just concluded and help2kids Tanzania is feeling motivated all around! We’re looking forward to further improvements throughout the year!

I am grateful for the support the management team has given not only the children but also myself. I appreciate how well the staff has been working together for the overall wellbeing of all our children and project!

Asante Sana!

Binta Ceesay
Field Manager, Tanzania

A successful start to the new year!

Three months have passed since another year begun for the Children’s Home, and we have seen our children growing and improving in many ways. We are so proud to have been able to provide a happy and loving environment for all of them, and a life that is balanced in every aspect. They learn, play, eat, and socialize.

They also have a chance to share their dreams and are encouraged that those dreams can come true if they put forth strong effort and work hard!

The caregivers also had two trainings from Creative Child in Education to learn how to handle the most challenging behavior of the children especially teenagers.
Along with our normal day to day activities of providing treatment to the children by taking them to the hospital, health project has been able to organize different events, workshop, and talks for the purpose of educating both the caregivers and the children for preventive measures.

Since prevention is one of our biggest targets in health project, we started this quarter by delivering health education workshops to our partner’s beneficiaries on various preventable health issues. Through these workshops, we are able to create awareness through our children so they can become a voice of tomorrow and educate others on how to prevent themselves with different diseases. With these talks, we are hoping to reduce the number of hospital visits.

Within this quarter we managed to improve health services by ensuring we provide effective and efficient services by partnering with different hospitals and consulting various doctors.

**EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

**A Dream to Finish School**

“I liked to study so that I could have a wide mind. I have a dream to finish school and go to college, graduate, and work as a physician” says Baraka Education Sponsorship Program Student. It is dreams of many students to finish their studies and become independent and useful in the community”

Many children from the less privileged households are exposed to the harsh consequences of economic disparities, which invariably impact on their education and make it difficult to achieve their dreams.

help2kids is dedicated to assisting students in achieving their dreams. Through ESP, we were able to support additional ten students this year to continue their secondary education with school items including buying school uniforms, shoes, bags, exercise books, pens and paying for important school payments for students in their respective schools. Also, we managed to buy a few textbooks for each class which are shared by students. Big thank you to sponsors, teachers, and parents who decided to join together with help2kids to ensure students get support to make their dreams come true.

To ensure all students are attending school we continued with providing medical care through our help2kids Health Project, counseling and mentorship support to our students, support our students with financial by providing transport and meals weekly basis.
Bajeviro Primary School started the new year dynamically! Academically our students have been thriving and we were very excited by the Standard Four Examination results from the 2018 national exams which have been published recently. All our students passed to Standard Five with flying colors, raising our academic ranking to “High” in the National Ranking Level.

We’ve been focusing on teaching our children more about the importance of personal hygiene with the help of our wonderful Health Project colleagues who carried out workshops for all our classes in the last month. Our volunteers have been a big help, particularly in our lower English medium classes, offering small group and one on one support to encourage and assist students in their learning. They have been using creative ways to make learning fun both inside and outside the classroom. We look forward to another quarter of putting education first! Thank you all for continuous support and encouragement in this mission.

NEW CAMPUS AND CHILDREN’S HOME

This quarter is likely to be the most remarkable quarter especially for kids at our Campus & Children’s Home. The most outstanding achievement is moving to the new Campus and Children’s Home in Kunduchi. The place is much bigger which can accommodate more kids and has enough space for games and recreation. It is also conducive for academic growth with proper library and computer room. The campus has an office block which can accommodate all team project managers and staff.

KUNDUCHI DAYCARE CENTER AND ENGLISH CORNER

The Day Care is still making major strides as the team keeps on focusing and aiming for the best. The last three months went by so fast with the new stage 1 students and a new teacher joining the move. As always, our volunteers played a great role in sharing their knowledge and time in supporting the present teachers shaping the future of these little minds.

Again, we were so happy to be joined by two of our help2kids Children’s Home caregivers for the English Corner classes! They were so eager to expand their communication skills and were welcomed with wide open arms. English Corner students are improving everyday and they can’t thank the volunteers and teacher Hassan enough for all the hard work they are putting in!
Hello Everyone!

2019 is already an exciting year for our projects. Several fundraisers are in place to assist with the library re-opening, Girl’s Guide services (including the construction of the changing rooms), and feeding program continuations at both Tiyanjane Nursery School and the health clinic. I am extremely thankful for the dedication that you all have to help2kids and for helping us reach our potential. Several volunteers have been extremely generous toward our projects and with our Education Sponsorship Program. Thank you all for your continued support; we could not do this without you.

Mercy is already dedicated to the cause of help2kids. We look forward to a collaborative and productive year ahead of us here in Lifuwu.

Zikomo Kwambiri,
Garrett Berghoff
Field Manager, Malawi

Parish County Council, facilitated by John Barnes, have both generously contributed towards the sustainment of the clinic garden to help provide a more nutritional diet to women temporarily living at the maternity ward. Thank you to both donors; your generosity is greatly appreciated!

help2kids MALAWI

The Warm Heart of Africa

help2kids MALAWI: Clinic Garden

The clinic garden has gone through a transition the past few months with the hiring of our new gardener, Enock. Enock has dedicated a generous amount of his time to seeing the growth of the garden.

His labor is only one factor in the recent significant growth of our garden; we have a few donors to thank as well. Nadine, Apel and Little Horsted,
Education Sponsorship Program students had a one-week break at the end of February before returning to their respective schools. Our large Form 1 student body is settling into their programs, and some of the students at Parachute Community Day School are continually engaged by our recent volunteer project services offered to the students. We have worked hard since the initiation of this school year to develop tutoring programs and computer classes to ESP students. Additionally, we have expanded our offering of these programs to upper class primary school students, allowing them to more sufficiently prepare for their exit exams. We are rapidly approaching our next round of student sponsorships. If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor a student from Lifuwu to continue his or her education, please email the Field Manager of Malawi help2kids, Garrett Berghoff, at garrett.berghoff@help2kids.org.

We have taken on a big project with the girl’s guide recently. Female absences at both Kazembe Primary School and Lifuwu Primary School due to female hygiene issues surrounding menstruation have been a recurring issue. To address this problem, help2kids and the Lifuwu Girl’s Guide is working with private donors to construct changing rooms for both schools.

Construction projects are sensitive matters and need to be conducted properly; to ensure this, we are visiting other schools that have successfully built similar models.

We have talked with a few contractors for different opinions as well. We are hoping to begin construction during this spring. To see more updates on the project, follow us on facebook. We will be posting future progress on our website as well.
The volunteers have been busy at the projects. A very big effort has been made at Kunduchi Day Care to teach the new children how to wash their hands before porridge time (breakfast). Annette (in the bottom right photo) is one of our international volunteers from Switzerland. She has been spending the last three months helping at Kunduchi. She has generously donated a swing and a slide for the children, who are now having a lot more fun during break time. It's not always easy to teach very young children how to behave, but it's definitely a rewarding experience!

help2kids STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Mercy Mvula  We say goodbye to Victoria Ifould and hello to Mercy Mvula! Mercy is an Economist and Certified Women Economic Justice Advocate and peer educator with over three years of practical experience in advocacy for gender equality, women and girls' empowerment, youth mentorship and the protection of Children's rights.

Through Youth to Youth Empowerment, Mercy has reached to over 10,000 young people in Malawi as a mentor and she is currently the National Mentorship Coordinator for Youth to Youth Empowerment. She also started an initiative called Basic Life, which aims at women economic empowerment and girl's education by connecting sponsors to needy and brilliant girls to stay in school. Mercy Participates in Women in Development in Africa, which is a grouping of young and professional women across Africa passionate about the help2kids development of Africa.

We welcome Mercy to the Malawi team and we wish all the best for her during her time with us!

Victoria Ifould (Toz)  We said a sad goodbye to our beloved Volunteer Coordinator, Victoria, after 8 months of service to help2kids Malawi. Thank you for all of your hard work Toz and we all wish you the best for your bright future! You were a great addition to the team; keep working with the same charisma and affection that you showed all of us here in Lifuwu. Lots of love from the help2kids and Friendly Gecko staff.
help2kids thanks all our former, current and future volunteers for your hard work on our project in Tanzania and Malawi! Your dedication changed our children’s lives for the better! We are thrilled to be able to bring you this newsletter with update from all our projects. For more regular news, please check our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and website!

help2kids runs projects in Tanzania and Malawi that saves hundreds of children and their families we can use all the help we can get. Please click the button below to go to the donation page. Every little bit helps! Donation ar tax deducted in USA, Switzerland and Germany

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