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Compassion is a leading children's charity. At our heart is a relentless passion to act on our compassion and empower every child left vulnerable by poverty. Our approach to fighting poverty is highly focused and personal. It's summed up in three simple words: 'Compassion for children'. For 69 years, we've been giving children the opportunity to escape the suffering and fear poverty brings.

In Tanzania, Compassion's ministry was established in 1999. We have grown into one of the largest Christ-centered, church-driven and child-focused advocacy and development organizations in Tanzania.



Children and Youths thriving for their God given potential

Our Mission

Releasing Children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Our Core Values

We value:

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Stewardship
- Discernment
- Dignity

Our Uniqueness

We are:



Christ-centered

We help the poorest of the poor, the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive because we are a "love thy neighbor" ministry. Jesus' life and teachings shape our programs and guide all aspects of our ministry. We serve children and communities of all faith, race and ethnicity with love.



Church-Driven

We do all of our work through partnerships with local churches all around the world. Local churches are catalysts for community change, optimizing the mutual respect, resources and common purpose critical in caring for children in poverty. We work in partnership with local churches because we desire to equip the Church to fulfill its role as salt and light to the world.



Child focused

Through our holistic child development model, we blend physical, social, economic and spiritual care together to help children in poverty fully mature in every facet of life and transcend what is often a generational legacy of poverty. Communities often feel the positive impact of the "child-first" work our church partners do because what happens in the life of a child ripples throughout his environment, but we are unashamedly and singularly focused on children.





Footprint

Compassion International Tanzania (CIT) is currently implementing a three-year strategy (2020-2022). The strategy seeks to 'contribute to the improvement in the lives of more than five (5) million children and youth' in more than 20 regions of Tanzania through working with church partners.





Foreword

Dear Reader.

We are excited to present the Annual Report of Compassion International Tanzania of the FY21 (From July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021). Ahsante – a swahili word for 'thank you' represents our thankfulness to God and all partners and allies for making 2021 journey a reality.

We have managed to drive positive changes directly in the lives of more than 109,000 children and youth across the country, through a number of programs being implemented jointly with more than 500 church partners in collaboration with the government of Tanzania.

Kindly take on a virtual tour of the pages of this report, which exposes the results achieved and testimonies of beneficiaries. We are so proud of the joy bestowed in us by God and the achievements we have made in our focus areas of Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Livelihood, Child Protection as well as Education. We are amazed by the voices of children, youth, parents/guardians, and communities whose lives have been touched spiritually to become followers of God and better citizens.

We could not achieve any of this without our supporters and partners. Compassion believes that strong partnerships are key to delivering on the promises in our strategy. We deeply appreciate the commitment of our church partners, staff at national, regional, and global levels for making our 2021 journey a success. We are also touched enormously by the love and kind hearts of our supporters all over the world who continued to support our work in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic. May God bless you for your prayers and support to the most vulnerable children in Tanzania.

We understand that the following year brings with it many challenges, but we also hope that there will be many opportunities for strategic alliances and innovation in the implementation of projects, and thus, continue working together towards "releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name". We pledge our commitment, transparency and accountability for the resources entrusted to us.

Ahsante!



Palamanga Quali **Board Chair**





Mary Lema **National Directo**



Compassion International Tanzania Board

This is the high-level structure for governance and accountability. CIT is governed by an effective board who guide, protect and ensure the achievement of Compassion International's mission. The board at the national level provides strategic leadership and oversight role for the prosperity and sustainability of the child ministry.



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Region

Senior Leadership

The senior leadership team is equipped to support governance and interact effectively with board and Compassion International at both regional and global level in attaining the best of Compassion International mission and vision.



Mary Lema National Director



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Makene Mafwele Senior Manager of Business Support



Mary J. Kasanga Senior Manager of Program Support





More than
39 million US\$
was spent to
improve the lives
of hundreds of
thousands children
and youth in
Tanzania

More than

109,000
children were
supported to
access basic needs,
education, proper
health care & nutrition
and socio-emotional



33,127

(14,942 male and 18,185 female) caregivers/guardians were trained on good parenting



& spiritual support

82,733

youth and children were enrolled into Improved Community Health Fund (iCHF) or other health insurance schemes.

Our Achievements















27,252 (13,808 female and 13,444 male) children and youth were supported to get medical treatment services at different health facilities.



82,733 youth and children were enrolled into Improved Community Health Fund (iCHF) or other health insurance schemes.



■ 54,272 (23,254 boys and 23,254 girls) were sensitized on reproductive health and Menstrual Hygiene Management.



3,138 caregivers/ guardians and 868 children and youth were provided with nutritional supplements



birth at health facilities under the care of professional healthcare providers



1,415 mothers were sensitized on prevention and control of Malaria, respiratory related infections, and diarrhea.



 923 children were exclusively breastfed for six months, and 665 children were provided with proper complementary foods

■ 486 children, youth, parents, and guardians established small vegetable gardens to improve family nutrition.



A mother finds hope in seeing her children thrive

*Names have been changed to protect their identities.

Ashura* lives with her mother, brother, sister and grandmother. Just like her mother Diana*, Ashura was raised by a single parent. Her father left when her younger sister was born.

Ashura has just finished her primary school education. When Diana finished primary school, she was in a different situation from her daughter.

"I sat for my final exam pregnant. I got a good grade, but I could not continue with school after I gave birth. That was the end of my education," said Diana.

Diana's childhood was destitute. She went to bed hungry and had to wait till mid-morning at school for a mug of porridge.

Her mother used to sell roasted maize by a roadside. Her income was not enough to provide for her children. And when Diana gave birth, she could not manage taking care of her son alone.

The young mother took her newborn son and went to live with her grandmother from where her older brother helped her. When her son was three months old, Diana got a job as a cook.

"I worked from morning to evening. While I was at work, my grandmother helped me take care of my son," said Diana.

Diana made US\$30.38 every month. The money went into buying food for her son, clothing and taking care of her grandmother. Her salary only saw them through a few weeks but thankfully, Diana's employer occasionally offered to help her.

After living with her grandmother, Diana later decided to move out and rent her own home. Though her life was not going as she had envisioned when she was in school, Diana hoped because of her job, things would get better.

"I did not want my children to starve the way I did. I thought my job would help me and for a while I saw us making progress. But things changed when I got sick," said Diana.

Diana found out she was HIV+ when her son was five. "I felt like my life was about to end, and when I looked at my son, I could not stop myself from crying," said Diana.

Diana found out she was HIV+ positive during a health screening on registration day at a Compassion center when her son was registered. "My family distanced themselves from me when I told them. But I thank God for the center, they came into my life at a time when I needed help the most," said Diana.

The center gave counselling to encourage her, and she accepted her condition. They also gave her food and help her pay rent occasionally. Her son's school fees and medical bills were taken care of by the center.

Life started changing for Diana. With most of her son's needs taken care of, she continued working and taking medication. Though she often felt the sense of doom looming over her, she took solace in seeing her son thrive.

Time went by and Diana's family reconciled with her. She got married and later got pregnant with Ashura. Diana's family was getting bigger.

"I could not go to work as much as I wanted, and my husband traveled a lot and only sent us money when he could. If it was not for the center's help, things would probably be very bad," said Diana. With her husband mostly gone, Diana decided to live close to her mother and siblings. With everyone living together, the family got even bigger. They shared everything, and it was difficult to make ends meet.

When Ashura was old enough to start school. Diana feared she would not be able to afford her school fees. Thankfully, close to where she moved, another Compassion center was registering children and Ashura was registered.

Diana said, "From the time my son was registered, the center has been so important to my life. When Ashura also got registered, I thanked God because my daughter would get a chance to go to school."

Her husband occasionally came to visit his family, but never stayed long. It became clear to Diana that her children's well-being was solely on her. She went to work whenever she could and with help of the center her children had education.

A few years after Ashura was registered, Diana got pregnant with her third child. Her husband had returned home but after she gave birth he left and never returned.

Diana was not worried, she believed she could manage all the responsibilities. Her son and Ashura were under the center's care, her load was lighter.

The mother of three worked hard for her children, but her health continued deteriorating. "I was getting sick more regularly; the doctor told me the fire at work was making my condition worse. So, I had to stop working," said Diana.

When she stopped working, her son had completed his secondary school and Ashura was in grade five. Diana never hid her health condition from her children, and when she told them, they encouraged her.

"My children always encourage me when I felt like I was about to give up. They tell me they pray every day for me to live long to see them achieve their dreams. They give me so much strength, even though they do not like talking about it," said Diana.

Her son graduated from the Compassion program with a vocational course. He was able to start a motorbike taxi business and started helping his mother.

Ashura, who is still registered, finished primary school this year, and is expecting to join secondary school. The center will be paying for her school fees while they also continue to help improve her mother's health.

Looking at her children, Diana says, "I wanted my children to have a better childhood than I did. I thank God that with the center's help, none of them are infected."

As she looks forward to seeing her daughter join secondary next year, Diana prays her health will allow her to continue seeing her children do well.



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Here at Compassion, we understand that growing up in a clean and safe environment is every child's right. Access to clean water, basic toilets, and good hygiene practices not only keeps children thriving, but also gives them a healthier start in life.

In Tanzania. WaSH-sensitive indicators such as diarrhoea and stunting are high. We believe that campaigns to encourage simple hygiene practices like washing hands with soap can reduce the incidence of diarrhoea. That's why in collaboration with church partners we provide education and build infrastructure for water, sanitation, and hygiene to promote the health of children, youth, and parents/ guardians.

bore holes were drilled and

> rainwater harvesting systems were constructed leading to increased access to clean and safe water to 8,702 people and the community at large.



A total of

(male 41,836 female 46,694) children, youth, parents, and guardians were trained on environmental sanitation and proper hygiene practices.



Church battles water-borne diseases with clean water

Esther and her daughter Martha live just outside the African Inland Church, after they moved to the city from their village a few years ago.

Esther and her husband rented a two-room house at Kisesa Mwanza. However, her husband, Emmanuel, a fisherman, began disappearing for months at a time without returning home—leaving his wife and daughter to fend for themselves.

"After a few weeks passed, I realized he might not return soon. So, I started a business selling porridge around the neighborhood," said Esther.

The USD 1.08 she made every day was enough to see her and her daughter through the day. But she could not cover all their needs. She mostly struggled to pay rent and to buy water.

Esther's plight did not last for long, though. After Compassion opened a center at the church close to their home, Martha became one of the children registered. Martha received the help she needed to meet all of her needs but one—clean and safe water.

Just like the community, the center too did not have access to safe water.

"We had to buy water and it was not cheap. Children's attendance on program day was also low because they spent Saturdays fetching water at home," said Philipo, one of the center staff.

The whole village shared two water sources. One was tap water that they had to buy and the other a communal well. Esther could not afford to buy water, so she had to use water from the well.

"The well was closer to our home, and it was free. But because we all used it, there was always a long cue, which meant waking up early. It also made us sick." said Martha.

Though they could not provide the children with clean water at home, the center labored to reduce the number of children under their care that fell ill from water-borne diseases. It was a quest that always proved difficult.

"Each month, we used to get at least twenty children who needed treatment. We were encouraging families to boil water before using it, but children were still getting sick," said Philipo. Sadly, Martha was also among the children that fell ill.

"She used to fall ill regularly," said Esther. "I even started thinking it might be something serious. I took her to the hospital with the center's help and the doctors at the hospital told me she had severe typhoid. She was admitted and after two weeks of treatment we returned home."

With the number of children getting ill not reducing, the center decided to take a different approach. They prepared a proposal requesting funds to build a rainwater harvesting system and, after a while, their request was granted.

"During the rainy season, we got enough water that would last us even through the dry season. The water was enough for us, and we built a water point where community members can use the water, too. Center attendance increased and the number of sick children went from twenty to five—and sometimes none," said Philipo.



For the first time since it opened, the center could provide safe water for children under their care.

With water now guaranteed, Esther has less to worry about. Martha is continuing with her education, and she has started working as a nanny.

Now 18, Martha will soon be going to a Marine college—a dream that she shared with her father since she was a little girl. The provision of safe water has given her good health and allowed her to study hard and learn well. Now, she looks to the future with hope.

"After we started getting water from the church, Martha has never been sick because of water. And I am so grateful to the church and the center for the help that they have been giving us," said Esther.



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9,425

(4,766 boys and 4,659 girls) were enrolled into Primary School education 20,490

(Male 9,793 and Female 10,697) youth were enrolled into Ordinary Level Secondary Education while 1080 (Male 528 and Female 552) youth were enrolled into Advanced Level Secondary Education



,452

(Male 697 and female 755) Youth were enrolled into universities for higher education.



25,391

children and youth at primary and secondary schools were provided with text and supplementary books.



23,022

(11,012 Male and Female 12,010) youth and children in secondary schools, colleges and universities were supported with fees.

12,868 (Male 6134, 673

(Male 6134, 6732
Female) children
and youth graduated
from primary schools
and secondary
schools



84

(Male 40, Female 44) youth supported by Compassion, graduated from universities and colleges



8,611

(Female 3,962, Male 4,649) youth graduated from vocational training institutions in different fields including welding, tailoring, shoe making, bakery, etc



New Home Brings Hindu & Jamali Joy

The faint smell of fresh paint, the creaking sound as their door swings open, and the sharp-edged columns: these are the little things that make Jamali savor his visits home from school.

Just a few years ago, Jamali's trips home were greeted by a series of challenges.

"The worst day of my life was when I came back home from school worried about my mother. It had been raining all day," he remembers. "When I got home, I found my mother in the middle of our house surrounded by water, crying. It broke my heart. I comforted her, then we waited until the rain stopped and dried the house."

Their dream home had turned into a nightmare.

It all started when Jamali, his mother Hindu, and his father moved to Kondoa town in 2003 from their village. They lived in a home in the middle of town that his grandmother owned. The first two years were blissful. Jamali's father was comfortably providing for them through his work as a logger. When he left the family, things turned sour.

"When my husband was around, I was not working," said

Hindu. "But after he left, I had to find a way to provide for my son. I started working around in people's farms, getting vegetables on credit and I would sell them at the market."

Though she worked hard at her enterprise, her results were always short. Her business enabled her to purchase only one meal in a day. "Sometimes we would just boil the remaining vegetables from the market and eat them. It was not easy. But seeing my son cry to God to bring his father back was what hurt me the most," said Hindu.

Thankfully, Hindu's agony did not go on for long. In 2005, God sent Compassion's local church partner to their aid. Jamali, who was four years old at the time, became among the first children to be registered in the Child Sponsorship Program at ELCT Student Center.

After Jamali was registered, the center provided the family with soap, cooking oil, maize, beans, and rice—enough to last them a month. "As soon as Jamali was registered, life started changing. I did not have to worry about food anymore so all the money I made went back into my business," said Hindu.

Hindu stopped selling vegetables and started selling fried potato chips at primary schools. As her business grew, she

bought a few chickens and started a poultry business. By this time, her mother's home had been sold, so she was renting a place in town.

Life was blissful again for Hindu and Jamali. Her business was thriving and her son, who had now started school, was doing well. For the next decade, their family of two lived a comfortable life. However, towards the end of 2016, their landlord began acting with hostility towards them. Hindu started thinking about moving. She had always wanted to own a home, and her trouble with her landlord prompted her to take swift action. She took out a loan from a microfinance organization and bought a piece of land in the outskirts of Kondoa.

"When we started having problems with my landlord, we slowly started to build our house. We could not afford to pay someone to do it. Most of the money from my business was going into repaying my loan," said Hindu.

Jamali, now 16 years old, helped his mother to build their home. "My mother would start working on the house in the morning, and I would join her after school. We elevated four poles, barred them with sisal stems, and used a plastic sheet as the roof," he said.

By the time they had moved into their small house in January 2017, life was looking dangerously similar to where it was 11 years ago. Hindu's business was dying and she could see the joy in her son's smile vanishing.

"I was happy when we finished building our house. But I did not know how difficult it would be to live in it especially when it rained. I could not concentrate in school knowing what was going on at home," said Jamali.

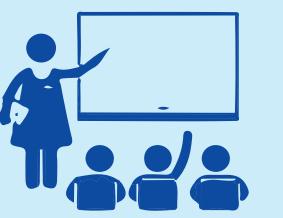
With dried sisal stems and worn-out old clothing the only thing covering their walls, every drop of rain found its way inside their home, leaving everything drenched. During a home visit, staff from the Compassion center saw their distressing living situation and immediately informed the pastor. Compassion's church partner requested Critical Intervention funds to build Jamali and his mother a new, three-room house.

"Three months after we had first moved into our sisal house, the center told us they would build us a new one. A month later they had started work. I was so happy when I saw the first lorry of sand arrive." said Jamali. The days could not go fast enough for Jamali. He was looking forward to moving into their new home. When the day came, he could not stop himself from smiling. Life for Jamali and his mother started getting even better than before. Without the stress of his home situation at the forefront of his mind, he started enjoying school. Without needing to pour her earnings into constructing their home, his mother was able to revive her poultry business.

Three years have now passed since Hindu and her son moved into their new house. Now 20 years old, Jamali just finished ordinary secondary school and will soon be joining advanced secondary school. With his mother now safe, he can concentrate on his education and work towards achieving his dreams.







226 savings groups were formed with

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3,763

(3,616 female, 147 male) members with accumulated savings of 1,149,651,900 (more US\$499,000) and 1,016,211,000 outstanding loans (More than US\$441,000).

24,339

(10,504 men and 13,835 women) youth and parents were trained on entrepreneurship and business management.



775

households were enabled to start/ improve animal production trough provision of capital and education.



With the Center's Help, Anna's Produce Increases

Every year around November, Anna and most people in her village make their way to their farms. Each family's hopes are placed in the maize and beans they plant—they all pray for a better harvest.

Anna has farmed all her life; she was farming when she lived with her parents and she continued to do so when she moved to Kiruani village in Tanzania after she got married.

Sadly, time has not been kind to Kiruani. Heavy rains have eroded most of the fertile land and the little that is left is plagued with constant floods.

"The most I harvested from my farm were fifteen bags of maize and five bags of beans. Because I have a big family, I sold most of the harvest and left two bags for food," says Anna.

With little return from her sale, Anna only managed to pay for her children's school fees and buy other home needs. After that, the only food that Anna could guarantee her children was from the two bags of maize she did not sell. "We would drink porridge in the morning, skip lunch, then have ugali (corn flour meal) in the evening. We wanted the food to last longer and take us closer to the harvesting season but it barely did. It broke my heart having to send my children to school hungry. I saw how tired they were every day," says Anna.

When Anna moved to Kiruani, she envisioned a life where her children were getting all their needs. Her husband neglected them and her heart was heavy, especially when she thought of her eighth baby.

"I did not know how her life would be. My husband had moved away and we did not have food in the house. My eldest son had to go a fishing pond in our village, get some fish that we would eat at home," said Anna.

A month after the birth her eighth child, Jesca, Anna had exhausted all means of putting food on the table. She took a mattress from her home, the little food that was left and moved into a hut on her farm with all her children.

"I had to weed my farm because it was the only place I could get food. It was during the school holidays and my other children were at home. I could not afford to hire help, I needed them to help me," said Anna.

When harvest time came, Anna was met with another heartbreak; their hard work bore little. She sold most of her harvest, but this time she saved a little bit of money to buy her children Christmas gifts.

Every year, Anna toiled on her farm. But she struggled. "My children were growing and their education was becoming expensive. I could see them lose interest in education, their schools were far and they were always hungry. I knew what they needed, I just could not provide it," says Anna.

With Jesca still young, Anna feared her future would look like her sibling's. Her constant prayer was for God to help her. In 2017 when a Compassion center was opened at a local church, Jesca was registered and immediately started receiving help from the church.

"The center came to us and became a great blessing. They covered Jesca's needs and whenever we did not have food at home, they would also give us food," says Anna.

Though she had a place to get help when she needed it, her other children still solely depended on Anna. She continued working on her farm, hoping she would get enough to take them as far as she could. But every harvest season came with disappointments.

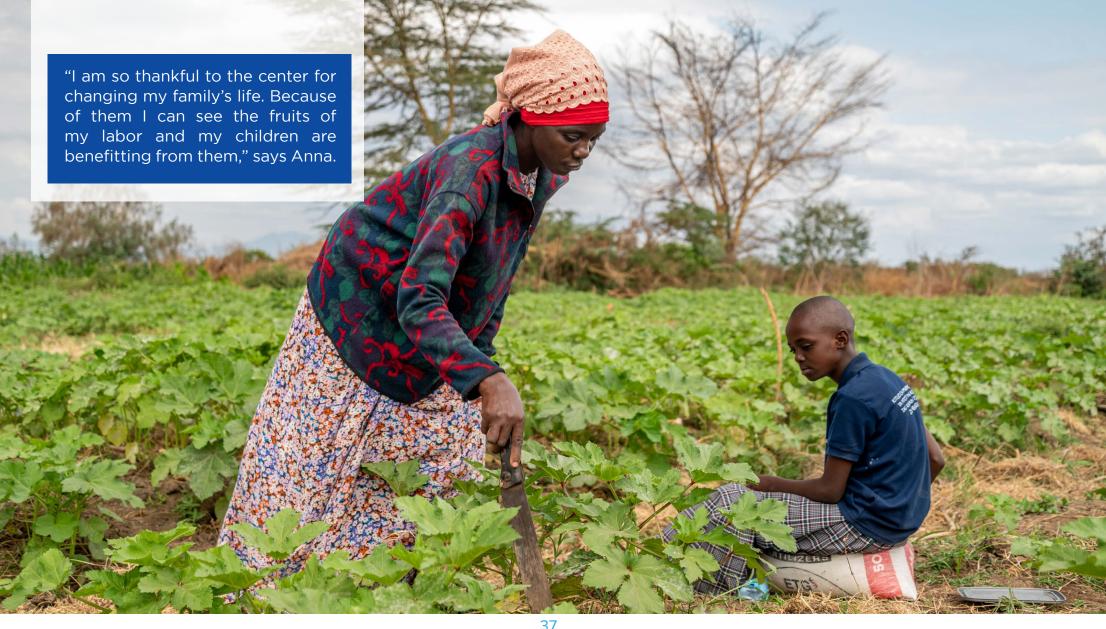
Three of her children dropped out of school and she was struggling to keep the others in school. Eventually, Anna shared her troubles with the center.

"When Anna came to us and told us how she was struggling to provide for her children, we helped her through the Highly Vulnerable Children's Fund. Anna wanted us to help with her farming and we did that too," says Emmanuel, the center coordinator.

The center trained Anna in proper farming methods and gave her seedlings and fertilizer. They also advised her to switch from planting maize and beans to okra.

"We had seen how most of parents with children under our care were struggling with maize. Maize farming is expensive, it takes a long time before it is ready for harvest. But with okra, it is cheaper to service, it takes a less time and you can harvest it more than once," said Emmanuel.

After years of laboring and seeing three of her children turn from education, Anna can now envision a different future for her children. The US \$19.40 she earns per week from her farm helps her pay school fees for her four children who are still in school and guarantee them food every day.



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92,804 children and youth

protection onhow to protect themselves from any form of abuse.

87,654

any children in Tanzania experience violence,

neglect and exploitation.

release children from poverty, we

are serious about keeping children

safe - which is God's will. Our role

is to enable Tanzanian families and

communities to prevent, respond

and recover from all forms of abuse

such as child marriage, female

genital mutilation, and all other

forms of abuse.

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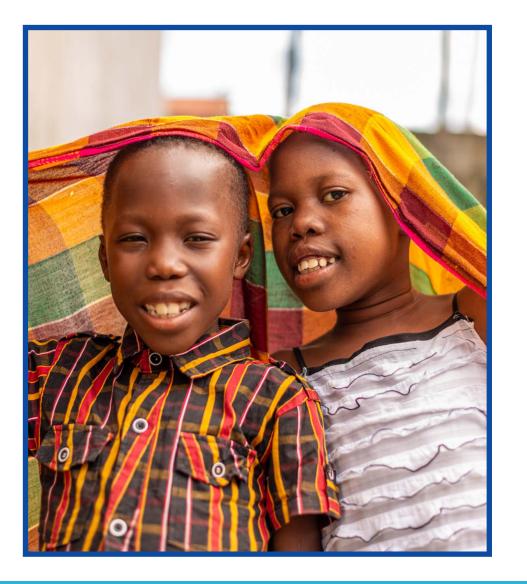


Neglected Siblings Find a Loving Home

At just three years old, little Catherine had to care for her baby brother by herself. They scavenged food from the rubbish dump or begged from strangers on the street. Her father struggled with alcoholism after their mother walked out, leaving the children on their own. When the siblings were eight and six, they saw children playing at a local church and followed them inside. Compassion's church partner gave the siblings a meal to eat. Concerned by their appearance, center cook Grace asked them their story. Heartbroken, she helped register them into the Child Sponsorship Program.

She didn't stop there. She invited the children to become part of her family. "I did not want to see them suffer," she said. With their father's permission, the children moved into their new home. "Here, we are loved," smiles Catherine. It took time for them to adjust. Unused to regular meals, Maganga hoarded food. But with their new family's support, they began to thrive.

The siblings have forgiven their father and enjoy seeing him in their community. Today, they have big dreams: you're looking at a potential doctor and a policeman.





Strategic Partners

We attribute our achievement to the support and commitment of our church partners in 21 regions of Tanzania. We also appreciate tireless support that we continuously enjoy from the government of Tanzania notably the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and President's Office Regional Administration and Local Governments.

We are also touched by the support we receive from other strategic partners including the media and likeminded organizations. Your continued commitment is helping us attain our mission 'releasing children from poverty'.





FY2021 FINANCIAL **SUMMARY**

Program Expenses by Sector



Thanks to the generous support from our supporters and donors around the world for their tireless generosity for children, families, and communities in Tanzania. We at Compassion International Tanzania are enormously grateful for this love. Your resources helped us to address the root causes of poverty in Tanzania, to improve the wellbeing of children, especially the most vulnerable and ultimately release them from poverty in Jesus' name.





Water, Sanitation & Hygiene USD (\$) 274,136

Disaster Relief & Response

305,939

TOTAL

34,628,670

USD (\$)

USD (\$)



Program **Expenses** Vs

Program Expenses

USD (\$) **34,628,670**

Administrative

USD (\$) 4,735,155

GRAND TOTAL USD (\$) 39,363,826

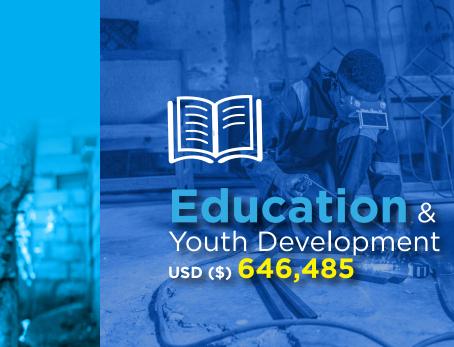
Administrative Costs

88%

Costs

100%

12%





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