

OLASITI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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Introduction

Olasiti Children's Foundation is the nonprofit making organization registered in 2019 in Tanzania

Vision

“To promote education, health, and sustainable life skills to under privileged orphans and vulnerable children”

Mission

“ To mobilize resources for addressing and solving the challenges facing most vulnerable children and enable them realize their full potential through providing program on shelter, food, good protection, good education, healthier children, self-reliant and hope for a bright future“

The specific objectives of the Foundation are:

- To engage and serve the needy by giving them free education, food, medical support, protection, clothing and shelter absolutely free of cost through joint efforts from caregivers and extended members of families.
- To serve the children, widows, orphans, elders and the distressed in any manner necessary for their safety, health, education and welfare.
- To promote human right and gender equality to all children of different religions
- To improve the livelihood of the most vulnerable community.

The donations from Friends of Tanzania Orphans, WEK, Procurement Gears, Buildmart, Friends and personal contributions were instrumental in enabling the Olasiti Children's Foundation to implement various projects aimed at improving the well-being and development of the children, school, the foundation's environment, and the larger community. The funds were allocated to the following key areas:

- **Meal program**

OCF has been successful capable to feed 27 kids with full board and 96 on day care basis.

Ocf has been able to receive additional food supplies from community and friends with good will and positive attitude towards supporting our goals.



Fruit jam, peanut butters, sugar, wheat flour, oat meals and tomato sources were donated by Karun and family to improve OCF meal program.

- **Hiring care givers and school teachers**

The children main need is education and parental care. As we know some of kids have lost both parents therefore are in great need to specific caregivers. OCF hired two matrons and five pre and primary school teachers to assist the children with specific education program that prepares the kids to become productive and useful members of the community in the future.

- **Tree Planting and Gardening Activities**

Funds were used to plant fruit trees around the foundation's premises and establish a small garden. These activities promote environmental awareness, provide shade, and will ultimately offer fruits to the children. The gardening aspect has helped children and community members learn about food cultivation and sustainable farming practices including planting friendly medicinal fruits and vegetables plants in our backyard.



OCF planted over 20 species of productive, useful and edible plants. The 4 photos above include papaya tree, lemon tree, avocado and pitches which are all fruiting right now. The fruits are all used to improve OCF meal program as part of sustainable project.

- **Building, Repairs and Painting**

The foundation's buildings, which had deteriorated over time, received essential re innovation and finishing .Plastering, bricklaying, roofing, windows and walls were repainted, creating a safer, more welcoming environment for the children. Special thanks for WEK. The upgrades have enhanced the foundation's aesthetics and functionality, significantly improving our pupils learning and living conditions in our school.



- **Educational Support**

Part of the grant supported educational supplies and resources, including uniforms, desks, chalk, books, stationery, and learning materials. These resources are crucial in enhancing the educational experience and ensuring the children have the tools necessary for effective learning. We also have paid for remedial classes and independent exams to children studying in public schools. We had a total of 4 seminars about social issues. We were able to support secondary students where one (Dominick Toroya) graduated form six in 2025 and elected to join the Tanzania army training and he is expected to pass to join University by 2026. Dominick join us and has been supported since baby class at Arusha Allience, then St. Thadeus sec. Advanced Kongwa sec and now JKT.





- **COVID 19 pandemic, Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Seminars**

Recognizing the need for awareness and health education for community, the foundation organized seminars focused on COVID 19 pandemic, Hygiene, Organic gardening, bird watching, family planning and HIV/AIDS. The sessions were aimed at educating community members, especially women and youth, on health practices and resources for family planning and STD's prevention.



- **Life Skills Training**

Life skills workshops were conducted to teach children and youth critical skills for everyday life, such as communication skills, life skills, decision-making, and problem-solving. These sessions aim to prepare them for independence and responsible adulthood. The photo above is Zenan with two children from one of unstable family holding the harvested cassava from Picholi back yard .Cassava was planted by both Zenan and Picholi 9 months ago as result this was the harvest that Picholi found life is possible without begging. Before knew him he used to beg near main road to Manyara Natuonal park asking tourist for money and he was not attending any school. This is how I knew him as I was driving from Tarangire to Manyara he pulled us off-road like a police but begging confidently. He said he is looking for money to assist his single mother who was sick and on bed rest at home. Picholi is currently supported and recruited at OCF preschool.

Photo below is the group of our old and young students during global big birding day where Tanzania Team was leading in Africa, having counted 777 species of birds in a day and became 8th worldwide. Arusha team became the first leaders and particularly the Birdlife Tanzania Society Team having counted 203 birds in a single day sponsored by Olasiti Children's Foundation. Most of the teams in Arusha are by product of our Olasiti Birding Club where some of our Children became pure experts on birding by habitat and started to provide field experience to college students who are studying tour guide courses. The tour guide students developed further birding enthusiasm, formed different birding clubs and became famous and experts in Tanzania. More of the birding club members became good safari guides and secured jobs easier than non-specialist. With good example Michael Peter is our top and quick learner who secured job at African Cisticola Tours as an expert.



- **Staff improvement**

The grant also supported staff recruitment and salaries, which allowed the foundation to retain skilled professionals, ensuring stability and quality of service for the children.

BENEFICIARIES OF ACTIVITIES

The primary beneficiaries of these activities include:

- **Children and Youth:** The children benefit from a safer environment, parental care, food & African cuisine, medical treatment support, access to education, and exposure to life skills training.
- **Women and Families:** Many women and families from the community benefited from the COVID 19 pandemic, family planning and HIV/AIDS seminars, empowering them with knowledge and resources.
- **Foundation Staff:** Staff benefited through the financial support provided for their salaries, ensuring stability and encouraging dedication to their roles in supporting the children.
- **Kids become self-reliant members of community** as they keep doing different activities after school.

CHANGES OR OUTCOMES BASED ON WORK

- **Significant Change Observed**

The most significant changes has been the improvement in the physical environment of the foundation as now we look more as school and the sense of community engagement in the foundation's activities. The revitalized infrastructure has also bolstered morale among staff and children transforming OCF into a proper school.

- **Environmental and Health Improvements**

The tree planting and gardening efforts are yielding positive environmental results, providing a greener landscape and educating children about sustainable development that we need plants around us to convert carbon into oxygen as well making our food and supplies. The kids eat fresh vegetables and fruits from our own organic garden. These changes foster a deeper appreciation for the environment among the foundation's youth. We were able to provide medical support, supplies and treatments through paying medical expenses in different hospitalized kids.

We support 27 kids with clothing which includes school uniforms, shoes, sandals, under wear, sox, track suits, sanitary pads, home clothes, sweaters, jackets, bed sheets, and all clothing and hygiene essentials.

- **Strengthening the Organization**

The ability to offer educational support, life skills training and staff stability has strengthened the foundation's overall capacity. This growth is evident in the increasing community trust and the foundation's enhanced reputation as a leader in youth development and environmental development.

- **Increased Community Involvement and Awareness**

The health and entrepreneurship seminars and communal gardening activities sparked community involvement, particularly among women. This engagement has strengthened relationships and raised awareness on vital topics, especially around family health and environmental sustainability.



Women's Empowerment and Leadership

The seminars created a platform for women's voices, encouraging them to take an active role in family planning, family care, and health discussions. The foundation has observed a noticeable increase in female engagement and leadership during these activities.

- Policy Impact and Media Presence

Although this grant did not directly influence policy, it has positioned the foundation as a community advocate for environmental and health education.

- Access to Advocacy and Decision-Making Spaces

Through increased visibility, the foundation gained access to local advocacy networks focused on education, environmental and health issues. Participation in these networks provides staff and community representatives—especially women and youth—with a voice in decision-making spaces.

Additional Funding and Support

Following the successful implementation of these projects, the foundation has gained support from local businesses that are now willing to provide supplies and volunteer support. This additional backing enables us to continue our mission. Ocf is seeking further funding apart from general budget to initiate economic sustainability for long term sustainability. The new initiatives to stand independent but all benefits run the program and funding OCF operations. We are highly thinking having school and tourism activities is almost compared to 'a milking cow'.

External Changes Impacting Work

Some challenges were posed by social and environmental conditions, such as sporadic droughts affecting the gardening projects. Community members, however, Ocf cleaned and re-bored the water hall to ensure enough water supplies to the center. The pump switch was changed.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, The FOTOs, WEK, Buildmart ,Procurement gears, friends and the community support has positively impacted the Olasiti Children's Foundation, facilitating essential improvements to our infrastructure, supporting educational initiatives, and strengthening community ties. We are grateful for this support and look forward to continuing to build on this success. We have attached photos and documents to further illustrate the impact of these projects. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our foundation. ASANTENI SANA.

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PHOTO STORY



Birdlife Tanzania (previous Olasiti Birding Club) We were able to introduce and plant 5 species of useful weeds to control soil erosion and climate changes along the great Magara river in Manyara region.

From left Aloyce, Eliya, Rashid, Raymond, Trector, Ramadhan, Jafet and Lubuva celebrating the World big birding day in October 2025. The program was organized and hosted by OCF.