



Update

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COUNTRY: Tanzania

GOAL: the construction of new homes for eight families

FCP: TZ0163 & TZ0275

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1. UPDATE

The construction of 8 houses took several stages during the project implementation. Two houses were built in Qurus village under the supervision of TZ0275 ELCT Qurus and 6 houses were built at Gongali under supervision of TZ0163 T.A.G Gosheni Gongali student Centre. This intervention started in August 2023, beginning with the inception meeting facilitated by the partnership facilitator and attended by the pastor, church elders, committee members and CDW's. The meeting outcome resulted in setting an implementation plan. The plan included mobilization of local resources by involving participants and caregivers in the construction process.

Before the construction, child and youth committee and staff conducted a detailed survey to verify the current situation of the participants houses. The survey results show that there is a wide variation in the housing conditions of people depending on the capabilities/man power/resources available in the household. Eight families were still living in poor houses and the living condition was not good as such. Some houses were roofed with grass and built with trees with mud floor.

After the first meeting, the FCP organized the second meeting where the church leaders meet with participants and caregivers, informing them about the opportunity to build a house and inviting them to participate in the construction by providing their manpower and some materials for construction. The project committee continued with the selection of vendors and local technicians who will provide materials and construct the houses. The team assigned some of the committee members to supervise the construction activities until it is finished.

The committee and church elders mobilized more local resources to build better and bigger houses to ensure these families to have a permanent house. During the resource mobilization at TZ0275, two households' leaders did not manage to mobilize because of illness and old age, so the church took a large part in contributing to the construction work. The church managed to collect stones, digging the foundation ridges and provided man power through church members.

The third stage was the purchase of construction materials through the vendors which includes cement, sand, wire-mesh, nails, painting material, door and windows, tin and wood. The construction continued from the foundation to the roofing stage and after the roofing the housing finishing stage was achieved where these houses were painted and doors, windows fixed and finally inaugurated by the church leaders and the families migrated to these new homes. youth and child ministry stakeholders participated in the ceremony of handing over. At TZ0275, the houses were officially handed over in December 2023.



2. IMPACT

This intervention has brought great results to these families as well as the entire community around them. The major impact was a result of the family to find a permanent house to live in and stop thinking of building a house and divert their income to support development of their family by attending immediate needs of their children. Before this house was built father, mother and children used to sleep in the same room regardless of their gender. But now there is a privacy because parents have their own room, male and female children also have separate rooms.

One of the parents says this is the miracle that has happened to me and my family because I never even thought that one day I would live in a beautiful and permanent house that has three rooms and a living room. This resulted in improved mental health of the parents and reduced stress.

These eight houses have brought great enthusiasm to the neighbors and the community around them. The houses are good, at a low cost. This makes people of average income encouraged that it is possible to build their own permanent house. Also the houses have brought a great testimony of the youth and child program managed at the church.

In addition, living in an improved house is expected to reduce incidence of respiratory diseases like asthma, reduced overcrowding in one bed, allergies and infection diseases. These permanent houses have increased a community disaster resilience as it have reduced vulnerability and exposure to harmful hazards and automatically increased 8 families coping capacity. Also the church has been able to fulfill its vision and build a good image in the community through successfully building the houses for participants who were living in a poor environment.



3. INTERVIEW WITH A PARTICIPANT

Mariam

What was your life like before the intervention was implemented?

My life before this intervention was bad and very risky because our house was having an opening on one side, thus making cold, rain and insects entering inside. We were all sleeping in the same room. My wife and children were cooking and eating in the same room.

How has your life changed now that this intervention is complete?

My life has changed a lot because I had no dream of owning a better house. Now we are able to have a better house where we can sleep safely. We sleep separately in rooms now, which increased our privacy.

What will this change mean for your future or the future of your family?

The little income I get will be invested in the family basic needs, to provide the children with their basic physical and educational needs. This intervention has reduced a burden of distributing our little family income.

What lessons have you learned from this intervention?

I have learned that God loves all people, and does not choose someone based on race or religion, although my family and I are Muslim. The church has chosen me to be among the people who got the grace to be supported to have a house. I thank God so much for His grace and mercy.

What would you like to say to those who provided the financial support for this intervention?

My heart is full of gratitude and prayers of blessings to those who volunteered their money to help my family get rid of the housing problem I had. May God bless them in everything they do.



4. INTERVIEW WITH THE PASTOR

Samwel

How have the lives of the affected participants been changed since the intervention's completion?

The lives of the participants have changed significantly, especially their lifestyle as they have been able to get better housing and get rid of sharing rooms with their parents. In addition having a spaced house has reduced the risk of diseases caused by cold and dust such as asthma, flue and cough. Also during the rainy season it has created resilience to disaster. Finally, this intervention has been important and has changed the lives of the families of the participant to a great extent.

How has this intervention benefitted the church / ICP / or community?

The intervention has benefit the church to fulfill its vision by reaching people who do not know Christ and those in need and touch their lives, but also the church has been able to build a positive image in the society by managing the project well and helping those in need without discrimination of any kind.

How has this intervention affected your ability to minister to the participants?

The successful completion of this intervention has helped me to has more freedom to continue serve the participants and expand the scope of the ministry and to continue to be trusted in the community.

What would you like to say to those who provided the financial support for this intervention?

As the word of God says in Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus". My prayer is may the Lord Jesus increase, develop, take care and protect them in all things, together with their families and relatives in Jesus name.



5. PHOTOS



Juliana's family house before the construction of a new house. She is the second child among six children in her family.



Samwel's old house before the construction of the new house. She is the fourth of seven children. She was living in a temporary house built by trees and grass, supported by the community.



Inception meeting at TZ0163 between the church council, committee, CDW's and the partnership facilitator, discussing initial stages for shelter construction and how to manage the construction and the way to involve participant's caregivers to contribute local resources, including man power.



One of the participants and her parent at TZ0163, breaking stones to make marbles for building, as part of her contribution of building material.



Early stage of the house construction. Laborer are digging the foundation of the house.



The construction of a house at TZ0275.



The beginning of the construction at TZ0163. A mason continues with the construction of the wall upwards.



A completed house at TZ0275. The families are so happy.



A house at TZ0163 is completed by being roofed, painted and glazed, ready to use.



The bishop, pastors and various government leaders from TZ0163 in front of the participant's house during the inauguration.