

Amani Children's Foundation and Home



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2021+

About Amani



What We Do

Amani Children's Home and Community Center provides full-time residential child care. We work in concert with the Tanzania Social Welfare system.

Tanzania does not have foster care for at-risk youth whose parents have abdicated custody to the state. This is where Amani, founded and run by Tanzanians, steps in. This means welcoming facilities, a well-maintained campus, and a space within our dormitories for each child to call their own. Amani provides scholarships to local private schools. This cradle-to-graduation program ensures children have the right to learn, without gaps in their education due to financial stress, through all 15 years of schooling.

Amani provides safe drinking water, proper restroom facilities, and public health programs. This is essential to prevent the spread of germs and diseases. Amani provides social welfare counseling to all families within our program. We support healthy relationships with relatives, protect children's rights, and provide age-appropriate therapy. Amani supports access to cultural and religious programs based on the child's faith and preferences. Amani Foundation provides financial, logistical, and managerial support.

Mission

The Amani Foundation supports Amani Children's Home in Mto wa Mbu, Tanzania. Amani's purpose to aid underserved children in their academic endeavors, emotional development, physical wellbeing, through full-time residential care

Core Aims

Inclusive Education:

Amani provides private school scholarships to at-risk children and youth in the Mto wa Mbu community. Our education project provides funding to cover the cost of tuition, supplies, and transportation for students in need. This ensures children have the right to learn, without gaps in their education due to financial stress, from nursery classes as toddlers all the way through advanced secondary school as adults.

Sustainable Food systems:

Our arid region is prone to droughts and famines that make staples like corn, beans, and rice inaccessible and expensive. This project addresses the dual challenges of the current and future food insecurity. We 1. provide balanced, nutritious diets for our students; 2. stockpile food for difficult seasons and 3. invest in sustainable agriculture and energy to ensure financial stability.

Inclusive Education:

This project seeks to provide for the physical, social, and mental wellbeing of the children and families in Amani's community. Amani provides full medical care for all children at our center, including on-site first aid as well as emergency and chronic condition care coverage at the areas' top medical facilities. We also have an on-site social worker, who provides counseling for children and their families. Amani facilitates seminars on child protection, social development and mental health



Accomplishments in a Pandemic Era



01 Capacity

Amani worked with a team of volunteers from the University of Kentucky to establish an online store and expand our online presence. Visitors from Juntos Molas Mas returned to Amani, facilitating construction and connection.

02 Creativity

Amani explored new ways to connect with donors, expanding our social media presence as a grant awardee of Canva. We created new media, from virtual tours to Swahili lessons.

03 Community

Amani was able to connect with members of the Tanzanian parliament, to raise awareness about Amani's work and celebrate the staff's dedication during challenging times. With website support from Sagh Design and volunteers, Amani continued communications with its international community.

04 Consistency

School closures, food shortages, changing public health policies - Amani's faced many challenges since our last report. Despite this, Amani has been able to provide all the services of its mission throughout the pandemic: a safe home, quality educations, and the support each child needs to excell.

Project Spotlights

Pigs + Biogas



Ensuring Sustainable Futures

Shockingly, firewood doesn't grow on trees. It's a resource that is growing increasingly scarce in the area of Mto wa Mbu. We expect to see a ban on wood harvesting for fuel purposes in the near future. Amani uses firewood to cook meals for over 60 people a day. That's about 6-8 trees a month! Given this, it was important for our community to start looking for ways to decrease our reliance on timber.

the Pigs

Pigs are cost-effective to raise and more environmentally friendly than cattle. They consume food scraps rather than large amounts of fresh vegetation and drink less water. They reproduce and grow quickly, and have a high market value. Their waste can be used as a fertilizer and as a source of fuel!

the Biogas

Biogas facilities digest organic matter like pig waste and produce natural gas, which can be used to provide heat (cooking!). This gas is clean, efficient energy and safer for children to be near than smoke. Biogas is also comparably reliable in contrast to solar or wind power.

the Goal

With a generous pledge from the Brady Family, Amani has broken ground on both the biogas digester and pig husbandry buildings. In the coming weeks, both facilities will be ready for use! This means clean energy + an additional source of income for the center. This will bring us closer to our goal of long-term financial and environmental sustainability.



following updates to our pig + biogas project on our social media channels!

Financial Summary



In the 2021 financial year,
Amani raised **\$29,075.69**

This comes from a blend of independent sponsorships, direct donations, and individual fundraising campaigns. This doesn't include funds raised or donated on-site in Tanzania, or funds to specific initiatives executed in 2022.

These donations funded
private school scholarships
for 24 students.



Where else does the money go?



Nutritious & Balanced Diets

Amani invests in sustainable agriculture and climate-adaptive food storage. This allows us to ensure a constant supply of healthy vegetables and proteins, even when markets are unstable.



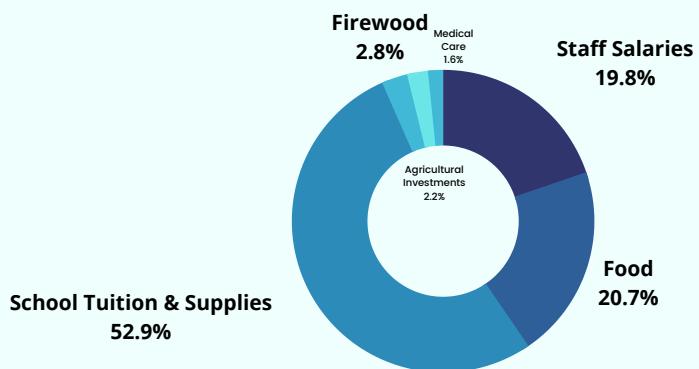
Campus Maintenance

The cycles of dust storms and heavy rains in Northern Tanzania can take their toll on Amani's buildings. Amani works independently and with volunteer groups like Juntos Molas Mas to keep its buildings safe and up-to-date.



Childcare and Capacity Building

Amani's staff are its lifeblood. Amani aims to provide competitive salaries with benefits and supports the continuing education of staff wherever possible. Donations are vital to prevent interruptions to staff salaries during times of financial duress. Our staff has stayed on board across multiple periods of financial challenges—a testament to their resilience, loyalty and dedication.



Student Spotlights

Jane *future doctor*



Jane has been leading in internal and external examinations since joining the high school in 2019, her performance and consistency in school are what excites everyone not only at Amani but also at the school where she is attending her secondary education.

In September 2021 Jane and her friends did a district exam, which involved more than 50 schools, more than 2000 students participated in that exam. When the results came, Jane achieved the first place with distinguish performance among 2000 students and help her school get number one among 50 schools participated in that exam.

Ludi *future teacher*



Ludi is currently getting her secondary education at St Dorcas School and would like to continue with her studies until she reaches her goal. She believes educating a girl is educating the community. Her dream is to become an independent and educated woman who can help other children who are in need as she was.

In her free time, she likes to play netball and football. She tells us that when she grows up she would like to become a pharmacist. She'd be the first woman in her family to go into medicine.

Opportunities

- Building an onsite well: We currently pay about \$150 a month on our water bill, having a well with clean and safe water for drinking and other uses will reduce operating costs in the long run.
- Expanding agriculture programs: Amani's crops and livestock ventures help keep the center running! Our goal is to grow these projects until they support 50% of our operational costs. This would entail adding grain to our corp portfolio, both for use at the center and profits.
- Developing sustainable waste disposal: Caring for fifty children means Amani produces trash! We want to search for sustainable solutions to minimize and safely dispose of non-recyclable trash items in our center.
- At-home services: Amani's Tanzanian team would like to expand social services support at the household level to better support the parents and siblings of our children.

Challenges

- Water costs are rising with climate change: An increase in water bill costs, from 20,000/= (\$10) to 280,000/= (\$120).
- Food scarcity is increasing in East Africa: We need to maintain a buffer of one to three months in our food storage at all times.
- Outstanding debt: With inflation and decreased donations during the pandemic, Amani is running a deficit on salary payments, social security contributions, and to local merchants. We urgently need financial support to reconcile these expenses.

Project spotlights

Solar Power



Ensuring Sustainable Futures

BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION

In 2017, Katharine Thompson and the Safina Center donated the foundation hardware for solar improvements.

GAINING INERTIA

In early 2021, Bruce Williams made a donation toward solar infrastructure in loving memory of Elizabeth Deming Lowry.



MAKING CHANGES

Throughout 2021, Amani worked with Power Providers and their donors to expand and finalize solar infrastructure at Amani. This massive contribution allowed us to light the entirety of our campus for the very first time.

ILLUMINATING THE FUTURE

In 2022, Amani entered into a maintenance contract with Power Providers, ensuring the proper upkeep of our system for years to come!



Celebrating International Women's Day

♀ Why 2021 Matters

According to UNESCO, "In 2021, Tanzania lifted a longstanding ban preventing adolescent mothers from reintegrating the formal school system in Tanzania. It is estimated that 5,500 pregnant girls were forced to drop out of school every year as a result of this ban." For organization that advance the causes of education and gender equity, this year as a very important year!



Amani receives governmental recognition

On March 8th, Amani Children's Home was proud to have hosted three special guests: Hon. Mary Masanja, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Hon. Joyce Mgaya, Public Relations Unit Officer, and Hon. Latipha M. Malley, Makuyuni County Councilor. They came to recognize Amani's work in gender equity.

Amani is part of the social justice movement in Tanzania, advocating for a better future for women through access to education. During this very important visit, the children and staff of Amani were able to highlight the significance of this institution to these government leaders. This platform amplified Amani's work within Tanzania, helping us rise our profile where our work matters most.



Project spotlights

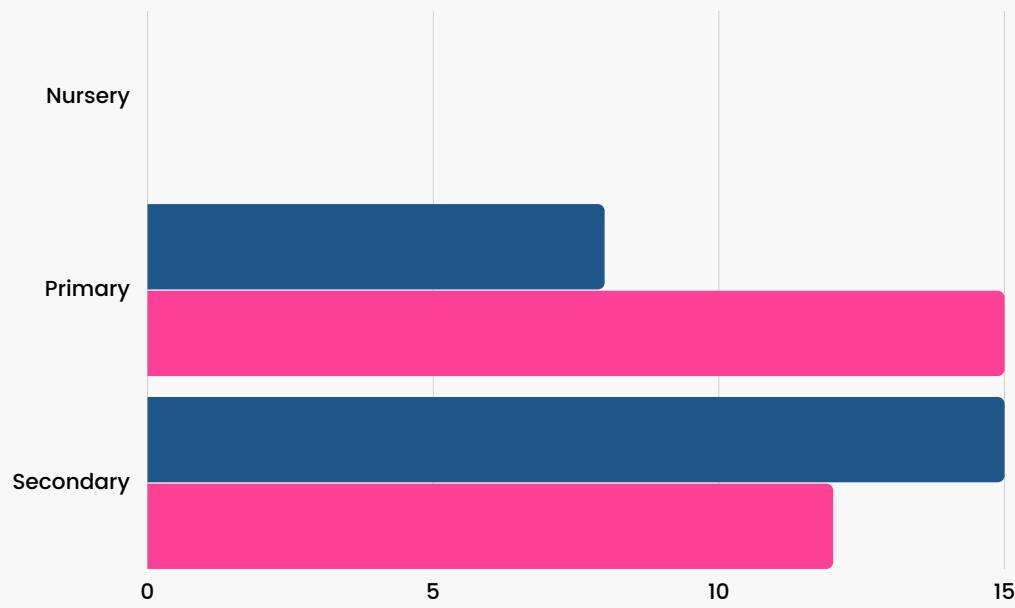
Courtyard & Playground Renovations

Providing a Playful Space

Much of our grounds repairs has been facilitated through the hard work and generous funds of Juntos Molas Mas. Another long-time member of our community, Jordan Taylor, donated funds to rebuild Amani's playground. Play is an essential part of children's psycho-social development and physical wellbeing. We're thrilled to be on the cusp of opening our new space soon!



Amani at a Glance



Children with grade A in their class
34%



Children enrolled in sports programs
30%



Children promoted to next class
100% /Annual

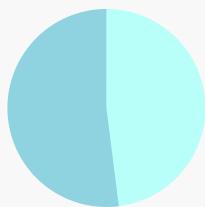
Sponsorship



Why Scholarships Change Lives

In Tanzania, success in exams determines the future. Children who can attain private school education have access to better teachers, more activities, better facilities, and newer school supplies. All these advantages lead to better performance on the exams that determine university and the type of course, the child will follow when they arrive at that level. At Amani, we connect sponsors with young scholars, awarding them a scholarship based on a blend of merit and needs. This approach empowers students and recognizes their success. We need more sponsors to commit to multi-year scholarships. This ensures uninterrupted educational progress for our children. It also builds a relationship, where the child knows they matter, that someone cares about their progress and that their community believes in them.

Group Sponsorships
52%

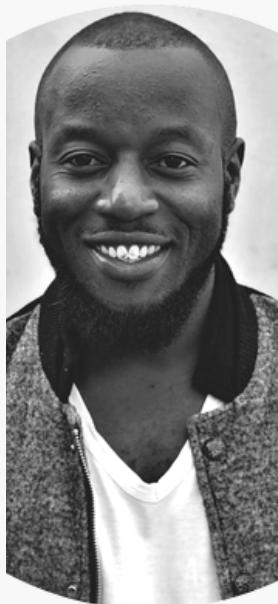


1:1 Sponsorships
48%

	Primary School Children
	48%
	Secondary School Children
	52%



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Because, we can do more as a community

There are so many ways to stay connected with our work! Connect with us through our social media channels, website, blog, newsletters. Got questions, connect on WhatsApp or email us!



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