
FOXES COMMUNITY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



CHARITABLE GOALS

Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust was founded in 2005 to provide shelter, sustenance, education and medical care for vulnerable children and families in the Mufindi Region of Tanzania, wherever possible focussing on environmentally sensitive areas; to curtail the spread of HIV/Aids; to teach life skills, (language, fiscal, vocational and self-sufficiency); and to create supportive networks and opportunities for future generations enabling them to sustainably manage their natural resources.

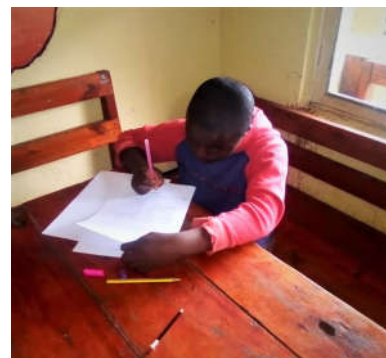
CHARITABLE OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTIVE

Using an integrated, holistic, and farsighted approach, the NGO programmes work towards empowering and involving the local community. Programmes which not only provide immediate support, but which are aiding the recovery of the project area in the long term.

OUR PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE:

During 2020 despite having to cope with the difficulties the Corona Virus, the Igoda Children's Village (ICV), the hub of the organisation, continued to care for the orphaned and vulnerable children ensuring the health and safety of them and all staff. All outside staff stayed within the ICV boundaries during this time. Home schooling was carried out by John and Fadhil, giving them regular tests, some of the children shown below. They returned to school in June 2020.



There were 49 children (25 female and 23 male at the ICV) plus 1 secondary school pupil living in the hostel returning to the ICV during school breaks and 24 living in the villages.

Baby House: the progress of the babies who arrived at the ICV in 2019:

- Akilah Mnembwe; Akila, born 19th January 2019 is progressing well and on the toddler Milk Formula in addition to solids and enjoying the company of his friends.
- Flora Mwagala; Flora, born 15th August 2018 is struggling to gain weight despite being on nutritious second stage Milk Formula, extra *Lishe also eats solids well, so she is being monitored constantly.
- Kefa Patric Kigulu; Kefa, born 13th March 2019 is also now on second stage Milk Formula and is making good progress and plays well with the other.
- Fransisco Kihwelo: Born 16th July 2018 is still on second stage Milk Formula and nutrition (Lishe*)

*Lishe is a very nourishing thick drink made from ground maize, millet, peanuts, sometimes soya beans, sugar and water, boiled.



...four happy babies tucking in...

EDUCATION:

All the children returned to school in June as the corona virus had reduced dramatically; there were very few in the Mufindi area. Precautions are still being taken to help protect the children and staff.



Pre-Schooling: The nursery and the kindergarten continue to be a centre of learning and play for many children from the local surrounding communities. In 2020 a total of 36 children benefited from the attention, care and Montessori based teaching provided by our teachers. The Kindergarten was given the opportunity of visiting Fox Farm and seeing the equipment and variety of animals which they thoroughly enjoyed. They were joined by another local school, and the parents supplied their children with lunch.



Kindergarten: 20 graduated; 12 boys and 8 girls. 2 from ICV and others from the local surrounding villages and admitted to Igoda Primary school and Madisi Medium primary school.

Madisi Primary: All our children's village standard seven graduated. 5 students graduated with honour and given certificates; one for Leadership and the other for Academics (Kelvin Magehema), 4 are going on to Luhunga Secondary school, 1 at Vocational Training Centre .

Madisi Secondary: Only one from four student graduated and had the option to go on to VTC college or continue onto form five. Also, we had 1 boy entering form 4 and two girls from three 2021.

Luhunga Secondary school: Kastory and Kaiza have been top Students at Luhunga Secondary School; Both have been given different responsibilities in their classes. Kastory is a School Secretary while Kaiza has given position of academic leader. Neither started school until they were 12 and 9 respectively until they arrived at the ICV. Not only that but also other students from ICV like Evaneti is a Discipline leader, Jescar Librarian, Nache and Edwin are class monitors.



Swila Secondary school Mbeya: Fadhili Khamis sponsored by MY going on with Form 5 studies.

Rural Development Organisation: We had Fadhili Khamis graduated form four and joined form five at Swila Secondary school, Faraja Isaya Mwila graduated form four joined form five in Arusha, Kaini Kilango and Steven Mgovano both graduated form four joined Teacher's training college.

The school bus had an overhaul before the schools returned in September. The exceptionally bad roads caused a lot of damage to the under carriage and it was arranged that the Vocational Centre Mechanical students, under the strict supervision of Peter Fox and his experienced mechanics, replaced and strengthened much of the flooring. This bus is invaluable to transport the children to school and runs 16km a day. It is also used for medical trips to the hospital if needed and the occasional special outings for the children.

2020 (2019)	CV BOYS	CV GIRLS	LOCAL BOYS	LOCAL GIRLS	TOTAL
PRE-SCHOOL	8 (7)	6 (6)	23 (23)	22 (26)	59 (60)
PRIMARY SCHOOL	11 (18)	9 (15)	12 (11)	3 (2)	35 (46)
SECONDARY SCHOOL	6 (0)	8 (1)	0 (5)	1 (6)	15 (12)
UNIVERSITY	2 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (2)	4 (2)
TOTAL	24 (25)	25 (22)	35 (39)	26 (35)	113 (121)

THE VOCATIONAL CENTRE

Although under the FCWCT umbrella, the vocational centre is independently run allowing our own ICV students to train free of charge. One group, the Student Car Mechanics, have recently had an exciting and rare opportunity. Peter Fox, along with his experienced mechanics, fabricators, and builders, were converting ex-Army Land Rovers chassis cabs into vehicles for safari game drives. The process was to convert these bullet proof snatch 2A 110's (wheelbase) vehicles into longer 130 chassis cabs.

Peter saw that these students were rather short of practical material to give them enough experience on vehicles. What better experience could they get! It was a huge job benefiting the students. Not many student mechanics get the opportunity to completely strip these vehicles, stretch the chassis, respray, reinstate the parts, replace the engine, test, add a canopy and seats on all these vehicles! Peter Fox was hands on with his expert mechanics making sure all students were taught correctly and did the job to a high standard.



HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Volunteers:

Dr Leena Pasenan arrived in Mufindi in October 2019 – March 2020 and spent those busy months giving medical care not only in the ICV but also visiting hundreds of patients in Outreach within the 16 villages in the area.

With one child, it took a village to decide how to help her, whose mother had died, her father had broken his hip and was staying away from their home at his brother's leaving the children alone, and on inspecting there no food was found. The decision was made by Dr Leena, the ICV Social Welfare Officer, The local Village Charman, Head of the Primary School and Susan Vincent, who had alerted the authorities of this young girl's plight, for her to be moved to the ICV where she would be well cared for. Her older sister went to stay with neighbours.



Susan Vincent, Joseph Social Welfare Officer and the Girl



The Neglected Girl's House



Dr Leena assessing very ill patient

Ella Hirsiaho from Finland visited again in October, made herself very useful in helping with the very young children at the Baby House, sewing and mending clothes, taught the older children how to make notebooks, and in general helping around the ICV, Also taking many photographs for media posts. The Gallery of photos, notebooks and other items in her home country is continuing to do well, proceeds from which provided the children with wellington boots.



Our Finnish medical volunteer, Dr Alexandra, also revisited from October to December together with all her family. She made numerous outreach visits to villagers who were previously assessed by the Home Base Care Team in most need of medical attention. Our on-site clinic, The Luhesela Clinic, with Nurse Sijali together with Dr Alex when she visits, continues to provide the crucial facilities needed to address the medical care of children, the clinic is also open to local villagers.



Unfortunately, because of the Corona Virus Pandemic, the Dentists Without Borders were unable to get a team together. In 2019, Kristina, Marie, Camilla and Ulf from Sweden, inspected 4,500 children in two weeks, treating many at the Mdabulo Deinstal Clinic and Sam Sofya followed on to carry out many treatments at the Mdabulo Dental Clinic, built by FCWCT.

Milk Powder Programme:

This programme continues to save the lives of those babies whose mothers are unable to feed them and, most of whom, until this program started, were feeding babies a thick porridge-like drink known as Uji, which is totally unsuited. Apart from the babies at the Children's Village who are on this programme there were several from the surrounding area which were signed on through the charities outreach work. Some babies were helped whilst their mothers were ill. The Milk Powder Programme is kindly sponsored by St Pius Church in Bristol, UK.

MONTHS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
CV boys	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
CV girls	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
Local boys	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	-
Local girls	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Total 2020	7	9	10	9	8	7	7	8	7	6	5	4



Freddy



John



Pendo

Igoda Clinic:

On the 5th August the Regional and District Commissioners came to officially open the Igoda Clinic, complete with a Maternity Suite, which will serve the surrounding area! This clinic has been generously sponsored together with all the equipment for the maternity unit.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

17 Home base care volunteers continue to visit villagers in the Ihanu, Mdabulo and Luhunga wards in the district. The volunteers receive regular training in first aid and keep up with advising villages to continue their hospital visits for HIV/Aids testing and treatment. They also assess who may need a visit by a visiting doctor if they are unable to reach the local hospital, which for them might be a long way to go with the limited transport facilities. Individual reports are submitted to the HBC leader, who consolidates the information and reports back to the NGO.

AGRICULTURE:

Chicken Project: At the beginning of the year 102 mixed breed chickens were donated by generous sponsors through OITW Golden Giving. The eggs will provide important protein for the ICV, manure will enhance the production of vegetables and some chickens will be allowed to produce chicks for the occasional meat dish. The staple dish for Tanzania is Ugali (maize meal) or rice with beans and green vegetables.

Garden: The Children's Village own garden and poly-tunnel (Greenhouse) was again cultivated throughout the year and proved yet again an important sustainable source of nutrition for the children, as well as a cost saving on the NGO's own food bill! The table below shows a summary of the harvested produce.

FULL YEAR CV PRODUCTION 2020			
YIELD MONTH	PRODUCE	PRODUCTION	YIELD
Mar - Dec	Eggs	Chicken-Hatch	4,515 eggs
Jan - Mar	Vegetables	Poly-tunnel	2,220 pcs
Apr - Jun	Vegetables	Garden	840 pcs
Jul - Dec	Vegetables	Poly-tunnel & Garden	1,358 pcs
May - Jul	Avocados	Garden	4,153 pcs
Jun - Oct	Carrots	Poly-tunnel	89 kg
Jul	Beans	Garden	147 litres
Nov	Potatoes	Garden	1,444 litres
Dec	Maize	Garden	202 litres
Dec	Cabbage	Poly-tunnel	42 pcs



Beans



Chard



Lettuce



Maize



Avocados

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Zilipa Mgeni has completed her trainee management and is now our full time Children's Village Manager. Fausta Fawili is the accountant and was on maternity leave towards the end of the year and to enable the efficiency of the workload, Uzia has joined the staff and is now the Healthcare Officer. The ladies are very efficient and enjoying their work.



Zilipa – Children's Village Manager



Fausta – Accountant



Uzia – Healthcare Officer

Local Visitor's Donations:

Peter Choggo from Mdabulo donated 20 Litres of beans (RC Church); Mother of Kiyasile visited with 2 bags of clothes for children; Salimu Sameja donated blankets, biscuits, chocolate and sweets; Kashinde Remmy donated 48 toothbrushes; Dr. Alexandra donated funds, food, sweets, biscuits for Christmas party, and also items for the new social room; Jema and Mbagule (TAG Church from Luhunga village) donated 20 kg of rice for Christmas; Imran Abbas generously donated for ICV house number 2 children.



Blankets from Salimu Sameje

Social Room: to give the older children more space to do their homework and provide somewhere to relax, a Social Room has been made using the old sewing room that had been unoccupied for a while. This was funded by an individual Triathlon challenge completed in the UK during lockdown, Dr. Alex's Family and Geoff Fox. An old sofa was repaired and recovered. The large old table was sanded and varnished also an old bookshelf was rejuvenated and painted with a variety of different, colourful flags. Curtains were made. Rugs, tables, chairs, a radio/CD player and a refurbished TV were bought. Having already achieved so much Dr Alex and her family still found time to the help the older children from the Children's Village set to cleaning, mending, sanding, painting and getting the room ready to open just before they were due to leave for Finland.



Preparing to paint the flags



Assessing the old sofa to cover



Final cleaning



Celebration Party

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION:

Mwagusi Safari Camp continues to support the Foxes' Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust (FCWCT). The initiative aims at addressing multifaceted components of poverty and the environment. They have already removed well over 11 thousand snares and so far, planted 30 thousand locally indigenous forest trees (as at end of 2019). The project currently focuses on the facilitation of ongoing ecological monitoring by deploying locally trained anti-poaching units into the scarp forests of Mufindi. Venturing into the forests from four forward operating bases, patrol teams are adept at monitoring both human activities/impacts and the presence/absence of native wildlife. A heavy focus lies in the removal of snares and traps used in illegal poaching activities. Ongoing monitoring provides a strong baseline for appropriate law enforcement and forest management practices, safeguarding the ecological and economic values that these forests yield to local communities and stakeholders.



PARTNERS, SPONSORS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Last but by no means least, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of those people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make all of this happen by supporting us both financially and physically, we couldn't do without their combined efforts and generous time.

In 2020 we were delighted to have received donations, during these difficult times enabling the Children's Village to keep going, from:

- African Book Box (Canada) <https://www.africanbookbox.org/>
- Daniele and Christoph Berglar Foundation (Germany): <https://www.berglarfoundation.com/>
- Mufindi Orphans (USA/Canada) <https://www.mufindiorphans.org/>
- Mufindin Ystävät (Finland) <https://www.mufindinystavat.net/>
- Mufindis Vänner (Sweden) <https://de-de.facebook.com/groups/Mufindis-v%C3%A4nner-1558293051054955/>
- Orphans in the Wild (UK) <https://orphansinthewild.org/>
- Sacred Heart & St Pius Xth (UK) <https://www.sacredheart-stpius-clifton.org/>
- The Explorations Company (UK) <https://www.explorationscompany.com/>

There were also many other donations and gifts from groups and individuals too many to mention by name, but nevertheless so very important and appreciated for supporting the Children's Village

We are only able to operate this charity and give vulnerable children and foster families in Mufindi a chance of a brighter future through your generous donations. To help support our work, please use any of the links above - depending on the region you are in you will be able to claim a taxable donation. If you are in the UK, you may also use <https://www.goldengiving.com/charity/orphansinthewild>.

For regular news happening in Mufindi please follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/OrphansInTheWild>

To every donor, volunteer, and supporter, we thank you for
continuing to make this happen!

From all of us here at Foxes Community and Wildlife
Conservation Trust, the children of the Igoda Children's Village,
and those community members benefiting from your
generosity - a huge

KARIBU SANA!

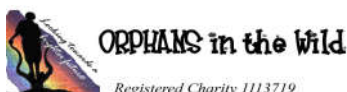


Signed: 

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Appendix A: STATISTICAL DATA OF PATIENTS VISITED BY HOME BASE CARE TEAM IN 13 VILLAGES JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

DISEASE/DEFORMITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HIV/AIDS	87	85	82	100	72	78	80	106	110	103	92	116
Tuberculosis	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	2
Mossy Foot	37	38	39	41	36	32	37	39	34	39	34	32
Marasmus	1	2	0	7	5	7	4	6	4	8	8	3
Malnutrition	2	7	7	15	17	15	3	1	2	4	4	9
Milk Powder Referrals	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Wheelchair Users	10	10	9	11	9	10	8	11	12	14	12	12
Bed Ridden	15	16	14	11	9	8	16	13	10	13	16	13
Epilepsy	10	14	13	21	21	17	13	7	10	18	25	30
Cleft Lip	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Mentally Confused	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2
Bow Legged	1	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	4	5	5	8
Amputees	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Wounds	11	11	5	11	16	9	17	16	15	11	17	11
Children from CV	9	8	8	7	8	4	4	7	5	7	5	9
Hernias	6	7	7	4	4	6	5	5	2	6	6	5
Eye Problems	4	9	7	21	24	20	23	6	5	12	30	24
Deaf	10	10	11	11	10	9	6	1	3	5	15	10
Dumb	9	9	9	10	8	5	3	2	3	6	13	11
TOTAL	217	235	220	280	248	229	229	230	226	258	288	314