

Assessment Summary



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Maarifa ni Ufunguo

Date assessed: March 2014

Established
1999

Budget
786,000 Tzs

Based in
Arusha

Priorities
Integrated childhood
development

Maarifa ni Ufunguo ('Knowledge is the Key') was formed in 1999 with the aim of advocating for equitable, accessible, affordable, good quality education for all. Maarifa believes that good quality education is the best and most reliable means for an individual's development, and focuses on the poor and marginalised in Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Manyara. The organisation grew out of a meeting when education stakeholders convened to discuss concerns around education, including a lack of motivation amongst education professionals. They developed a good reputation with strengths in research, policy analysis and advocacy. Between 2007-2013 Maarifa implemented a girls education programme managed by Action Aid and funded by Comic Relief. In 2014 their largest grants have come to an end, and the organisation is currently planning how to move forward. Their aim is to focus solely on Early Childhood Development, especially nutrition, health, education and child rights protection.

To date, approximately 560 children per year have benefited directly in rural Moshi for 4 years running and 650 children in 14 ECD centres in Longido district. There are also a substantial number of indirect beneficiaries including teachers, parents, village leaders, ward leaders and district leaders.

Summary from Assessors



Overall both of the Assessors were impressed by Maarifa ni Ufunguo. They found they had a good track record of meeting their goals and had established good relationships with everyone from their target communities, to national partners, to international donors. They noted that the staff were young and did not have much experience, but that they were positive about the organisation, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable.

● Assessed ● High potential ● Accredited

Recommendations

- ✓ Develop a fundraising strategy
- ✓ Develop child protection and anti-corruption policies
- ✓ Strengthen current project activities

Decision

The Assessment Panel advised Molly's Network that Maarifa ni Ufunguo are operating effectively and efficiently, and are therefore an Accredited organisation.



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