

# Assessment Summary



**molly's**  
NETWORK

## Malaika Kids

Date Re-assessed: March 2016

Established  
**2004**

Budget  
**415,750,000**  
Tzs

Based in  
**Dar es Salaam**

Priorities  
Child welfare,  
especially in shelter, food  
and nutrition

Malaika Kids was initially founded to support orphaned children, many who had lost their parents to AIDS. It started on a very small scale with Mama Najma taking children into her own home in Kinondoni, and has grown since to offer three core services: a Children's Village in Mkuranga, a Reception Home in Kinondoni, and Relative Support across Dar es Salaam.

The Children's Village currently caters for 73 children aged 2-17. Children often come from difficult backgrounds before arriving at the Village, and the staff emphasise the importance of letting them know they are now loved and cared for. The Reception Home is a holding home in Dar. Before the children are taken to the Village, Malaika Kids makes every effort to relocate their family or relatives. Where possible the children will go back and live in their family homes. Children stay at the Reception home for 6-9 months, and if there has been no success by then, they are moved to the village. Children are referred by Social Welfare and hospitals; they are never taken from the street or through referrals by individuals or other institutions. Finally, Relative Support provides aid to destitute families and others in need, for example with medical and educational needs. There are currently 63 children that Malaika supports across Dar es Salaam in this way.

### Summary from Assessors



The Assessors were extremely impressed with the work that Malaika Kids is doing with their children and the reputation that they have amongst beneficiaries, community and staff. Programmatically they are very strong. Where Malaika Kids is not so strong is in the organisational governance management. For example, their finances are managed by staff without a financial background and their Board Chairman is the same person as the Executive Director, who is also the only signatory.

● Assessed ● High potential ● Accredited

### Recommendations

- ✓ Develop a growth strategy
- ✓ Strengthen financial management systems
- ✓ Create an Independent Board in Tanzania

### Decision

After reviewing the rapid assessment, The Assessment Panel recommended that Malaika Kids become an Almost-Accredited member, in the hope that in six months they can become an Accredited organisation.



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