



ANNUAL REPORT

2020



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Songea's Kids Community,

2020 was a year filled with hope, joy and challenges. Yet, with your support, we were able to continue our mission to build hope and transform lives of the orphans, vulnerable children and their communities in Songea and Lutukira.

2020 began with the joy of a young child named Juma, who joined the Songea's Kids program and received a life changing prosthetic that took him from crutches to the soccer field. With the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic, with your support, we were able to maintain our focus on safe shelter, food, clothing, health care and education, and also move quickly to address this new challenge to keep the kids and their communities safe.

At Hope Village, we completed construction of the Rotary Health Care Dispensary and the Masonry Vocational Training classroom, and drilled a new water well that provides solar pumped water into both new buildings. The dream of quality health care and educational opportunity came closer to fruition.

As 2020 came to a close, our co-founder, Linda Hines, announced her retirement as President, and her move into her new role as Chair of our Advisory Board, where she focuses on ways to deepen our impact.

In this report, you will read some of the many stories of lives transforming, of communities being strengthened, and hope transcending despair and poverty. We believe in the future and are so grateful to you, our community.

Sherie Valderrama

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President

OUR MISSION

We partner with Tanzanian NGOs to help impoverished children and villagers break the cycle of poverty and lead productive lives.

SAFE SHELTER - CLEAN WATER
FOOD - HEALTH CARE - EDUCATION



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OUR IMPACT IN 2020

COVID-19 PREVENTION

In 2020, COVID-19 presented the world with challenges on a massive scale. Our Songea's Kids community responded to the crisis and helped us to protect the children, their caretakers and their communities. The Sammamish Rotary and private donors provided critical funding to protect and save lives. In Songea, our local NGO partner, Jirani Mwema, distributed training materials in KiSwahili, provided home-based hygienic systems to each child's home, and trained their sewing cooperative to create face masks for distribution to children, their caretakers and their communities.

Thankfully, our kids, their caretakers and community remained safe.



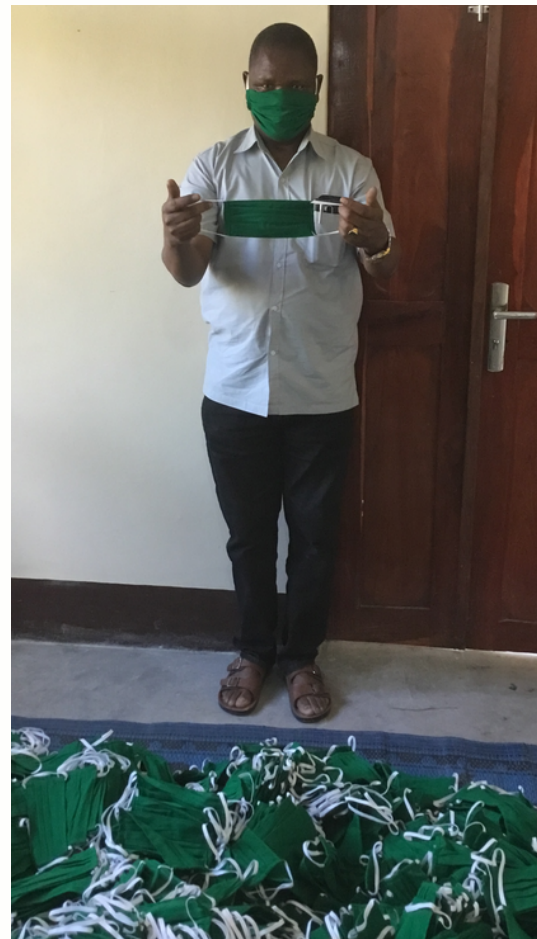
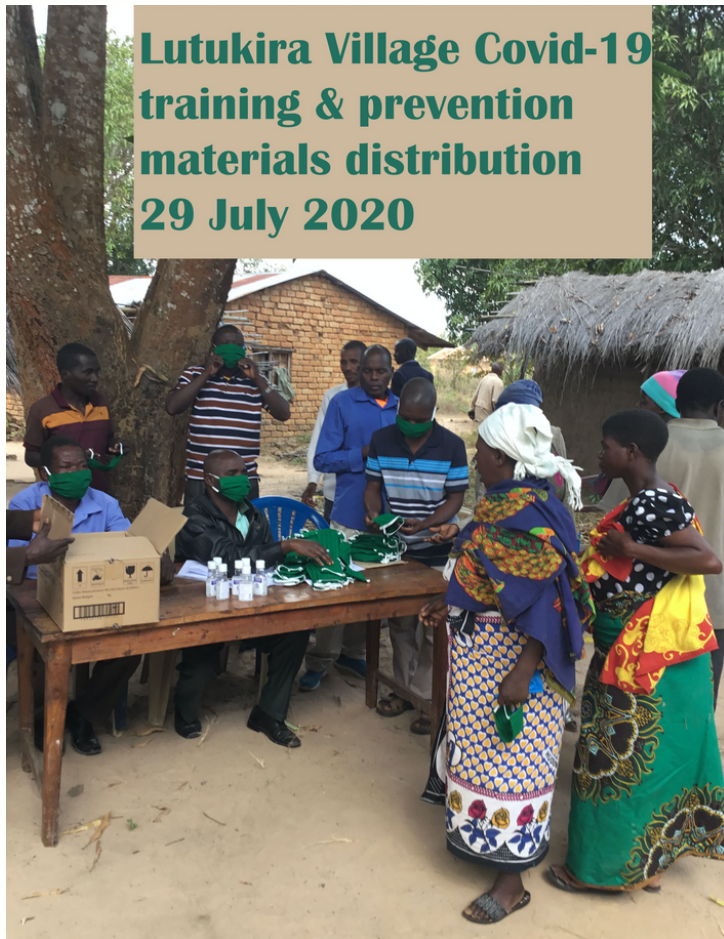
Pictured above: Catherin washes her hands at the new hygienic station at her home.

Left: Exaudi receives COVID-19 prevention training.

OUR IMPACT IN 2020

COVID-19 PREVENTION

Hope Village Organization, our local NGO partner, with a generous grant from the Sammamish Rotary Club, launched a community outreach program to villages throughout the Madaba District to provide COVID-19 prevention training and PPE. As part of the grant from the Rotary, Hope Village Organization purchased sewing machines and organized local village women to create a sewing cooperative that produced 7000 face masks for distribution.



Above left: HVO staff provides training and distributes PPE to villagers in Lutukira.

Above right: HVO CEO, Nashon Kikalao, shows the 7000 face masks produced by the local village women as part of the grant from the Sammamish Rotary Club.

OUR IMPACT IN 2020

SONGEA ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROGRAM

Songea's Kids partners with Jirani Mwema, a local Tanzanian NGO, to build hope and transform lives of orphans, vulnerable children and their communities. USA child sponsors make it possible for us to meet the basic and educational needs for each child, and strengthen their communities.



Above left: Rehema poses for a photo when receiving her monthly supplies.

Above top: Adam is laughing with school mates. Bottom left: Jackson smiling at his grandmother.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: JUMA'S STORY

Every now and then, something so extraordinary happens that it makes your heart burst with joy. During our trip to Songea in September 2019, while visiting a local primary school, we met a young child walking on crutches. We learned that one day, while he had been working in the field, he was bit by a snake, resulting in the amputation of the lower part of his leg. His headmaster pleaded that Songea's Kids bring him into our program. When we returned to the US, we sought out sponsorship for him and a very generous family agreed not only to sponsor him for his basic needs, but also to provide funds for a prosthetic. In 2020, Juma, who had been confined to the sidelines while his school friends ran on the soccer field, set down his crutches and joined the game. Visit our website at www.songeaskids.com to see a video of Juma taking his first steps without his crutches.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

MEETING BASIC NEEDS

In 2020, our USA child sponsors provided 65 kids with safe shelter, food, clothing, education and health care. In addition, 17 new kids in urgent need obtained sponsors.

When new kids join the Songea's Kids program, most live in extremely harsh conditions, lacking what we would consider to be essential: a safe home, a bed to sleep in, nutritious food to eat and basic health care to treat the many illnesses endemic to the area, especially malaria, which is a major cause of death for children under 5 years old. One widely recognized way to prevent malaria is by providing mosquito netting for children as they sleep.

Lazaki's Story

When Lazaki joined our program, he faced extreme food insecurity, lacked access to basic health care, and slept on the floor, with no bedding or mosquito netting to protect him from malaria. Thanks to his Songea's Kids sponsor, he now has three meals each day, clean clothing and shoes, a new bed with mosquito netting, and is able to see a doctor when ill. With the basic needs met, he is an avid learner in nursery school.



Above left, Lazaki in front of his home and left, sitting in the place on the floor where he slept prior to joining our program

Above, Lazaki in new clothes, seated on his new bed with blankets and mosquito netting.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

SAFE SHELTER: YASINI & HAMADI GET A NEW HOME

In 2020, the heavy rains destroyed the home of Yasini and Hamadi, two young boys in our program. As a result, we built a brand new home for them and installed a sanitary latrine.

Below left, side view of the destruction. Below right, Hamadi, Yasini and their mother review building plans. Bottom, their new home!



EDUCATION TRANSFORMS LIVES

We recognize that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, each child in our program is supported from pre-primary through secondary school or vocational training, and several have graduated from college and university. When graduating from our program, each young adult has the knowledge, skills and ability to support themselves and their future families. In 2020:

- Two university students are studying transport management.
- Four students in teacher's college, including three who obtained their diplomas in Fall 2020 and one who is expected to graduate in 2021.
- Four "A" level students, positioned to enter university in 2021
- 10 vocational school students studying carpentry, tailoring, welding, tailoring or plumbing, including four who graduated in December.
- 13 students are in secondary school, 23 in primary school, and 9 in pre-primary school.



HOPE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Since 2016, Songea's Kids has partnered with Hope Village Organization to build a residential orphan haven where orphaned and abandoned children can live, grow and thrive in a nurturing environment. Once completed, Hope Village will have residential housing for 140 orphans, on-site health care, education and entrepreneurship opportunities.

It is no small task to build an entire village in a remote, impoverished rural area. However, with land donated by the villagers of Lutukira, pro-bono expertise donated by top Seattle-area architects and engineers, funds donated by many caring organizations and individuals, and time donated by countless volunteers, Hope Village is becoming a reality!

- The Hope Village Rotary Health Care Dispensary is fully constructed, furnished and equipped, and ready to meet the health needs of villagers in the Madaba District.
- The Hope Village Masonry Classroom is fully constructed, furnished and equipped, and it is working on the government certification approvals required for opening.
- Hope Village constructed a second deep water well that uses solar power to pump water into the new buildings.
- Hope Village installed solar panels to provide electricity to the new buildings
- External, modern latrines were constructed



HOPE VILLAGE ROTARY HEALTHCARE DISPENSARY



Early diagnosis and treatment prevent deaths from such illnesses as malaria, typhoid, cholera, HIV/AIDs and others. The Hope Village Rotary Health Care Dispensary will provide comprehensive, life saving health care to the community.

- Facility has 12 fully equipped rooms, including a birthing center, laboratory, pharmacy, reception and patient treatment rooms
- First health care facility to meet the prevention, diagnostic and treatment needs of the poorest villagers in the region
- Specialized Birthing Center provides pre-natal, delivery and post-natal care to promote healthy mothers and babies



HOPE VILLAGE MASONRY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CLASSROOM



The Hope Village Masonry Vocational Training Class will provide local village youth with the opportunity to gain valuable skills to support themselves and their future families, breaking the cycle of poverty. A key part of the curriculum for the masonry students will be the practical application of their learning by helping with construction of future Hope Village buildings.



HOPE VILLAGE WATER PROJECT

Phase One of the Hope Village Masonry was completed in 2020. This project was funded by the Sammamish Rotary and several Seattle area Rotary Clubs, Living Water, Friends of Tanzania, and many other generous individual donors. In 2016, the first well was drilled and gifted to the local villagers of Lutukira, who provided the land for Hope Village. For the first time, they had access to clean water and no longer needed to walk miles to bring water to their homes for cooking and washing.

In 2017, the first well at Hope Village was drilled, providing clean, hand pumped water onsite.

In 2020 a third well was drilled and a solar pump installed to provide clean, piped water into the Rotary Health Care Dispensary and the Masonry Vocational Training Classroom.

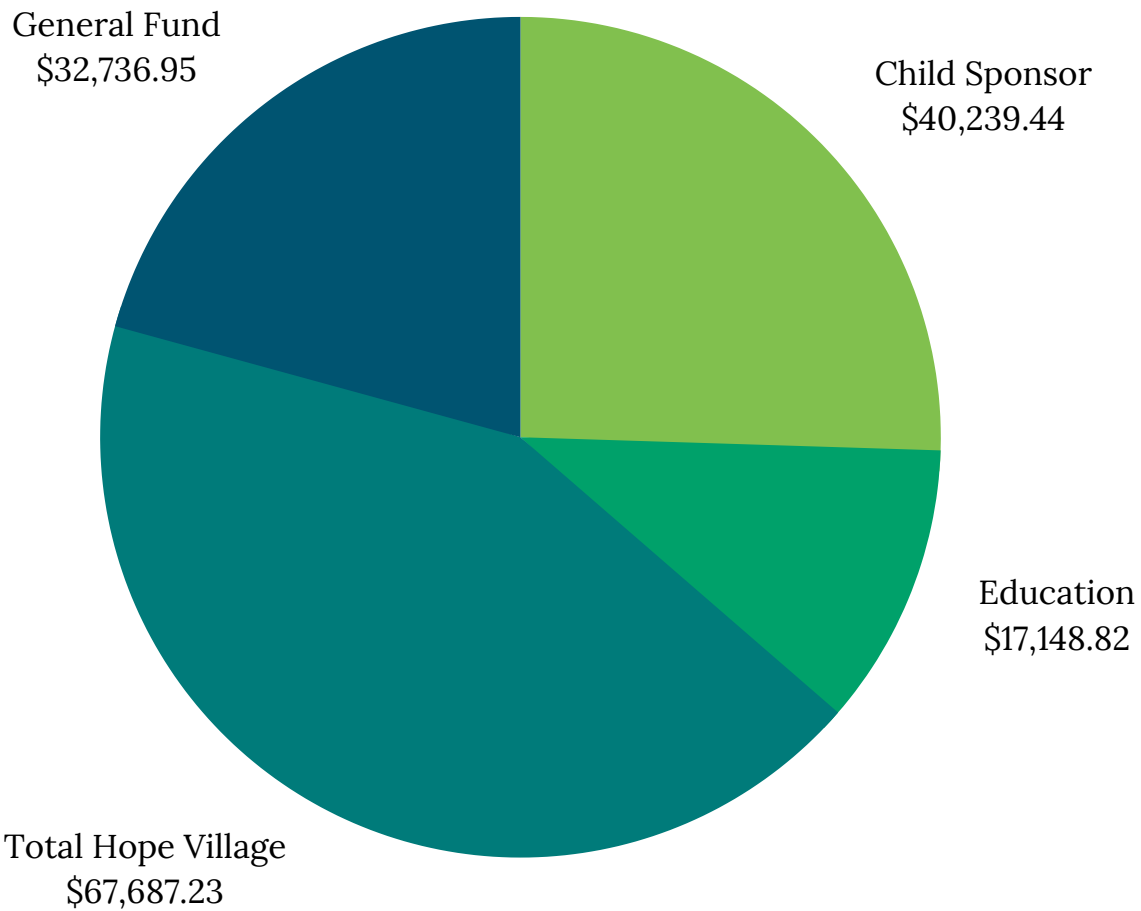


HOPE VILLAGE LEVERAGES LOCAL RESOURCES IN CONSTRUCTION

Hope Village makes use of local materials and labor for construction, and to harness the power of the sun for electricity and pumped water. From the bricks constructed on-site that use local soil and a minimum of cement, to the solar energy that pumps water into the buildings and the solar panels that provide electricity, Hope Village Organization and the pro-bono team of architects and engineers leverage local resources for both sustainability and to provide employment opportunities to local villagers.



SONGEA'S KIDS 2020 INCOME

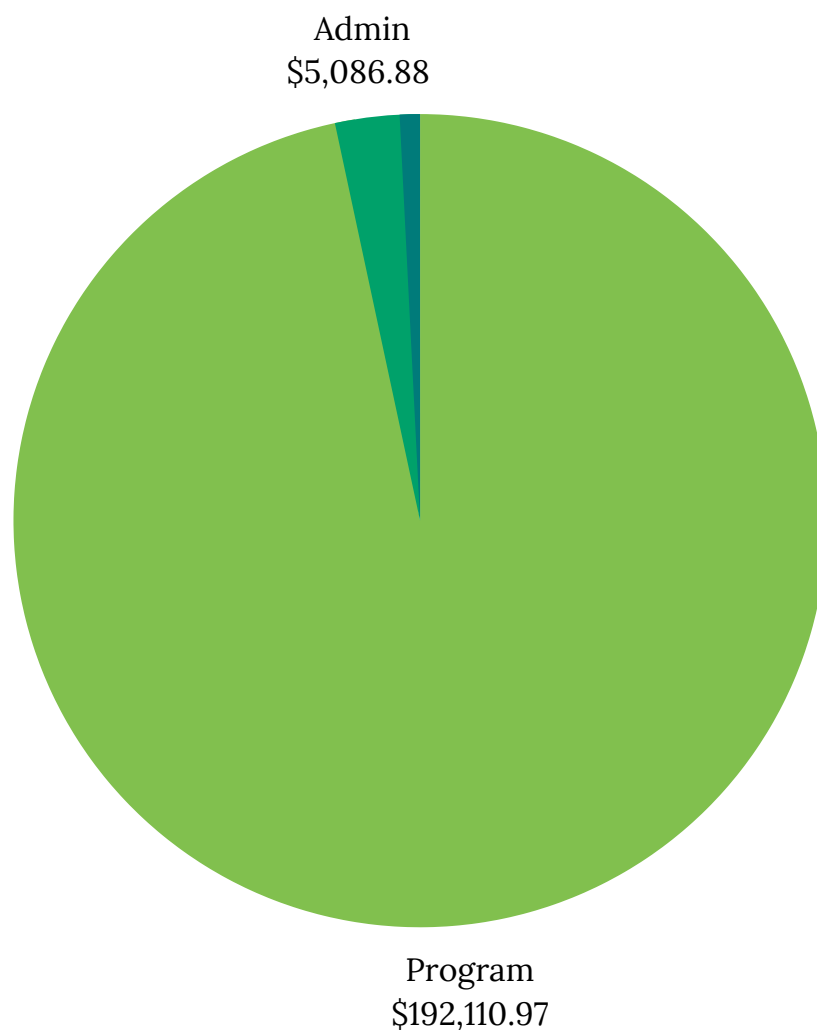


Total Income = \$ 157,182.44

Songea's Kids Income/Donations: 2020				
	Total Income*	% of Total Income		
Child Sponsor	40,239.44	25%		
Education	17,148.82	11%		
Total Hope Village	67,687.23	43%		
General Fund	32,736.95	21%		

97% of donated funds went directly to fund our programs

SONGEA'S KIDS 2020 EXPENSES



Total Expense = \$ 198.791.45

Songea's Kids Expenses: 2020			
		Total Expense*	% of Total Expense
Program		192,110.97	97%
SK Admin		5,086.88	3%
Fundraising		1,593.60	1%
		198,791.45	

Total Expense excludes \$14,893 of donated professional service

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THANK YOU TO OUR SONGEA'S KIDS VOLUNTEERS

Songea's Kids is an all-volunteer, non-profit based in Sammamish, Washington, USA. Our work would be impossible without the many talented people devoting hundreds of hours each year to help accomplish our mission and keep our overhead costs low. If we unintentionally misspelled or omitted your name, please accept our apologies and let us know. ASANTE SANA!

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Through your generosity, Songea's Kids is able to make a difference in the lives of the orphans, vulnerable children and their communities. You are making a difference in the lives of so many in need, and helping to break the cycle of poverty. ASANTE SANA!

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LETTER FROM LINDA HINES, CO-FOUNDER TO THE SONGEA'S KIDS COMMUNITY

Some changes are underway at Songea's Kids. I have been privileged to be part of the leadership team of Songea's Kids from its earliest beginnings in 2008. I decided now is the time to resign as President and instead serve as Chair of the Songea's Kids Advisory Board. The newly elected President Sherie Valderrama and the outstanding members of the Board of Directors that she has recruited have a depth of experience in developing countries and the ability to envision how this organization can meet urgent needs in our changing world. I will continue to support Songea's Kids financially and offer advice that might be helpful. As I approach my 80th birthday, I look forward to spending time with family members, growing Nebraska native prairie flowers for birds, butterflies and bees, and visiting and hiking with friends in many places. Thank you for your amazing support over the years. Please continue to work with our new leaders and ensure a strong future for Songea's Kids and the many people whose lives we touch.



LETTER FROM LINDA HINES, (CONTINUED)

It has been an exciting, fulfilling journey since I first became aware of the desperate plight of orphans and vulnerable children in southern Tanzania in 2008, and then in 2009 made my first of 8 trips to Songea and later Lutukira. My view of the world expanded greatly as I walked beside and listened to the villagers and leaders in that area and viewed firsthand great poverty and lack of opportunity for so many orphans, vulnerable children and villagers. I am grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality of so many people in Africa over the years, including our NGO partners Jirani Mwema and Hope Village Organization.

They shared their hopes for the future of their children and are working hard to meet the urgent needs they described. It has been an honor to work with so many dedicated USA volunteers who have shaped and shared our mission and vision and help make them a reality, including many BOD members, outstanding professional architects and engineers, and our generous donors. Because of you, this organization has accomplished more than anyone dreamed possible." ---Linda,
September 2020

**Thank You, Linda for
Building Hope & Transforming Lives**

OUR 2021 GOALS

HOPE VILLAGE



- Open the Hope Village Health Complex Rotary Dispensary (Opened April 8th, 2021)
- Register first class at the Hope Village Masonry Classroom
- Support Hope Village Organization's planning for future orphan housing, additional training facilities, agricultural and enterprise development

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Identify sponsors for 5 new children in urgent need of safe shelter, food, clothing, education and health care

EDUCATION TRANSFORMS LIVES

- Build scholarship program to fund college and university for 4 students.
- Develop formal tutoring program for students struggling academically
- Establish a mentoring program to help students make the transition from academic to professional life.