

# THE SHADOW FOR YOUNGSTERS FOUNDATION (THE SHAYO FOUNDATION)

## PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORTING “KIGOMA ORPHANAGE CENTRE” (K.O.C)

### I. SUMMARY PRESENTATION

#### 1. **History and Profile of KIGOMA ORPHANAGE CENTRE:**

By genesis. **Kigoma Orphanage Centre (KOC)** was founded as a charity based voluntary organization established in Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal since 2019 and working towards development, reduce stigma, poverty and marginalisation of the poorest orphaned and unaccompanied children, discriminated against and unprotected. It was our belief that the support of orphanages to provide homes where destitute children can be nurtured and given sound human principles, affordable health care and a decent education should be our concern as citizens.

There is strong evidence that the early years of life play a major role in a child's development. Risk factors for poor development include poor maternal nutrition, lack of stimulation and learning opportunities, and exposure to violence, but protective factors such as breastfeeding and maternal education can reduce these negative effects. Over 40% of children less than five years in Tanzania are experiencing developmental delays which may become irreversible. So, investments in pre- primary in Tanzania would be an effective means of ensuring that all children will be prepared to start primary school at the right age and to combat the current primary drop out (12.2%) and repetition rates (14%).

Currently and Since 2022, Kigoma Orphanage Center (KOC) is coming Community Development Program lead and running by “**The Shadow for the Youngsters Foundation**” (**Shayo Foundation**) as a local registered Non Government Organization (NGO).

The main goals and objectives of The Shayo Foundation are not limited to the following:

- Providing support and opportunity to orphans and destitute children careered and fostered at Kigoma Orphanage Centre (KCO) and in other home and hospices for homeless and street children;

- Provide food, shelter and education support to orphans destitute children. Currently, about 57 orphans are accommodated and deserved by the organization at KOC in Kigoma /Ujiji Municipal;
- Provision of medical care and health services to the entire accommodated 57orphans including KOC Staff members; etc.
- Imparting moral value to children for self-reliance while at Kigoma /Ujiji

Kigoma region is among the poorest area in Tanzania country with many orphans and people living with HIV/AIDS, School drop-out and out-of-school children. Due to poverty and lack of family cohesions, polygamy and abandonment in the communities, many of them lost their parents and extended families; they had to assume a parental role for their younger brothers and sisters while they were still children themselves. The Government of Tanzania and many of Non-Government Organizations does not have specific strategies to find a solution to the country's Child headed households-one. Many voluntary families fostering orphans are living without incomes to purchase food or water sanitation equipment. Often, they have to wait for donations, leaving many to suffer and many orphans have deserted their schooling to fulfil their other responsibilities and many resulted into unwanted pregnancies.

The children dropped out schools, others become street children, others are violated, and others are separated with their parents, became drug abusers and are now in conflict with the law committing such crimes like lobbbers, violent and late if actions are not undertaken will become gangsters and murders in the community.

This therefore raises a need to motivate local volunteers to foster these children and to work together for a brighter future to their Children who are vulnerable because there is lack of enough care takers. In addition, the community lacks local initiatives to promote The Orphanage Initiatives in the community due to limited capacity, ignorance and lack of similar service in the community. To end the above-mentioned challenges KOC Initiative and program undertook a long-life project with aim to promote Early Orphans' Childhood Development.

Our organization has taken the initiative to care for the OVCs because their distant families have abandoned most of them, lack parental care and face many other difficult problems. This Orphanage Center aims at offering the Early Childhood Development (ECD) services to Orphans' children as well as empowering the community which emphasis on orphans of Kigoma region; this include providing them with food, clothes, shelter/housing, medical services as well as good hygiene and education among other basic needs.

Orphans' Children will be provided with education from nursery and others ECD Catch up programs and this will enable them to obtain ECD necessary services and skills to promote ECD in the community. Counselling services are and will continue to be provided to most Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) to reduce on their worries about the future so that they can be able to work and accomplish their goals in life.

**2. KOC Legal Status:**

- Establishment date: 2019
- Recognizing date: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Recognizing Number: C.50/121/VOL-III/91

**3. Goal of KOC Program:**

KOC goal is improving the quality of life of the Orphans and Unaccompanied/Street Children through provision of feed/food, health, shelter, education and psychosocial support programs in Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal and surrounding villages and suburbs.

**4. KOC's Main Purpose:**

Enhancing life of Orphans and Unaccompanied/Street Children through education, guidance and parental care.

**5. Mission Statement of the Program:**

The mission statement of KOC is to reduce the suffering of the orphans and most vulnerable children, build their capacity through giving them love, care, education and vital and life activities to do so that they become productive and important in the society in the near future.

**6. KOC Governing Board:**

The Governing Board of The Shayo Foundation is structured into three major spheres:

- The Administrative Board,
- The Management Committee,
- The Programs' Technical and Supporting Staff.

The Shayo Foundationd Management Staff comprise:

- 1) The Coordinator: Jabir Halid Kigoda
- 2) The Executive Secretary: Kelvin Paschal Kulaya
- 3) The Treasurer cum Logistic Officer: Mwajuma Maduhu
- 4) Two Advisory Members: Maulidi Mangwa, Staley John Mulayi.

KOC's Technical and Supporting Staff is composed by Employees and Volunteers as well as following:

- 1) Matron: 1
- 2) Patron: 1
- 3) Social Worker cum Caregiverss: 2
- 4) Cookers: 2
- 5) Cleaners cum Laundry Workers: 2
- 6) Watchman: 1

**7. Project (KOC) Location:**

Kigoma Orphanage Centre is located at Kilimahewa Street, in Mwanga Kusini (South) Ward, Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal Council, in Kigoma region located in the western zone of Tanzania. The Zip Code of Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal, Mwanga Kusini ward is 17415. Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal is a town in Northwestern Tanzania, on the Northeastern shores of Lake Tanganyika and closed to border with Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo; It is also bordering with Katavi region in the South, Tabora and Shinyanga regions in the East, and Kagera region in the North.

#### **8. KOC Main Achievements & Assets:**

At the starting of our activities, we have already achieved and accomplished the following cores:

- 1) Our Orphanage Centre has Purchased an Owned Plot/Land (Plot No. 175 MD Block "A") with two Buildings that serve for: the Shelter/Dormitories for boys and girls, the Kitchen, the Dining room, the Store, External Toilets, and a small studio for the office premise;
- 2) Our Orphanage Centre has started with a total of 57 orphan's children, but and due to the small Accommodation Capacities and the un-reassured sources of funds, we are directly served 34 orphan's children;
- 3) Our Orphanage has a very limited living spaces and furniture;
- 4) We continue to provide food, counseling, health care and services, shelter, education support and other items to the orphans' kids at our Orphanage Centre;
- 5) We have acquired an Official and Legal Permit from the Local Government for the Opening and Running the Orphanage Centre;
- 6) Among the served Orphans' Kids, 32 are enrolled in different local Government/ Public Primary Schools and 2 are enrolled in Secondary Schools within Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal;
- 7) Our Orphanage Centre has also received good response and recognizing from the local communities who does not hesitate or refuse to join our effort to identify and rescuing the most poor and marginalized orphans' kids and to bring them at our Orphanage Centre regardless any consideration of religious, tribal/ethnic, social, nationality and physio-biological appurtenance and origins;

#### **9. Major Challenges & Current Needs of the Orphanage Center:**

The major and principal challenges that our Orphanage Centre is particularly facing are among others:

- 1) Lack of sufficient Building spaces to accommodate sufficiently all the Orphans' Kids and to respond and satisfy all increased demands from new comers' orphans;
- 2) Lack of means of transportation such as a "**School Van**" to facilitate the orphans' kids to attend the disseminated schools;
- 3) Insufficiency of accommodation facilities;
- 4) Lack of funds for hiring qualified staff and receiving/accommodating volunteers from overseas to serve at the Orphanage Centre;
- 5) We need to Acquire/Hire another additional Land Property near the Orphanage Centre for the Construction of a "**Small School Complex**" that will serve for The Nursery School, Training Centre, Tuitions, Kids Playing Grounds, Small Scale

- Micro-projects for the self-sustainability of the Orphanage Centre like poultry (layer chickens rearing) and gardening (vegetables production);
- 6) Insufficiency and rarity of availability of First Aid Medical Equipment and Supplies for the Orphanage Centre;
  - 7) Our Orphanage Centre do not have any Income Generating projects/activities for the Self-sustainability and financing of the Centre, like Poultry, Gardening, Agriculture and Farming projects, Handcrafting and Vocational Training programs for the Orphans' young children living at the Orphanage Centre.
  - 8) Our Orphanage Centre need to be equipped with a special room for the Teenage Hygienic Room, especially at the menstruation months or periods; And in other hands, we plan to start and run a Tailoring Vocational Training program for the production of Safe Re-Usable Pads for Girls and Safe Re-Usable Masks as well as for the protection and preventing of the COVID-19 contaminations at the Centre. The Health Prevention Programme is on the center of our mind to build a well-equipped kid.
  - 9) All the planned Economic Development and Income Generation projects/ activities are oriented to build the capacities of the children deserved by our Orphanage Centre, so them can use and continue to develop in their futures after the staying and living at the center. We need your support and assistance to help and growing a better generation.

## **II. ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

### **1. Project Title:**

**Supporting Kigoma Orphanage Centre (KOC).**

### **2. Project Location:**

This is an On-going Project that aims to cover and to be implemented for Orphans' Kids from 19 wards of Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal and Neighboring villages and suburbs of Kigoma region. The 19 wards are namely Buhanda, Businde, Bangwe, Kigoma, Katubuka, Mwanga Kaskazini, Mwanga kusini, Gungu, Kibirizi, Kitongoni, Machinjioni, Lubuga, Kasingirima, Rusimbi, Majengo, Mwasenga, Lukuga, Kichangachui and Burega.

### **3. Project Global Objectives:**

This project aims to cover the following: -

- To provide an opportunity to 34 orphans and destitute children to live in congenial atmosphere with parental love
- To provide food, shelter, education and clothing to 34 orphans and destitute children in Kigoma-Ujiji;
- To provide medical care to the entire accommodated 34 orphan children;
- To impart moral value to children for self-reliance while in Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal

### **4. Project Specific Objectives:**

- To improve the quality of life of the orphans and vulnerable children by expanding the existing Permanent Orphanage Home by hiring and purchasing an Additional Building for School/Education, Health care, Playing ground purpose for them;
- To train Care Givers in care giving skills to enable these Orphan's children get adequate care, love and support;
- To provide adequate Education Support to these Orphans' Children to make them good citizens and have a better future through good education right from a tender age;
- To create awareness to the community and enhancing outside world for the need to protect, promote, preserve and support the Orphans' children and most vulnerable children without families or parental relatives including their rights.

#### **5. Project Beneficiaries (Description/Overviews):**

The primary beneficiaries of the program are the targeted vulnerable groups of orphans' children who are affected due to the loss of their parents, and have no one to care for them; including abandoned, neglected and less fortunate children without recognized family relatives. Currently we are caring about 34 Orphans and OVCs, but in general we serv 57 Orphans. Due to the small and insufficient dormitories' accommodation capacities of the Orphanage we have negotiated with our members to fostering 23 remained orphans.

#### **6. Why Orphan Children are targeted?**

In Tanzania, there are approximately 4 million children under 14 who are not appropriately cared for (with Tanzania having a total population of 38 million people!). A big part of these children are orphans, many of which have lost their parents through AIDS. Others have been rejected by unmarried mothers, as children born by single mothers are socially not accepted in Tanzania, or because the single mothers are too poor to cater for the basic needs (such as nutrition) of their children. Even if the children still have both parents, they often left their homes because of extreme poverty of the parents, domestic violence, which is often caused by the parents' alcoholism or drug abuse, or because of being victims of witchcraft.

Many of these children live on the streets, trying to make a living through begging, stealing or prostitution. Street children can be seen wearing tattered cloth, walking alone or in small groups through the streets of cities such as Arusha or Moshi, sleeping in house entrances or primitive self-made shelters. Other children who don't have a family don't actually live on the streets, but with relatives or host families as "second class children", having to stand behind the host families' own children in terms of nutrition, accommodation and education. Whereas boys usually prefer to live on the streets, staying with other families is the typical option for girls. At their host families, they are often abused as "working slaves" and find themselves on the lowest position of society, often being the target of physical violence, humiliation and sexual abuse.

#### **7. Project Duration:**

As an On-going Project, the project activities' planning and budgeting shall be scheduled for a period of 12 months (one year). We intend to consider the civil and school calendar.

## 8. Project Total Costs: US\$ 93,144.55

## 9. Project History / Genesis:

The Members of “Kigoma Orphanage Centre” have firmly believed that the education and careering of our younger generation is of prime importance to check the onslaught of social evils. Besides in the last 3 years of its operations, the Board of **KO C** has engaged itself in undertaking comprehensive needs assessment surveys regarding communities and their way of life. From the surveys various inputs have poured in, which only entrenched our belief in education and the socio-economic suffering and the wonders it can create. There have been varied learning’s from the survey’s reports.

Some of the learning’s include:

They have been a huge drop-out and children of the streets as among move up the ladder of education. Orphans form the major chunk of the drop-outs and street phenomena as they are highly dependent on their relatives/guardians for their survival.

Most pitiable scenario is, the orphans’ children are not even considered as important citizens in the community of Tanzania (majority) and are denied for availing most of the government schemes applicable to them as they seldom possess any residential proof in case of complete orphans. Majority of the drop-outs orphans’ children are girls.

There is clear absence of towering personality who can guide the children to aim for better heights. Lack of teacher’s responsiveness has been a common complaint in majority of the ~~stabs~~ Absentee teachers and irresponsible village/ward or street committees are a common sight. Majority of the teachers do not live in the ward or streets/villages in which their school is situated.

With the above inferences in place, a thorough rejoin our strategies led us to envision our dream project **Kigoma Orphanage Centre** which can act as one stop solution for the problems prevailing by providing residential status and dignity to the orphans’ children and imparting quality education to the orphans and the under privileged children.

## 10. Project Problem Analysis: Justification and Program Description

Due to the recently ended decadent years dominated by HIV/AIDS and poverty impacts/effects across Tanzania country, so many children have been left homeless and there was increase in orphans with no body to take care for them. Most of these children were left with their poor grandparents and some are roaming on streets thus vulnerable to sexual exploitation and child labor.

Only 11% of urban births and 3.4% of rural births are registered, meaning that the majority of children are denied this basic right. Approximately 96% of the poor, the majority of whom are women, live in rural areas depend solely on locally distilled breweries. A UNICEF project document (2008) on orphans and vulnerable children indicates that approximately 2.1 million children in Africa rural areas are orphaned and of these, 80% come from poor families.

The child-headed household trend in some urban cities of Tanzania is such that rural or peripheral areas have 79.9%, of which 49.6% are male-headed and 30.3% are female-

headed. The trend in urban areas is that of the 20% child-headed households, 10.5% are male-headed whereas 9.6% are female-headed.

Children's vulnerability to poverty, adversity and HIV/AIDS is largely contextual but also indicative of the widespread situation in protecting them.

Tanzania currently has over 2 million orphaned children, the majority of whom were orphaned by the HIV/AIDS and other related diseases. The number of those orphaned by HIV/AIDS is expected to rise in the next decade and this will increase the risk of children turning to the streets, and becoming beggars and thieves.

The rise in the proportion of child-headed households and child laborers' means a rise in percentages of the illiterate, early pregnancies, and related consequences such as infant and maternal mortality rates, increased incidence of those who are infected by sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS, and drug abuse. While the Government will continue to increase spending on reproductive health services, it will also be losing valuable human resources. The cycle of child poverty will thus be passed on to next generation and become chronic. It is evident that the HIV/AIDS scourge is increasingly taking its toll on those who should otherwise be enjoying childhood in Tanzania.

A large proportion of deprived children have acquired psychopathological behavior, increasingly becoming involved in crime, drug abuse and violence. Many, too, are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and yet enter the labor market at very young ages, all of which seriously affects their growth and well-being. Children under this category experience extreme poverty, which is compounded household, community and national poverty.

A link between large/polygamous families with poverty, and the high level of household population (six to eight members), increases the difficulty of providing adequate coverage and quality of public services such as education, health and housing for families, especially for children. Poor health reduces the productive capacity of households and limits children's access to their basic needs.

The magnitude and complexity of the problem of child poverty in Tanzania is large and growing, and cannot be ignored when designing national development and poverty reduction strategies. Unfortunately, children and young people continue to be marginalized in spite of interventions, especially where assumptions are made that interventions that address adult and household needs are also good for all children, including boys and girls of school-going and non-school-going ages.

**Justification:**

The rationale for carrying out our survey on children in abject poverty particularly in Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal is based on the problems resulting from the fact that children in poverty are invisible, yet they constitute a disproportionately large section of the (poor) population. Children are subsumed within the most referred to poverty categories: households, communities and people; yet among these they always occupy a position of least power and influence, and focus tends to concentrate on adult-related poverty. Children are vulnerable to shocks and adversities and, consequently, are hardest hit by poverty. Given that childhood is the most crucial developmental period in an individual's lifetime, any damage at this stage can lead to a perpetuation of the cycles of poverty,



resulting in intergenerational and/or chronic poverty. Interventions such as universal primary education, and maternal and childcare mitigate against the monumental odds.

**Program Description:**

This program is to be expanded and more developed in Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal and surrounding villages & suburbs, Kigoma region, in Western Tanzania. The focus of KOC is to equip/performance the existing one Home Building and to acquire an Additional land and establish a real rehabilitation Centre for these Orphans' children, a home as well as a Complex Education Centre/school. In this program, KOC also seeks for funds to provide services required to achieve the objectives, mission and the goal in its mandate.

**11. Project Expected Outcomes:**

- It is expected that the number of orphans' beneficiaries shall increase from 34 to 50 pending the expansion and improvement of the facility.
- Improved quality of life of orphans & vulnerable children
- Improved nutritional status for orphans' children
- Good shelter access for the orphans' children
- Good quality self-sustaining education
- Improved health standards
- Moreover, the possibility of obtaining funds for its continuation will be explored through income generating programs, and local and foreign sources in order to sustain the Home.
- Beneficiaries will be provided with home, security, education and health care

**12. Project Activities' Components:**

**(a) Activity Component No. 1: KOC's Feeding**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

In order to reach our goal, we need to lay an important foundation. The Orphans' Children need legal care. Only if that is provided they have the right stay good life in the community. Our program target not only limited to shelter and childhood development, but also to providing and obtaining good balanced diet for each child per day comprises (Breakfast, Lunch and Supper); and providing them with other no-food items, including clothing, etc.

**(b) Activity Component No.2: Tuition and Education Support to Orphans**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

Currently and due to the increased number of orphans and new comers, our Orphanage Centre is over-populated, and many children do not even have sufficient places to play and a desk to sit during the tuition classrooms. As one can imagine the Orphanage Centre do not has library or reading room, etc...

➤ **Objectives:**

The main goal is expanding the existing orphanage center by acquiring an additional plot/property for the construction of Educational Complex Center for Orphans. We expect to improving the learning environment for all orphans enrolled at our Center.

➤ **Main Sub-Activities:**

The targeted new property is located about 50 meters from the residential orphanage and would be used for the educational and recreation purpose only: library, laboratory, playing / conference room, parking, and for other income generation projects such as gardening, poultry for the feeding and self-supporting of the orphanage center.

**(c) Activity Component No.3: Transportation Facilities**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

The orphans enrolled and living at our Orphanage Center come from different areas, some are very far. Despite the significant financial and socioeconomic barriers to the education, the orphans' children and youth of KOC are extremely motivated to daily attend schools in their home villages/wards, many walking well over three to five kilometers each way to school.

➤ **Objectives:**

To reduce the costs, time and other burdens spend by children during their walking from the Orphanage center to the school.

➤ **Main Sub-Activities:**

Acquiring one School Van for the Orphans' Children that should also be used as Ambulance in the emergency cases.

➤ **Needs & Budget:**

One VAN (Vehicle) with a capacity of at least 40 seats.

**(d) Activity Component No.4: Water, Electricity/Lighting and Sanitation**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

Kigoma region is in many ways underdeveloped. The infrastructure is poor; roads are in bad shape, there is no stability of electricity supplies or running water, and waste management is inadequate. The lack of water is a problem many households wrestle with. Even communities of Kigoma/Ujiji Municipal close to the Lake Tanganyika water source, but usually women and children have to walk long ways to bring home water. The time they spend on fetching water could be better spent doing something else. Children could go to school, and women could work more in the home or perhaps take a part-time-job to increase the family's income.

➤ **Objectives:**

Our goal is to have a reassured water source (spring/well) or water storage system (tank) at the orphanage center, and/or a permanent low-cost electricity supply.

➤ **Main Sub-Activities:**

- Rainwater harvesting and storage system
- Fitting-up a Solar Power Panel supply
- Drilling a Water well

**(e) Activity Component No.5: First Aid and Medical Treatments**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

There is need to cover the cost of restocking first aid kits at Kigoma Orphanage Center and providing first aid training to teachers and caregivers for one year. The KOC Health Program will provide health care and services to the 34 children staying at the Centre and other neighboring OVCs.

➤ **Objectives:**

Our aim is to improve the First Aid Cabinet that to be re-stocked on a monthly basis. The cabinet will be filled with bandages, ointments, rapid malaria tests, a thermometer, cold and flu medications, antibiotics to be administered under a doctor's supervision, antibacterial items, sanitary napkins, and other important items to prevent, test, treat illness, infection, and injury to orphans' children.

**(f) Activity Component No.6: Sports, Games and Recreation**

➤ **Situation Analysis:**

Orphans' Children and youths in the peripheral and remote areas here – especially at our Orphanage Centre and Surrounding wards – often have nothing to do during their spare time and usually they succumb to vices such as gambling and drinking. If this persist, this will create a negative impact to the community because when they become adults, the likelihood of being unproductive and prone to criminality will be high.

➤ **Objectives:**

Providing sports and games equipment and installing sports infrastructure in the open spaces at Kilimahewa Street that would channel the energy of orphans and vulnerable children to wholesome recreation. Engaging in sports will promote health, discipline, collaboration and cooperation among the children, much-needed ingredient for their success and the improvement of the community.

➤ **Needs:**

The program need sports equipment such as balls, bats, uniforms, chess boards, shoes and assorted educational toys to orphans' children and these coming impoverished families in order for the children to be healthy, productive, sports minded, disciplined and have a bright future.