

# CHEKA SANA FOUNDATION

## IMPACT REPORT

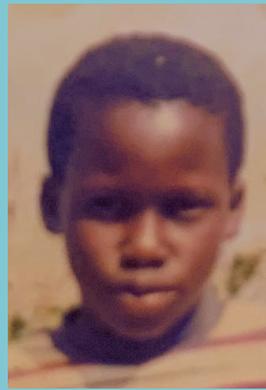
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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & THE HEAD OF FOUNDATION



Mr. Mutani Yangwe

As we progress through 2021, thousands of street-connected children and youth in East Africa are continuing to face the unprecedented threats of COVID-19. The pandemic has altered every aspect of their lives and turned their education, health, and livelihoods upside-down.

These children and families are more vulnerable than most to the effects of the pandemic, due to their daily experience of chronic poverty, discrimination and abuse; and their lack of access to education and health services.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our valued supporters, Cheka Sana Foundation UK raised more than £17,000 in 2020 to support these children. Our supporters (you!) are continuing to respond incredibly to the crisis by registering to our monthly giving scheme. A donation of just £5 a month supports us to provide vulnerable street children with life-saving food, clean water, vaccines, education, and a safe place to call home.

Our fundraising work continues with the ongoing Be In Their Shoes sleep-out campaign. Every single day in East Africa, three children find themselves forced to begin a life alone on the streets. Even those lucky few who are reunited with their families or find sanctuary off the streets will remember the violence, fear, and abuse they faced as street children for the rest of their lives.

By taking part in our sleep-out challenge, you will be helping street children in Tanzania or Uganda who are going through one of the worst ordeals imaginable.

No child should have to live on the streets alone.

Thank you to our volunteers and trustees for your outstanding work and constant dedication. Together we have made a huge difference for children this quarter.

COVID-19 is continuing to have a severe impact on street children's lives in East Africa and around the world. The Cheka Sana Foundation is still working tirelessly to support the most vulnerable street children, youth, and families in 2021 and far beyond.

We are here for every child always.

# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to enable and create positive, sustainable change in the lives of children living alone and at risk on the streets in East Africa's Cities (Mwanza, Tanzania and Kampala, Uganda).

By meeting the immediate needs of children living or working on the streets recognising the power and potential of every single child.

# OUR VISION

Our vision is embodied in three interwoven, inextricable areas:

- Protecting children on the streets
- Shifting local perception
- Holding governments responsible



# 4Q 2020/21 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

508

CHILDREN SUPPORTED THROUGH  
STREET OUTREACH SERVICES



32

Children and youth provided with medical support, including the provision of 55 Community Health Funds cards to children, youth and siblings

23

Children re-integrated safely with their families

91

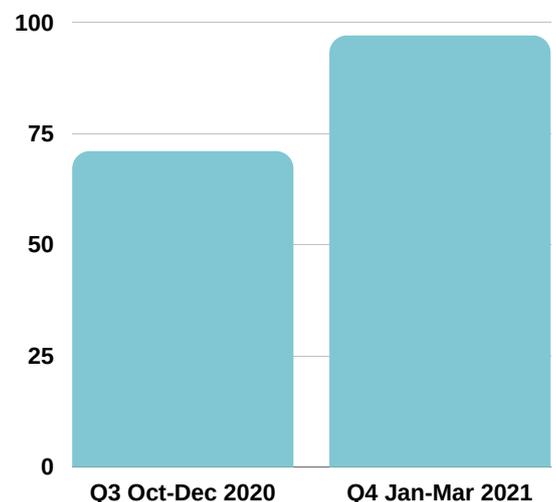
Children aged 9-14 received educational training in Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health

16

HIV+ street-connected children provided with nutritional support to help them adhere to their antiretroviral therapy medication.

155

Children and siblings provided with school support



37% increase in children newly enrolled to street outreach project since previous quarter

# STREET OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 23 mornings of direct street work with children
- 32 day street walk sessions.
- 24 night street walk sessions
- 13 hygiene sessions conducted at our Day Centre



# FAMILY REINTEGRATION WORK

- 14 children placed with a Fit Person in Ilemela District.
- 11 families have increased their income through our business support programme.

- 27 beneficiaries referred to HIV testing services.
- 23 children have been reunified with their families.
- 16 further children at our residential Centre are progressing well emotionally and socially, and preparations are being made for reunification with their families in the near future.
- Ongoing monitoring of caregivers adhering to ARVs
- 19 families experiencing domestic violence report significantly improved relationships through weekly therapeutic sessions.

# WORK AT OUR RESIDENTIAL SHELTERS

- 12 newly enrolled children provided with short-term shelter
- 31 children provided with medical support at the Centre
- 10 children reunified home to family after time at Centre
- 38 total children at Centre at end of quarter

## WORK WITH YOUTH LIVING AND WORKING ON STREETS

- 95 youths provided with life skills sessions in conflict resolution, cleanliness, WASH, HIV AIDS and COVID-19.
- We were also able to conduct 6 YLWS Dialogue session regarding responsible youth in the community, the negative impacts of drugs and conflict resolution.
- 20 youths took part in a camping activity at Bujora Sukuma Museum. activities including a life skills session, sport and games sessions, storytelling, and leadership games.
- 64 youths took part in a life skills session which aimed at increasing their knowledge of social and legal services.
- 10 youths were supported with business start-ups in shoe-making and electrical installation.



# JUNIOR'S STORY

14-year-old Junior\* had a tough start to life, experiencing family breakdown and physical abuse from his father. He did not complete his primary education and chose to live on the streets, where he felt safer than at home. Life continued to be difficult on the streets- Junior was regularly ill, beaten and labelled by the community as 'beggar' or 'street kid' A Cheka Sana street worker met Junior in July 2020, and while he was at first hesitant, Junior was soon attending our day center and participating in various sessions in art and life skills.

Through one-to-one work with Junior, we built his confidence to reunite with his mother in Kigoma, who was very happy to see him again after years apart. Junior has returned to school in Kigoma. He says:

"My goal is to study very hard and help my mother and one day I want to be a religious leader and help kids who are facing challenges"



# PATRICIA'S STORY



Patricia\* is a very smart 9-year old girl who is in standard three at school and loves being close with her friends. Sadly in July 2020 she disclosed that her step-father was sexually abusing her at home. This information was reported to the police and Patricia was admitted to the Cheka Sana residential centre to keep her safe.

While at residential centre Patricia was offered therapy and life skills sessions, given school uniform, medical care and HIV testing. Thanks to support from Cheka Sana and stakeholders, Patricia managed to receive legal aid to assist the court case against her abuser. In December 2020, he was found guilty and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. Currently Patricia is at our residential centre and attending school. She says:

"My future plans are to perform well and pass in my studies, help my mother and become a president and help those in need"

JULY 2021- DECEMBER 2022

# UPCOMING EVENTS & CAMPAIGN

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CHARITY EVENTS

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BE IN THEIR SHOES CAMPAIGN  
THE BIG SLEEP OUT CHALLENGE  
FOR STREET CHILDREN IN EAST AFRICA  
Any night from June - August 2021

£100 FAMILY TARGET £10,000 GOAL 51% OUR GOAL -40 DAYS LEFT 06 DONATIONS DONATE NOW

MacBook Pro

# SLEEP OUT CHALLENGE



## FOR STREET CHILDREN IN TANZANIA AND UGANDA

Between June and August 2021, we're challenging you to SLEEP OUT all night to help us to end children's homelessness and support thousands of young people in need in Tanzania and Uganda.

Whether you SLEEP OUT solo or as part of a team, we want you to boycott the bed and swap it for a sleeping bag on the floor in your kitchen, back garden or in your living room.

Your one night SLEEP OUT could help a homeless child turn his or her life around forever.

Are you #UpForTheChallenge?

Please sign up to take part at [www.beintheirshoes.org.uk](http://www.beintheirshoes.org.uk)

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Call us at 0300 102 1533

**WE WON'T REST UNTIL WE END CHILDREN'S HOMELESSNESS.  
WILL YOU JOIN US?**



# JOIN US FOR LONDON'S ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON!

Date: Sunday 10 October 2021  
Location: London  
Route: 13.1 miles

What you'll get with Team Cheka Sana:

- A personalised 'Team Cheka Sana' running vest
- An exclusive team meet-up with Leadership and Trustees
- Amazing cheer squad at the event
- A celebratory post-race reception with goodie bags
- Fundraising support from a dedicated team member

The route takes in some of the capital's world-famous landmarks- starting in Hyde Park, and running through Green Park, St James's Park and Kensington Gardens. It's on every runner's bucket list.

Find out more:  
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