

Malaika Kids UK

Annual Report and Accounts 2021



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Malaika Kids in Numbers

A summary of the number of children being cared for by Malaika Kids Tanzania.

	Reception Home	Relatives Support Programme	Children's Village	Total
Children at beginning of 2021	13	89	72	174
Incoming – external	+16	+22	+5	+43
Moved from Children's Village	+5	0	-5	0
Placed with family	-6	-7	-4	-17
Moved to Children's Village	-9	-2	+11	0
Left Malaika Kids	0	-5	-3	-8
Total at end of year 2021	19	97	76	192

- The overall numbers of children helped at year-end has continued to grow to 192 – and will probably exceed 200 in the near future.
- In addition, 17 children were helped on a short-term temporary basis, before an appropriate home was found.
- The Reception Home is close to full capacity. We may shortly need to rent extra room for older children doing courses near to the Reception Home.
- We help nearly 100 children through the Relatives Support Programme. These children are supported in the community, often cared for by a grandmother.

A Year in the Life of Malaika Kids

Our priority during 2021 was to keep our staff and children safe from Covid-19 and we substantially achieved this goal. We feel we have overcome the worst and face 2022 with excitement and enthusiasm. Here follow some of the highlights of 2021.

January

Our Malaika Kids had a good Christmas break in the Children's Village. As you know, each child lives in a family unit of up to 10 children, looked after by a live-in mama. This model provides a consistent base for those children who attend special and boarding schools. When they return home for the holidays, they really do return home to their Malaika family and mama.



One group wrote, 'It was a very nice Christmas holiday and Christmas day we ate very good foods like chips, chicken, pilau, samosa, donuts, chapatti and we drank soda and a very good milk tea. And also we have some music and we danced and enjoyed very much.'

Another told us about their outing to the seaside. They said, 'We enjoyed a lot on the beach and we learned how to swim so that we can immediately help if someone sink in water... we visited beach of Barakuda and enjoyed so much to swim in the very big ocean. We played music and other very good games.'



February

Because of Covid-19 reports, we in Europe have encouraged the staff in Tanzania to give these health concerns their top priority and take all appropriate measures. We suggest these should include:

- Stopping travel between the Children's Village in Mkuranga and Dar es Salaam – use phones instead.
- Avoid field visits related to the Relatives Support Programme – make food collections as safe as possible.
- Continue to send kids to school if legally obliged but require masks and social distancing wherever possible.
- Defer 'regulatory compliance' actions (e.g. with the Occupational Safety and Health Authority) that involve external visits by our staff or external people visiting MK premises.
- Try to ensure that buying and selling of food, etc., is done with minimal external contact.

And of course, continue to ensure all children and staff wash their hands and use hand sanitizer. As we have told them, 'We would like you to feel empowered to act (and let us know later).'



March

Over the past 15 years, the number of children we support has gradually risen to what is now an all-time high of 174. However, this total gives only a very partial picture of the work that we do.

The Reception Home is where traumatised or abandoned children are brought to us by Welfare. Sometimes this is only temporary. Initially, we utilise the local television station, which has a programme designed to try to unite families.

We try hard to find a family member who can look after these children in the community, with help from us with food, school costs including uniforms, and health insurance. This is organised through our Relatives Support Programme, (as pictured on this report's front cover).

There are many children for whom we cannot find a suitable family. When this is the case, we transfer them from the Reception Home to our purpose-built Children's Village in Mkuranga.

As they become adults, older children leave the Children's Village and move to the Reception Home in Dar es Salaam where they continue with their learning.



For example, 12 are at present undertaking training courses in, among other things, accountancy, carpentry, law, social work and teaching in Dar es Salaam. We look forward to them joining their brothers and sisters in employment in the next few years.

Even though they had a difficult start in life they are now making a positive contribution to society.



April

For some months the children were unable to go to school due to Covid-19 regulations and were 'home schooled' by us. And there has been no serious health issue for any of our children or staff so far. Sadly, one of our supporters, a carpenter (pictured below on the right) who made desks for the local primary school and trained up two of our children, died of 'pneumonia.'



Former President Magufuli died in March 2021. He was immediately succeeded by his Vice President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, the first woman to hold the post.

Malaika Kids UK issued its Annual Report and Accounts for 2020. The income of Malaika Kids UK was down £40,000 on the prior year, largely due to the effects that the Covid-19 pandemic had on fundraising. We are budgeting to spend £260,000 in Tanzania this year. So we are glad that we also have friends and supporters in the Netherlands, the US, and in Tanzania who contribute, allowing our reserves overall to remain broadly stable. The outlook is fine, providing we can get through Covid-19 and its variants!

May

Najma has been looking after children for 'as long as I can remember.' She brought up six of her own as well as taking care of children who had no one else to turn to. For many years this meant opening her own house behind the vegetable market to three or four or five children who would otherwise be begging on the street.



She says, 'It was like a dream come true to hear that a whole village would be built to care for vulnerable children. I would be able to help so many more kids now.' The Children's Village was officially opened by the former President of Tanzania, Dr Mwinyi, in 2010.



When she visits during the holidays she is mobbed by small children on her arrival. After disentangling herself she gets down to work, talking to each of the ten Mamas and advising on any problems they may have. For example, children who have recently joined us are often traumatised by events in their past life, and bedwetting is commonplace until they settle down. Some children have never slept in a bed before.

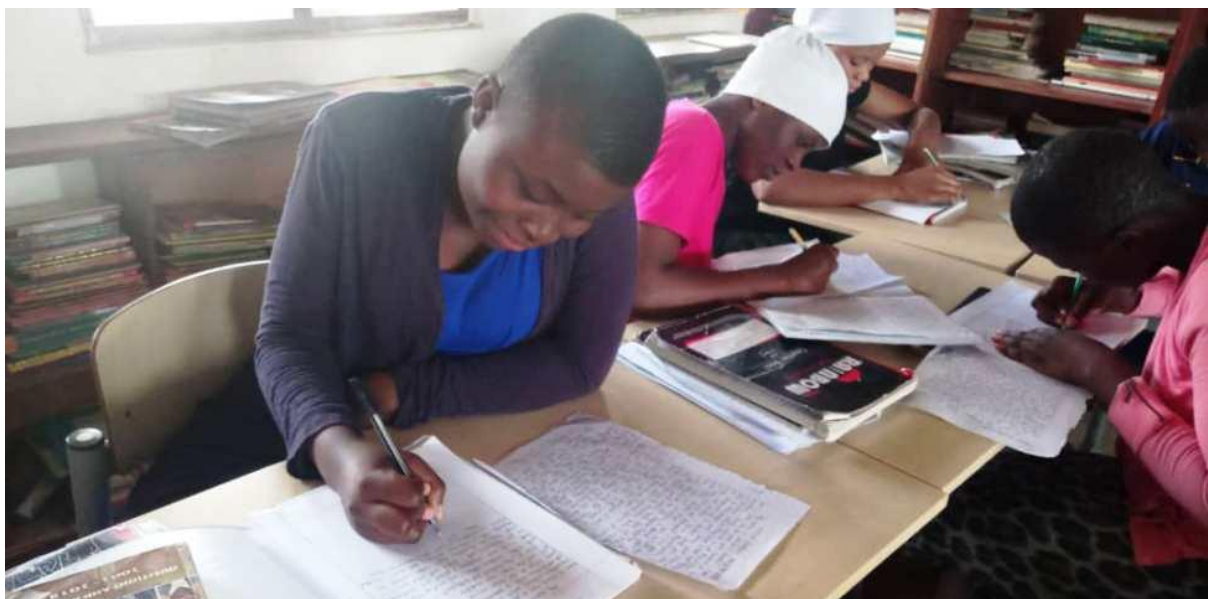
June

In Tanzania, the school year runs from January to December, and the month of June is always a holiday month. The Children's Village is very busy with an overall total of 71 children as young as 2 and as old as 19 years.

The younger children are thoroughly enjoying the new playground equipment that your generous donations have enabled us to buy. The old equipment had lasted for ten years and was becoming very rickety and unsafe.



The secondary children have each been busy writing us a short essay. 'The year is 2025. Describe a day in your life.' Some have very high expectations – seeking to become a doctor or a lawyer is popular. Generally, we would ask for a more 'realistic' objective, but the girl who wants to be a pilot is startlingly clever and we would not rule it out! Others have more modest ambitions, such as becoming a shopkeeper. In this case, we try to explain that a formal apprenticeship or college qualification after leaving school will always be useful.



July

The government has now begun to be open about the pandemic. President Hassan said earlier this month, 'The third wave is already in the country'.



Our children are young and healthy and are not at great risk. But we worry for some of our older staff and in particular for the carers of the children in our Relatives Support Programme, many of whom are grandmothers and most of whom live in Dar es Salaam.



We have made sure that they understand the dangers of the infection and have provided them all with masks.

At the beginning of July, the children returned to school after a month's holiday; one of our mothers gave birth to a healthy baby boy, and two more orphaned children joined our Malaika Kids family. One older boy is getting ready to leave us to go to college in September.

August

Over the past month, we have had an unusually high number of children – six – moving into our Children's Village, perhaps as a result of the increasing strain on the Welfare system.

Our latest arrivals are three-month-old twins whose mother recently died. They came to us earlier this week. Both are being looked after by the same mama. Last week a two-year-old girl joined us from an orphanage that only looks after babies and tries to find more permanent homes for their children when they grow older.



Earlier this month we were joined by a brother and sister who had been abandoned, first by their parents and then by their grandmother. Despite what must have been a very traumatic time for them, they are academically gifted and we are delighted that the fee-paying, English-speaking primary school next door to the Children's Village has agreed to accept them in years 4 and 5.

We have also taken in a child whose mother is mentally ill and unable to look after him properly. His teachers were concerned for his safety and contacted the Welfare Department, who in turn contacted us.



September

We have a new website! We are very proud of its look and feel, with easy to find links to all our policy documents, quick access to past newsletters and of course a simple link to our donation page. You can see it at malaika-kids.uk.



14 children are resident in the Reception Home, studying at college or on apprenticeship schemes. Two children are doing particularly well, and we have hopes that they will both go on to Bachelor Degrees in Social Work and Accountancy. We have four undertaking carpentry courses, one doing work experience in a local workshop (see below). Others are learning hairdressing skills.



Three children moved from the Children's Village last month and are in the process of finalising their courses. All have O level qualifications and so will be studying challenging subjects such as freight and port management, marketing, and pharmacology.

October

Violet, one of our mothers in the Children's Village, sadly died, almost certainly of Covid-19, although her death certificate stated 'pneumonia'.



She had received the vaccine only a few days before she became ill, not enough time for it to be effective. Violet had been in hospital in Mkuranga for 2 weeks, some of the time on oxygen. She was then discharged back to her own mother's house. Unfortunately, she deteriorated again and died before she could be moved back to hospital. She was 48 years old.

Violet had worked tirelessly for Malaika Kids for over 6 years. She was loved by everybody and had an infectious warm smile that seemed to light up not just her face but her entire body. She looked after 10 children with ages ranging from three years old all the way up to 19. These children all came to us as orphans and in a sense, they have now been orphaned for a second time.



They are heartbroken and being supported by all the other mamas in the Children's Village who are also mourning the loss of a very dear colleague and friend.

November

On a sunny cold day last month, 15 of our runners took part in the Royal Parks Half Marathon to raise much-needed funds to support the work in Tanzania. There were a further 20 eager supporters, including four trustees. This run was cancelled last year due to Covid-19 restrictions, and we are delighted to be once again involved in what for us has become a regular event.



There were 14,000 participants in total, from all around the world, and our total of 15 was the highest we have managed yet. And they all finished! We could not get a picture of everyone together as the race took place in 4 stages, and I hope you can get a feel for the glorious atmosphere and the sense of achievement. They ran through Hyde Park, Green Park, past Buckingham Palace and St James's Park. We are confident of at least as high a turnout next year. It is not too early to let Martin Stoll know that you would like to be involved in 2022, please contact him at martin.stoll@malaika-kids.org. The run will take place on Sunday, 9th October 2022.



Most importantly, after all expenses such as mandatory fees to the RPHM organisers, we raised a net sum of just over £10,000. This will go to support our expanding operations in Tanzania.

December

Our Children's Village is full of chat and laughter as all 34 primary school children, plus 17 secondary school boarders, return for the December holidays. And our nursery school children have been busy drawing their favourite animals, particularly lions and giraffes.

Our Relatives Support Programme has had a busy year. For example, one eight-year-old lives with her grandmother who is now very frail. Her mother died giving birth to her while her father is a drug addict and absent from the household.

The parents of a thirteen-year-old boy are both dead, the mother recently in a car accident. He lives with his grandfather who cares for five other children. The grandfather takes on small plumbing jobs when he can; at present he is unable to find work.



A twelve-year-old girl lost her father to illness five years ago. She now lives with her mother who is unable to walk. Her neighbours, themselves very poor, have been paying her bus fare so that she can attend school.



MKUK Chair's Report

Let me begin by paying tribute to one of our most valued trustees, Chris Tomlinson, who died very suddenly and unexpectedly in January 2022.

He was a stalwart member of both the Construction and Sustainability Groups, visiting the Children's Village three times, and a major funder of the solar panels now installed in the Children's Village. We plan to remember him permanently by annually awarding a 'Chris trophy' to the most improved boy. And a 'Violet trophy', in memory of the deceased Mama Violet, will go to the most improved girl.



2021 was a good year for fundraising in the UK to support Malaika Kids in Tanzania. £172,000 was close to a record for us, despite Covid-19. Moreover, our hugely successful Christmas Appeal which raised £100,000 was only partially 'booked' in the 2021 accounts; the balance is already giving us a fast start in 2022. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters – we are highly dependent on the generosity of individuals (sometimes via a trust fund).

Special thanks must go to the 15 runners who completed the Royal Parks Half Marathon in October, raising over £10,000 in the process.

We decided to broaden our membership base in January, so we approached our regular significant donors. 19 people accepted the nomination, so we now have 71 members (including 11 trustees) who are able to vote on major issues and can elect trustees. This is very healthy for MKUK.

We have also launched a more modern, user-friendly website. Please check it out at malaika-kids.uk

In 2021, no one from MKUK was able to travel to Tanzania. Contact was maintained via a weekly zoom meeting, and lots of emails and pictures, many of which appear in our newsletters.

Given the improving Covid-19 situation, we are very hopeful of resuming trustee visits to Tanzania in 2022. Dr Simon Cooper intends to visit in July, while Francesca and I will visit at the end of the year. Alison Clewlow, an education professional, also hopes to accompany us for part of the time.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Alan".

Alan Edwards
MKUK Chair

Malaika Kids UK Trustees

	Trustee	Last elected
Chair	Alan Edwards	2019
Treasurer	Emile Farhi	2019
Secretary	Phil Cooke	2019
Honorary President	Nigel Fawkes	2020
	Francesca Edwards	2020
	Helen Marriage	2020
	Sophie Florentin-Siu	2020
	Chris Tomlinson	2021
	Martin Stoll	2021
	Alison Clewlow	2019
	John Whitworth	2019
	Dr Simon Cooper	2021

Malaika Kids UK and Malaika Kids in Tanzania

Thanks go to all the trustees, who do a great deal of work that is unsung behind the scenes. All are elected by Members at our Annual General Meeting, usually for a three-year term of office.

In 2021, Claire Carter stood down as a trustee, due to time pressure, but continues to look after social media for us. Claire also ran the Royal Parks Half Marathon, thank you.

Our thanks also go to our Independent Examiner, Cyril Barratt, who has been very helpful. Rob Heap has also assisted with GDPR and other web-related matters.

Finally, tremendous thanks go to Kevin Cusack, who creates and edits both the monthly newsletters and also the Annual Report.

Malaika Kids UK exists solely to support Malaika Kids in Tanzania. We have no employees; our biggest local expense relates to acquiring places for the Royal Parks Half Marathon and a one-off payment in 2021 to update our website. Almost all of our money therefore goes to Tanzania, transferred on an as-needed basis.

Malaika Kids Netherlands has traditionally raised more than 30% of the total funding needed in Tanzania. This has been generated by heroic efforts made by a small number of active trustees. This may not be sustainable in the longer term, so MKUK needs to continue to grow in order to assure the future of Malaika Kids Tanzania.

The annual budget to be spent in 2022 in Tanzania is £282,000 – considerably higher than MKUK's 2021 income of £172,000. Fundraising will continue in the Netherlands (and in the US and in Tanzania itself) but there could be choppy water ahead.

Reserves in the UK (currently just over £600,000) would support more than two years of budgeted operations in Tanzania if no new income were obtained. Given that young children can be with us for nearly two decades, we don't really have a lot of money... so we continue to be glad of all the financial support we can get!

MKUK Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
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Income			
Donations		157,757	132,723
Gift aid	2	11,706	6,564
Bank interest		2,976	4,681
Total Income		172,439	143,968
Expenditure			
Funds transferred to Tanzania		107,190	106,903
Event costs		2,364	-
UK Fundraising costs		544	374
Registration and legal fees		-	1,479
Bank charges		489	765
Insurance (Public and volunteer liability)		-	529
Web development		4,540	554
Total Expenditure		115,127	110,604
Net Income for the year		57,312	33,364

MKUK Accounts

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		610,161	550,690
Prepaid event costs		-	2,159
Total Current Assets		610,161	552,849
Current Liabilities		-	-
Net Assets		610,161	552,849
Funds	3		
Balance at start of year		552,849	519,485
Surplus in the year		57,312	33,364
Funds at end of year		610,161	552,849

Notes to the Accounts

		2021	2020
		£	£
Note 1	Accounting basis These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.		
Note 2	Gift aid receipts These relate to donations received in the year.		
Note 3	Charity's funds Restricted funds, acquired from and restricted by the donors.	20,000	53,030
	Reserves restricted by the trustees Continuity Reserve, determined by the trustees. This will be reviewed and adjusted annually. It does not represent a contractual obligation and the trustees may lift the restriction at any time.	500,000	450,000
	Unrestricted funds	90,161	49,819
	Total	610,161	552,849



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