

2023-24 IMPACT REPORT

Building Bridges for Transition

Creating and sustaining supportive networks for lifelong positive impact.

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Daraja Foundation | Zanzibar

From Heart to Heart

Every single donation has played a vital role in our journey toward a brighter future for our youth.

A Sincere Thanks

To all our mentors, partners, volunteers, sponsors and donors, we appreciate you.

Impact that Lasts

Our strategy is working. By focusing on basic needs, youth mentorship and education sponsorship we continue to see positive change that will not only be passed on to the next generation, but break the cycle of poverty and extreme challenge for youth aging out of a children's home.

Introduction:

Our vision is to reach successful youth transition by creating and sustaining supportive networks for lifelong positive impact.

Everyone
deserves
a place to
feel safe

Daraja Foundation operates a center called the Flo House. Our Flo House program aims at preventing isolation and marginalization of young adults who are going through a transitional phase when exiting Mazizini Children's Home from the age of 18, or at times even younger. Transitional residences, short-term stays and resource centers are a few of several approaches to help better prepare youth for the challenges of entering adulthood. A transitional house such as the Flo House can provide access to helpful resources such as education, job readiness, finance management, life skills, physical and mental well-being and relational support.



The year in review

We are grateful to report that in 2023, we celebrated 10 years of Daraja Foundation. Over the last 5 years, the Flo House Transition Program has been our main focus. This year we can really see how Flo House has successfully developed into a living and meeting space for the youth of Mazizini, empowering them to reach their dreams and pursue education. We can feel how the transition house serves as a safe space for young individuals who have faced challenges and obstacles in their lives. Through mentorship, guidance, and resources, the Flo House provides a nurturing environment where these youth can thrive and grow. The house not only offers a place to stay but also fosters a sense of community and belonging, instilling values of perseverance and determination in the residents.



Women Leaders Speaker Series Event at Flo House

With access to educational opportunities and support systems, the youth of Flo House are equipped with the tools they need to break free from limitations and achieve their full potential. The Flo House has also been utilized as our main office, an event space for our women's speaker series events, workspace for our small business start-ups, partner collaborations and more. At the beginning of 2024, we moved to another house better suited for us. We are excited for a fruitful year in a new space.

Education Pursuit

Our mentees are currently studying or have completed the following courses:

- Social Work
- International development
- Human resources
- Community development
- Law and society
- Nursery teacher
- Business management
- Car mechanics
- Electrical engineering
- Food production
- Child development
- Interior design
- Record Management
- English and Computer

Projects

Flo House Transition Program

Support network for young adults exiting Mazizini Children's Home.

Youth and Women's Empowerment

Reaching out to youth through our Women Leaders Speaker Series and other activities that promote gender equality.

Small Business and Sustainability

Starting and overseeing youth-led small businesses that create employment and support program funding.

OUR FOCUS AREAS FOR THE TRANSITION HOUSE



FOUNDATION

Building a strong foundation together by continuing education, encouraging the use of a support network and planning for the future.



LIVELIHOOD

Guidance through adolescence on life skills, contributing to their own necessities, supporting each other and promoting health and well-being.



OPPORTUNITY

Providing mentorship that will help open doors to new opportunities for self-growth, career development and financial security.

Impact

“In Zanzibar the prevalence of children without parents or parental support is high and their need for housing, education and mentorship after aging out of care is vital to their overall success”

31

Youth from Mazizini Children's Home exited at the age of 18 and joined Daraja's long-term transition program.

57

Zanzibari youth have had school fees, boarding and/or student living allowances sponsored through various programs.

5000+

People reached through our small businesses, speaker series, bicycle and well projects.

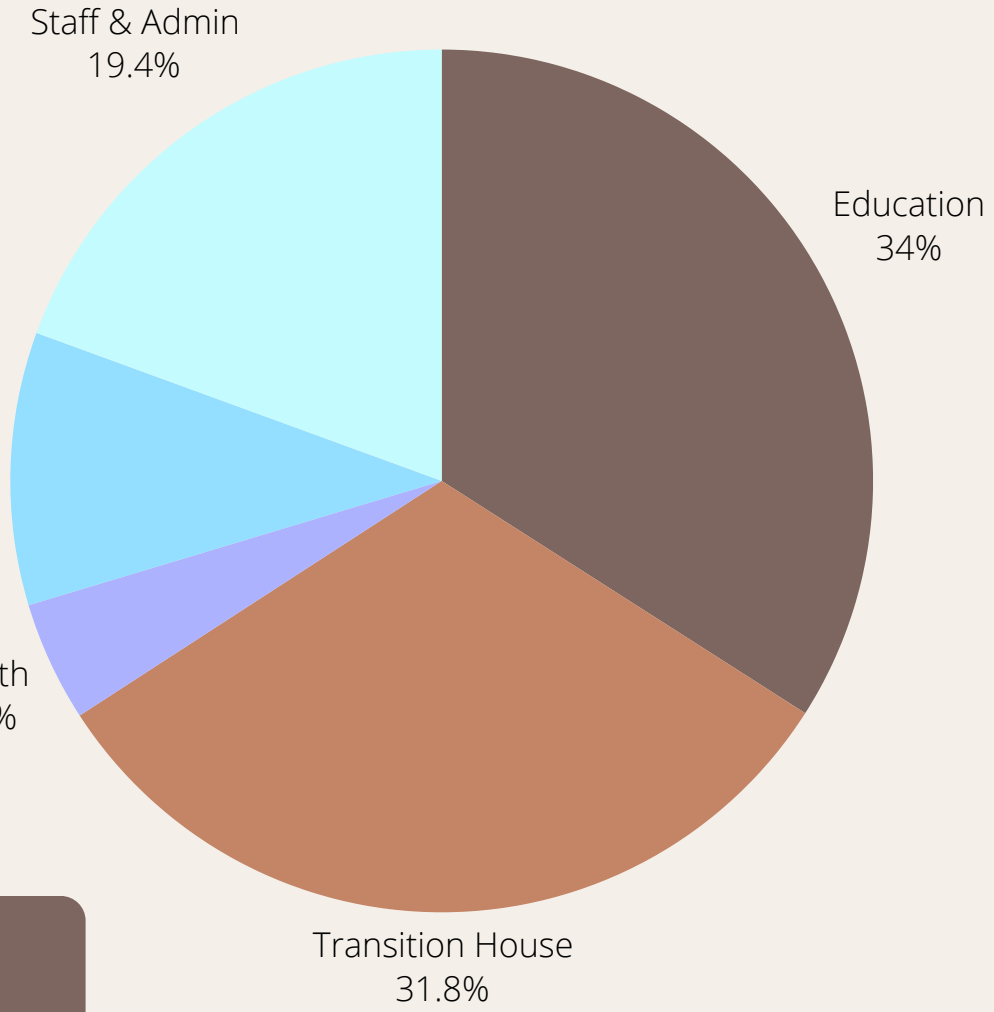
100%

Female staffed charity.



Program Expenses

Total Annual Spend:
\$45,000 USD



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIPS
Tuition fees, boarding, insurances, food allowance, supplies

FLO TRANSITION HOUSE
Rent, maintenance, electricity, water, repairs and other fees

YOUTH HEALTH
Doctor visits, mental health, counselling, prevention activities

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
Women's speaker series, businesses for sustainability & other projects

STAFF & ADMIN
Salaries, licensing, office, bank fees and other administrative costs



Management & Volunteer Mentors



Salama Mussa Songoro
Program Manager
Lead Mentor



Amina Juma Kulumanzila
Program Manager
Lead Mentor



Arsheen Dhalla
Managing Director



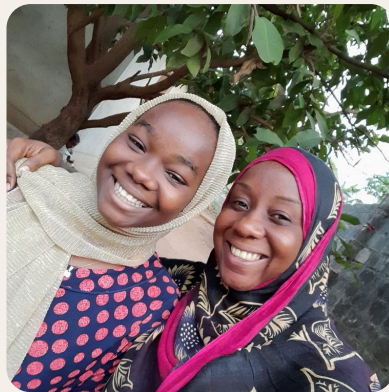
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Donations Officer



Abdulla | Mentor



Mohammed | Mentor



Asha | Mentor



Hamad | Mentor

10 years of Daraja
Foundation *and counting.*

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our supporters for your
generous support.

-From all us at Daraja

