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one's
own
value

GABRIELLA CHILDREN'S
REHABILITATION CENTRE

What is GABRIELLA?

GABRIELLA is a non-profit making, non-partisan, nonpolitical, non-discriminatory and service oriented organization registered under Tanzania non-governmental organization Act, 2002 with registration No.003511 in year 2009. It is registered to work all over Tanzania mainland. It is located at Sambarai-Kibosho road, Moshi Kilimanjaro. Gabriella was started mainly in response to the need of children with learning disabilities and Autism. The reason for focusing in this group is because in all type of disability this is most neglected group in the area of service delivery.

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Summary

Gabriella centre is one of the very few facilities in the country that offers rehabilitation services to children and youth with disability. Our tailor made programs enable a child and youth to become independent to the highest capacity possible. 2015 has been a very successful year where 22 of the children and youth graduated to start their own projects at home while the younger ones got the chance to join primary school. The team has been able to work with 614 children coming from different parts of the country. For our good work we attained the child 10 award for fighting for children's rights, And a lot more cooperation from the local Governments. It is our duty to enforce the children's rights towards the children we work with and offer a protective environment around them.

For this we are looking forward to having a prosperous 2016 and appreciate the efforts and support offered to us



Organization overview

Mission and vision statement

Gabriella has a mission of ensuring children with disability will be early identified, properly assessed and given early and quality intervention and finally become valued members of their communities.

Gabriella is dedicated in working with parents, teachers, health workers and social welfare officers, the community at large, to reach our vision of seeing all children with disabilities in Tanzania become independent and accepted members of their communities

Scope of the social problem we are addressing

The situation in our communities in regard to disability is reflected poorly. This is so since people with disability are not understood and are seen as outcasts in the community. local beliefs add to the stigma against them since they are believed to be cursed, possessed by demons, and many more ideologies circulate around them. the children become vulnerable to abuse since they do not get same treatment given to a child without disability. for this reason Gabriella was started aiming at bringing attitude change and empowering this group so that they become accepted and independent



Gabriella is dedicated in working with parents, teachers, health workers and social welfare officers to ensure that quality care is provided to children with disability. Gabriella centre programs consist of:

☐ **Integrated school program for children with and without disability.**

☐ **Intensive therapeutic intervention where caregivers from anywhere in the country can come and experience one week of training and time to share with other parents on issues concerning handling of their children with disability.**

☐ **vocational skills training. this includes carpentry, tailoring, crafts work, cookery, keeping of animals, gardening, dancing and drama, modeling. After gaining skills the team start projects for them at home in collaboration with their families.**

☐ **outreach activities. where the team goes out into the community for awareness raising, assessments, interventions and referrals.**

☐ **Also Gabriella work and network with other stakeholders in organizing and running community awareness meetings, trainings for particular groups of people dealing with children, and participating in community events.**



998	226	8	22 youth
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• attendees teacher and parents workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• parents seen at centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• major awareness campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• graduated and started projects at home

OTHER ACTIVITIES DONE IN THIS YEAR

- Improved our play ground.
- Had increased production
- Grown yellow fleshed sweet potatoes to compliment diet for children with Autism
- Increased our community outreach
- Had soccer matches and games with local business Marenga investments, and CRDB bank



Youth in the garden growing yellow fleshed potatoes.



Our team

Gabriella center strengthens its team day by day to ensure services provided are professional, quality and adequate. Our team comprises of 15 staff members. And 9 volunteers to assist

Includes

Occupational therapists special need teacher, art trainers, Montessori teachers, therapy assistant, matrons also on consultation we have pediatrician, physiotherapist, and psychological counselor

"It is the smile that we see in a child that keeps us going".



- CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITY
- PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- DONORS AND SUPPORTERS
- INSTITUTIONS OFFERING SERVICE TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY
- INSTITUTIONS THAT DEAL WITH VULNERABLE CHILDREN
- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREAS GABRIELLA WORK IN.
- SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

Case story

Waridi is a young girl with learning difficulties and epilepsy. She was left on the streets by her family who believed she was demonic and didn't want anything to do with her. Waridi spent her time in a house where local brew was made since she had nowhere to go. A distant relative saw her plight and brought her to Gabriella centre where she got proper intervention and therapy, the epilepsy got controlled. She now is like every normal girl her age, attends special education class at the centre and is in the cookery group learning how to cook snacks.

Her family after getting education and counseling have now taken her back and involve her in the day to day family activities, treating her like every other child in the family.

Waridi has grown to be a happy member of the youth and children of Gabriella centre that have hope for a bright future.

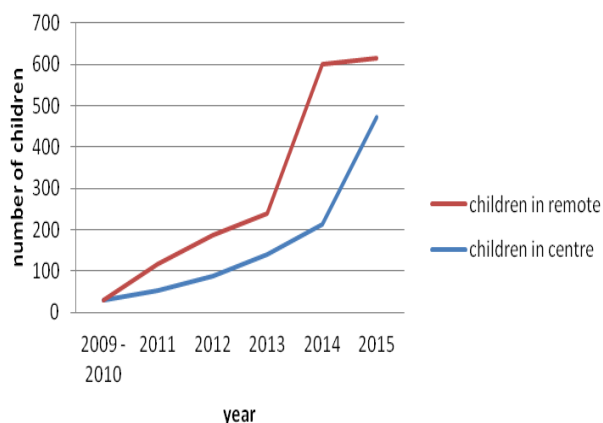
Stakeholder involvement

It has been a pleasure to work with children and their families in which has been enabled by the support of our donors. TIGO/REACH FOR CHANGE, GO CAMPAIGN, YES Kilimanjaro, EDPOWERMENT, CAPDA, AFRICAN YOGA GROUP and individual contributions.

In our outreach and Centre activities we are grateful for the involvement of village leaders, educational officers, district directors, community leader such as religion leaders.

In raising awareness about disability in the community it has been very successful due to the support we have had by working together with other like minded NGOs such as CCBRT – Kilimanjaro, YWCA, BCC, and DPOs such as Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organizations (SHIVYAWATA) and Africa for African's Network.

children in centre and remote



Our activities and impact grows year by year. By end of Gabriella centre has already directly impacted 2584

Gabriella Centre has the honor of getting international recognition through the

CHILD 10 Awards

Geographical food print

We operate mainly in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions in 7 districts and also attend to children from other parts of Tanzania as indicated in the map with red arrows.

Children accessing the center



Our hope for the needy

A lot of referrals are sent to us from all over the country. The center is limited in terms of space and human resource. We can only have a maximum of 70 people at a time. So many are assessed, passed through the intensive therapy weeks program and remain in the waiting list to be enrolled in our daily programs. It usually is very heart breaking to a parent when they are told to try another time for their child to be enrolled in



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PARENTS AND ALL WELL WISHERS

We would like
to thank our
partners and
individuals who
through their
finances, time

OUR CURRENT NEEDS

- to attend services at Gabriella center for intensive therapy weeks costing 50usd
- One month attending of intervention for child with caregiver 150 usd
- Yearly 600 usd .
- Day to day running costs
- therapeutic materials
- SUPPORT IN BUILDING NEW GABRIELLA CENTRE