

HELP FOR THE MASSAI

INTRODUCTION



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HFTM: WHO WE ARE

Our Mission: Jesus is our lord. Therefore we see it as our mission to empower maasai, especially children and women.

Our Vision: A society in which every member has equal access to spiritual, social and economic well-being.



Introduction to the project

Help for the Massai (HFTM) is a non profit christian humanitarian organization dedicated to serving the people in need. Mainly, we are working with masai in the area of Malambo. HFTM started its work in 1997 and is mainly funded by the german organization bearing the same name. Later it worked on its own and was registered in 2005. Presently, HFTM has ten members in total.

Three German missionaries support HFTM in Tanzania. One of them is the founder, Angelika Wohlenberg.

Background

Most of the maasai in the remote areas of northern tanzania still lead a nomadic way of life with shifting cultivation which is barely at subsistence level. With commercial farming and tourism growing the land is becoming more marginalised pushing the masai to less fertile lands. The population of cattle in the maasai land is decreasing rapidly due to poor pastures, drought, land conflicts and diseases.

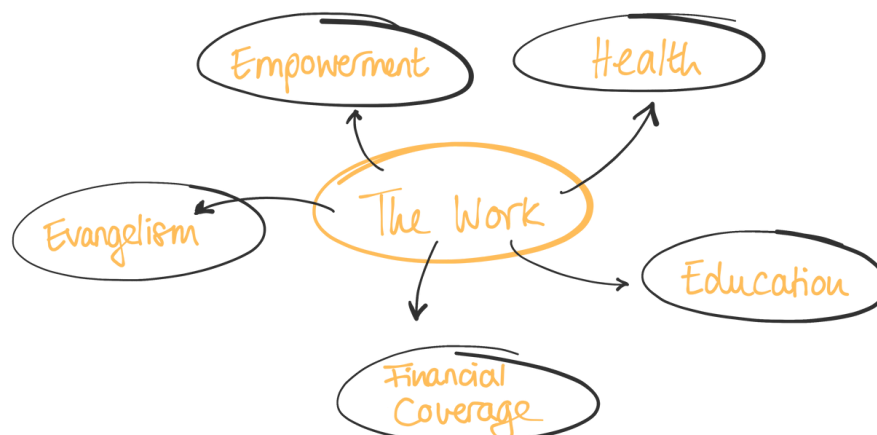
As a very traditional and proud tribe, the maasai are caught in the gap between adapting to a rapidly changing world and keeping up old traditions. Illiteracy and ignorance hindered the hand-in-hand development to bridge this gap in the past, however more recently the attitude towards adjustment within the maasai culture has changed. Many see changes now as necessary and more of an addition rather than a cancelling of culture. Many maasai are ready to learn and respond to new ways, e.g. the word of God and to stand up for human rights.

The general objective of the project broadly dwells on holistic development of the maasai people and especially focusses on women and girls as shown in the following main objectives.

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What we do

HftM has five main objectives:



Health

The living conditions in rural Masailand are still very challenging with lack of water, hygiene and health care. HFTM continues to support the local Health Centre in Malambo by distributing medicine and dressing material. The organizations' nurses are not only responsible for the well-being of the Naserian students but also assist in medical emergencies and mobile clinics around the area.

Following services are offered: vaccination for children, check-up for pregnant women, general health care with focus on AIDS patients, eye care with focus on Trachoma, primary health education including female genital mutilation, sanitation, nutrition, childcare and family planning. An eye clinic and general medical treatment are offered on the HFTM compound. Patients with severe illnesses and no financial means are brought to nearby hospitals. HFTM helps financially and logistically with transport, accommodation and treatment.

Education

HFTM focusses on children and young adults – mainly Maasai, but not excluding other tribes. 2005 HFTM opened an English Primary school called "Naserian English Medium Primary School" in Malambo. In 2018 the "Naserian Secondary" followed on the same compound.

The total number of students enrolled in both schools is 550. Currently HFTM enables a total of 950 students to continue with their studies in different Primary- and Secondary-schools (including Naserian schools), vocational training centres, blind- and deaf schools, colleges and bible schools. 32 girls of the age of 3 – 25 years are staying in the organization's orphanage in Tengeru, Arusha.

In 2022 HFTM started the first class of "Food production Studies" in its newly opened vocational training centre.

Financial coverage

Due to an increasing number of droughts and crop plagues, HFTM supports very poor widows, orphans, sick and poor people with nutritious food. Other families (widows, orphans, handicapped and poor people) receive monthly support either for food or in form of educational support for the children.

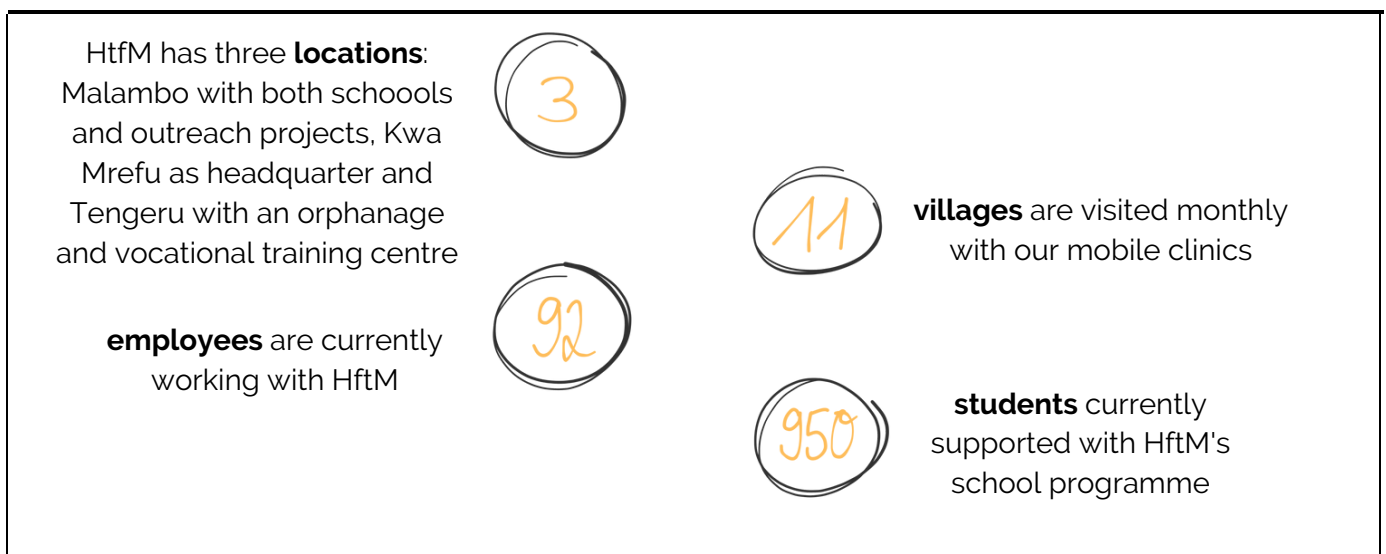
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Evangelism

HFTM organizes seminars for maasai who are interested in a new way of living and to live as Christians with new hope. This helps to strengthen harmony and love in the communities. The lives of christian maasai are characterized by improved hygiene, greater commitment to their children's education, egalitarian attitudes concerning the rights and responsibilities of men and women and leaving destructive practices behind.

Women's empowerment

Other than supporting especially girls in our educational system, HFTM aims at empowering women of all ages to become financially and mentally more independent of their husbands and families. Over the years HFTM started several women's groups in Malambo as an effort to improve their daily lives. With 52% female employees, HFTM keeps the egalitarian principle throughout the whole project- from children to HFTMs leadership.



Future Plan

We want to continue the work of positively impacting the lives of many maasai. We aim for a sustainable development within our project- this means increasing local involvement and a slow and steady growth of HftM.

Within the next years, we aim at expanding our newly, in collaboration with Pamoja Ministries in Tengeru, founded vocational training centre to be able to build new facilities and offer quality education for 120 VTC students.

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