



Annual Report 2019-2020

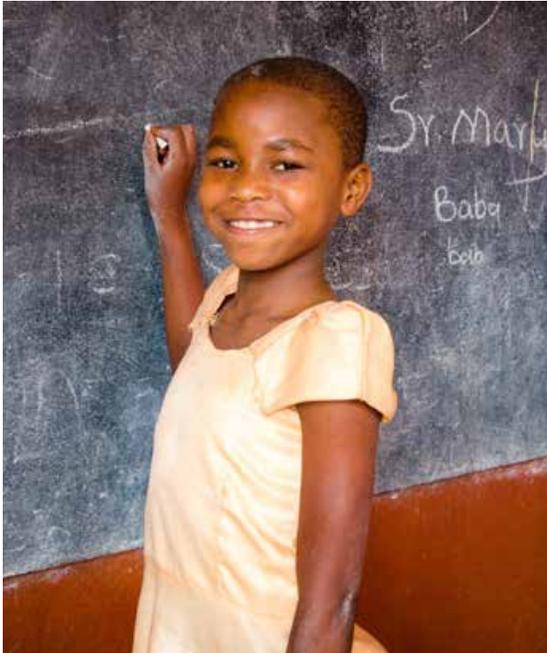
Neema site Songea, Tanzania



Chalice partnered with the Sisters of Visitation Congregation of Alleppey of India in the remote district of Songea in 2008. Many families are affected by HIV/AIDS, leaving children in the care of elderly grandparents. The Sisters help in providing quality education in remote villages where they have founded a pre- primary, primary and secondary school as well as the Neema Visitation orphanage. They have also created a dispensary and a girl's hostel. The site also works to improve the community as a whole by initiatives such as community gardens, small livestock projects, better housing, and workshops for parents on health, hygiene and nutrition.



Child



- The Neema site supports 350 sponsored children.
- 98.2% of sponsored children successfully transitioned to the next grade.
- 13 sponsored youth completed their tertiary studies in masonry, carpentry, driving, tailoring, computer studies, hotel management and healthcare. The youth are now employed.
- 158 children received a thorough medical checkup at the St. Norbert Health Facility and Nakawale Health dispensary.
- 4 schools were provided with food through Chalice's school farming program.
- Site staff trained 251 children on topics of water, sanitation and hygiene, specifically in preventing the spread of COVID-19.



Family

- Neema site works with 350 parents and guardians organized into 18 family circles.
- 69 men and women were trained on entrepreneurship and supported to start small businesses.
- About 45 beneficiaries from the Baraka, Furaha and Tumaini family circles are involved in poultry farming.
- 15 families of sponsored children began goat farming.
- 25 members of the Chandaruwa group are involved in fish farming and 15 families of sponsored children from the Mwengeshindwa group are undertaking pig farming.
- Site staff engaged more than 100 families in an initiative to improve their home vegetable gardens and increase their yield to become profitable income-generating plots.
- One family circle, Tumaini, gave 150 eggs as Christmas gifts to vulnerable children in their community.
- The families who improved their crop yield gave 1 kg each to the church to be shared to the impoverished community members.




Community

- Through the support of Chalice donors, the site improved access to clean water for: 10 families in Chandaria community, 250 families in Mkongo, the Nakawale dispensary, 50 families in St. Xavier School and 200 families in Mitoronji.
- The site improved access to clean water for: 415 students at Chandaruwa schools, 400 students at St Xavier School and 270 students at Mitoronji school.
- 2 schools, Chandaruwa and Mitoroniji, renovated their toilet facilities and improved their water access and supply.
- The site provided St. Xavier's Secondary School with computers which has given over 400 children access to technology.
- The site also assisted children from 13 impoverished families in higher education to pay their fees.
- 300 families received food packages, 2 hens and 1 rooster.

