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FOUNDATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends and Family of Ikhlas Foundation,



I am proud to present to you this copy of The Ikhlas Foundation 2019 Annual Report.

The report summarizes the highlights from Fiscal Year 2019, a pivotal year for us in which we focused our efforts on our core mission of promoting education as well as community development, which is core for the overall well-being of society.

In our ongoing effort of providing supplemental support to schools in the rural community of Lamu, we have come to realize there is a lot of lack of motivation in performance of grades, a lack of adequate incentive and training opportunities for teachers, and a lack of adequate resources. We therefore prioritized core activities in that sector through the equipping and renovation of Tchundwa Primary School library, partner on installation of First Digital Library in Lamu East, exposure tour for teachers, an incentive program for primary school students, and a mentorship program for senior primary school students.

We appreciate the generous support of Royal African Safaris, Safari Doctors, H2OpenDoors, Mohammed Zubedi, Halal Safaris, the Tchundwa Primary School, and the local community for helping us realize the above. Equipping and improving the capacity of the students, teachers and school at large is instrumental in the improvement of education standards in the region.

In 2019, we also focused on building community consensus on their priorities and needs. This is the first undertaking that we have piloted in Tchundwa village where a strategic plan was developed through a participatory and consultative process, known as the *Tchundwa Asili Initiative*.

In our report, we give a summary of the services provided in 2019, as well describe the organizations' mission and objectives as it relates to our core functions of inspiring and assisting in the advancement of education, livelihoods, health and living environment in Lamu.

As always, we need more volunteers. As you read the report, feel free to think of areas where you might want to become involved. We have many areas that need more attention and time.

Thank you for your support. Without our Ikhlas Friends and Family, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Sincerely,

Tahreni Bwanali
Trustee

Mission

Ikhlas Foundation is a non-political and not for profit organisation whose mission is to inspire and assist in the advancement of education, livelihoods, health and living environment

Quality Education



Ikhlas is committed to improving both secular and non-secular education in Lamu County, especially for impoverished women and young girls. This includes through building schools and madrassa, bursaries, trainings, as well as providing basic necessities to equip institutions and individuals with the necessary tools to access improved education.

Health and Environment



The organization is focused on activities that improve the capacity of local health institutions, distribution of clean water to prevent illness, clean up of the environment, and other community health projects that reduce illness rates and save lives and promote wellbeing.

Sustainable Livelihoods



Ikhlas aims to promote sustainable livelihoods, especially for the vulnerable groups such as women and youth, through helping the individuals acquire the training and skills they need, and access to finance to improve the local economy and create jobs.



About us

Ikhlas Foundation operates and serves the Lamu County in the East coast of Kenya. Lamu has a rich history dating centuries as one of the first cities that flourished on the East African Coast.

The Foundation supports development projects in education, health, social and economic wellbeing in Lamu County, especially of underprivileged communities such as orphans, widows, youth and elderly.

Where we Work



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2019 Activities



Installation of library at Tchundwa Primary School with support from Royal African Safaris.



Installation of first digital library supported by H2OpenDoors and Safari Doctors



Local youth bringing plastic bottles to recycle and construct a fence made of plastic to clean up the environment.



A community consultation meeting for Tchundwa Asili Initiative with local leaders and community. Read more on page 8 >>

Thanks to support from well-wishers, we were able to undertake the following activities in 2019:

1. Provide needed advocacy support to lobby against police brutality on Pate Island
2. Donate of land and starting construction of the first women-only Islamic education institute in Lamu East.
3. Initiate a mentorship program for 46 Primary students
4. Implement an incentive program for primary school students to promote performance. Partially supported by Halal Safaris.
5. Install a new library in Tchundwa Primary School. Including provision of books, renovation and installation of shelves. Supported by Royal Africa Safaris.
6. Provide girls bursary for university education
7. Support and lead the creation of the Tchundwa Asili Initiative, a volunteer community development campaign. The initiative was supported by local community members from Tchundwa and worldwide.
8. Donation of dustbins and sensitize the public on the importance of a clean environment.
9. Partner with Safari Doctors and H2OpenDoors on the Installation of first digital Library in Lamu East.
10. Distribution of sewing machines to local women to promote livelihoods supported by Mohammed Zubedi.
11. Continue our plastic bottle-recycling project where bottles are recycled for use in construction of a perimeter wall



Distribution of sewing machines to local women to promote economic empowerment. Donated by Mohammed Zubedi.



Media interviews of victims of police brutality, Ikhlas Foundation supported some of the advocacy interventions.



Donation of land and construction of a women-only institute, in Tchundwa village.



Students at Tchundwa Primary School receive two of the eight dustbins donated in the area

Governance

Ikhlas Foundation was registered officially as a foundation in 2015 and rebranded after it adopted the activities of ILHAM Self-Help Group. The foundation is led by trustees who are overall responsible for the management of the organization to ensure that projects and activities meet the stated mission and objectives the Foundation.

The two trustees, Omar Bwana and Tahreni Bwanaali are both residents of Lamu. Mr. Omar Bwana is a renowned Kenyan ethnologist with a distinguished career in politics, environmental, heritage, and cultural conservation. Awarded the Officer's Cross of Merit from the Republic of Germany, 25 years' Service Award from the National Museums of Kenya. Ms. Bwanaali has recognized experience in management, ICT, and administration. She worked in senior positions in public and private sectors including the Kenya Wildlife Services, and KEMRI Welcome Trust Research Programme.

Finances

Fiscal 2018-2019 Financial Statement

	2019 <u>Shs</u>	2018 <u>Shs</u>
INCOME		
Donations	101.500	101.000
ILHAM Education Programme	-	349.065
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FINANCE COSTS		
Bank charges	636	55
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OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Accountancy fees	35.000	-
Donations	45.750	128.000
Penalties	-	30.000
Printing and stationery	44.950	21.500
School fees	72.800	
Telephone & internet	63.600	
Usafi programs	38.100	-
Wages	-	40.000
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We are committed to manage the financial resources and projects efficiently and effectively with accountability, transparency and professionalism. In an attempt to minimize costs and have greater efficiency, most of the resources for our activities are finances through partnerships and collaborations with other stakeholders where we oversee implementation.

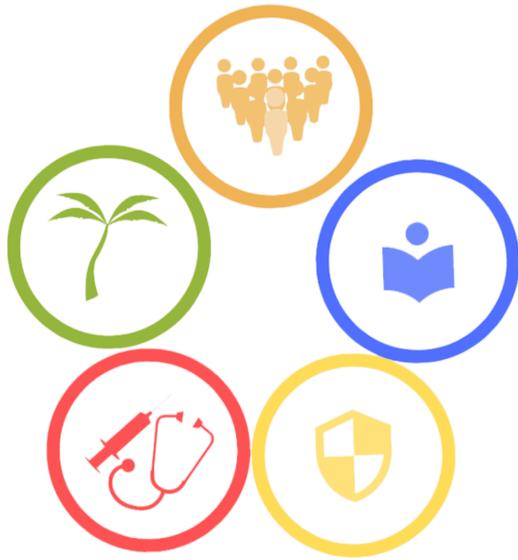
For our financial responsibilities, the organization actions and records are taken and recorded appropriately, while all finances are audited annually.

Community Consultations

Concerned about the increasing economic and societal challenges being faced in Tchundwa, Lamu, a group of individuals interested in the state of affairs of the village and its reform converged so as to promote positive and sustainable community development.

Led by the Ikhlas Foundation Trustee, Tahreni Bwanaali, the open-minded and committed individuals created a group known as *Friends of Tchundwa*, consisting of people from both in and outside Tchundwa village who were able to contribute to the initiative.

To take this forward, The Tchundwa Asili Initiative was formed to implement the action plan that is meant to address the issues faced.



The core priorities developed by the Tchundwa community on areas they wish to have supported through the Tchundwa Asili Initiative consultative process. These are: Education, Health and well-being, environment, security, and livelihoods.



Ikhlas Foundation Trustee, Tahreni Bwanaali, who led the needs assessment and prioritization of the Tchundwa Asili Initiative is pictured addressing parents at a local school.



Tchundwa Asili Initiative

The goal of the initiative is to improve the quality of life of Tchundwa residents by offering higher standards of education, better security, improving community well-being and creating sustainable livelihoods to restore the glory of the village. The community proposed the below structure:



Sector	Specific areas
Education	Infrastructure, equipment and resources
	Quality of education & performance
	Motivation, mentorship and monitoring
	Discipline
	Extra curricular
Security & Drugs	Harm reduction
	Positive reinforcement
	Monitoring and reporting
	Accountability and responsibility
Livelihoods, community wellbeing & awareness	Capacity building
	Industry diversification
	Effective and good leadership
	Good child upbringing
	Community integration and sensitisation
	Health interventions and awareness

Looking to the Future

Based on the priorities developed from the community consultations, we hope to transform Lamu through seeking partnerships and opportunities that relate to the following activities:

Education



Increase in number of students attending institutions of higher learning and improved discipline, performance and retention rates of students and teachers

- Improve learning through libraries, learning materials, computer labs, playgrounds and sports
- Establish structures for students to obtain mentorship and performance incentives
- Explore fundraising opportunities to establish an education trust to cover both education sectors.

Sustainable Livelihoods



More job opportunities for youth and women. More locally run and profitable enterprises with increased capacity and efficiency.

- Assist to youth to explore opportunities for self-employment
- Create awareness and capacity building for women on management of small businesses
- Provide capacity and facilities for alternative and sustainable livelihoods.

Health and Wellbeing



A higher level of awareness on positive healthy behaviors and improvement in community health including personal mental and social wellbeing

- Sensitise the community on positive health behaviours and youth against drug abuse
- Offer rehabilitation instead of prison for youth affected with drug abuse.
- Promote community support projects that promote a clean and healthy environment.
- Support health projects that improve local medical capacity

Environment



A higher level of community awareness and improved participation in the preservation of the local natural and cultural heritage

- Clean up of the environment and important sites
- Community awareness and sensitisation
- Established partnerships with conservation agencies and organisations
- Promotion of sustainable use of local resources

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