

## Mahoma Makulu – Dodoma Children’s Project

Orphans of parents who have died, or children whose parents can't afford to care for them, end up on the streets of Dodoma, the country's largest city. Beginning in 2005 with a partially built house in Dodoma, several young adults gathered orphan boys from bus shelters and other areas to create a home for their care. They were assisted by a small Anglican Parish and, when forced to move, a supporter and property owner offered a house at a low rent.



Amani began supporting this program in 2006 through its Dodoma Children’s Project. In 2007 the village of Mahoma Makulu (east of Dodoma) donated eighty acres of land for the development of the home and a farm/garden development to support the children. A Board of Directors governs the development of the Home and the care of the children. Currently children are cared for in private homes in Dodoma until the initial building is completed. When food is available, one of the members of the board goes into downtown Dodoma at night to share food with children who are currently still ‘on the street’.

**Presently, 47 children are involved** in this program and the first building (pictured above) is underway. The village of Mahoma Makulu also gave an old well in the area (pictured at the right) to provide water for the project.

At this point, this program has strong support from Australia and contributions are primarily used to fund the building project and provide food through sponsors. Recently the Rotary of Los Angeles, through its Arusha, Tanzania office, has sponsored 26 orphans. The Tanzanian government has indicated it will assist with child care; however, the initial building must be finished first.

