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Jackline's Story:

Jackline lived in the Safe House for 4 years, from the age of 13. When she was told she had to be cut before marriage, she asked women in the village what was involved and learned that many had physical, psychological and emotional problems later in life. Some even died due to infection. At the Safe House she has been able to continue her education and now hopes to help other girls in a similar situation.



Pili's Story



Aged 13, Pili was pledged to be married to an older man who already had many wives. A family member rescued her and took her to the police station. They brought her to the Safe House in April 2018. She now fears for the fate of her sister.

The Mugumu Safe House is totally dependent on the generosity of others. Our Anglican Diocese of Leeds has supported it since 2015, and identifies it as a priority in the future.





ACT Mara Safe House Support Needed

The Story So Far... Keeping girls safe from FGM
The practice traditional in some cultures of partially or totally removing the external genitalia of girls and women (Female Genital Mutilation, FGM) is carried out by some members of the Kuria tribe in Tanzania. The girls involved are seen as sources of income, as once 'purified' by cutting they attract marriage dowries. FGM is a brutal and potentially life threatening practice, and has been illegal in Tanzania since 2009.

In 2014 the vicar of the Anglican Church in Mugumu took a young girl from the Kuria tribe into his care, to avoid this horrific practice. From this one act, the idea of the Safe House was born. With funding from the Tanzanian Development Trust, and the Anglican Church in Tanzania, the Safe House in Mugumu was built. It accommodates up to 80 girls at any one time, and gets particularly full during the 'cutting season', which occurs every two years during November and December.

The Safe House provides essential care for the girls including:

- Providing food and shelter, and a 'home'
- Ensuring the girls get an education by taking them to school
- Reconciliation work in the villages between the girls and their families to help mend broken relationships
- Raising awareness of FGM and it's devastating effects in the surrounding areas

Currently all the funding for the Safe House comes through the Anglican Church. There are however plans for projects which will enable the Safe House to be more self-supporting. This is one of the ways in which you can help...

Be Part of the Story...

Find out more. The contact for the Safe House is Rebecca Cain.

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Pray for the work of the Safe House and for the work of the Anglican Church in Tanzania.

Donate. Funding is needed in three areas which are:

- Staff salaries – the project director, the driver, the matron, the social worker and vocational teachers
- The ongoing needs of the girls – medicines, clothing, bedding, food, school equipment....Welcome packs to include the bare minimum for a girl arriving at the Safe House cost
- Capital projects – there are various projects planned to both ensure the girls' ongoing safety (a fence) and to help them to raise their own funds (a catering facility and venue has been built to host functions, but lacks the funds for completion). Every £1 donated goes directly to projects in Tanzania.

A Standing Order commitment of £10 per month could make a real difference.

BACS payments to Leeds DBF, reference, Safe House, Sort Code 09-02-22, Account no. 10466302.

Consider buying a £40 starter pack for a girl arriving at the safe house. Please consider a one off donation.

Send cheques to Leeds DBF, 17/19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX payable to 'Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance'; write 'Safe House' on the back.



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