



**Golder Trust  
for Orphans**



## SNAPSHOT

**Name of the Project:**  
Food Water Shelter

**Type of Project:**  
Grant Equity Project

**Location:**  
Tanzania

**Number of Orphans Being Supported:**  
80+

### Overview

Food Water Shelter (FWS) is a not-for-profit, non-denominational, non-governmental organisation established in 2005 that builds and manages sustainable and eco-friendly children's villages with education, social and health facilities for orphans, and vulnerable women and their children in developing countries.

Their first children's village is Kesho Leo (means "Tomorrow Today" in Swahili), which is located in the village of Sinon in the Arusha region of Tanzania, East Africa.

In 2008 and 2009 in this community, FWS employed 30 local Tanzanian farmers to build an eco-friendly children's village that is becoming home to 16 vulnerable women, their children and orphaned children (80 children in total).

This eco-friendly children's village is already offering early-learning education, health, social skilling and leadership programs that prepare children for successful social and educational interaction.

The children's village consists of:

- › Sleeping bomas under one continuous roof designed to maximise rainwater collection
- › Inside the bomas, there are separate

sleeping rooms, each accommodating five children and one house mama

- › A live-in manager's residence
- › A nurse's medicine room (which will eventually become a health clinic for the wider community to use)
- › An African-style kitchen area (complete with biogas cookers and passive cooling cupboards)
- › An early learning and community centre
- › Composting toilets, water-saving shower rooms and a grey-water laundry
- › A secure lock-up container and computer storage room
- › An open-air communal dining room



*Smiles from girls living in the village.*

Around the property, Kesho Leo includes a bio-gas system, 45 rainwater tanks fed by roof collection, a water aquifer (underground water storage) and an organic permaculture farm which produces organic vegetables, livestock, poultry and fish. They have also built a volunteer village on a 3.2 acre block of land 1.5 km from Kesho Leo which includes accommodation for

volunteers, an office for running the in-country elements of the project, and fields of food staples such as maize, soya beans and lentils.

Kesho Leo plans to support a number of sustainable development initiatives/small businesses that will help return an income for the running costs of Kesho Leo, such as:

- › Small scale mushroom farming under buildings
- › Rabbits and pigs farmed to sell
- › A plant nursery to sell fruit tree species, farm forestry species and indigenous species to the community
- › Excess organic fruits and vegetables to sell at the market, or to restaurants and hotels in Arusha
- › Kesho Leo workers are learning to build furniture with a view of creating a small business to pay their wages in future by making and selling
- › House mamas are developing their sewing skills and working with a designer to create a range of merchandise from vibrant local fabrics

### How We Helped this Project

The Golder Trust for Orphans' initial grant of \$20,000 to FWS has helped supply the children's village with solar panels and therefore an independent power source that will help provide lighting and power for sewing machines and computers.

### Where to Find More Information

<http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/current-project-tanzania.aspx>

Recent Photos from Food Water Shelter:



*Clockwise from top left: Happy girls in the common room, Local men learn sustainable farming practices, Solar panels purchased by the Trust, Common area of the children's village, Women learning to sew, Rainwater tanks.*

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