



# 25 YEARS WITH STREET CHILDREN

**Amani is a non profit organization that works to uphold the right of children and young people living on the streets to an identity, a safe house, food, education, health and the affection of adults.**

**Since 1995** Amani has built and supported shelters, schools and training centres in **Kenya, Zambia and Sudan**. Every day Amani offers concrete opportunities and options to children forced to live on the streets in shanty towns and on the edges of Nairobi and Lusaka.

**Amani is independent, secular, and non-politically aligned.** In 2000 it was recognised as an NGO by the Italian Foreign Ministry, and since 2016 it is a registered Civil Society Organization with the AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation). It has headquarters in Milan and many local teams operating throughout Italy, where it works with schools, associations, public and private bodies, parishes, local government, foundations and businesses.

**In Italy** Amani organizes cultural initiatives and meetings to promulgate news and debate. Every year since 1995 it has offered summer camps in Kenya and in Zambia to allow teams and individual volunteers and families the chance to see the realities at first hand and live for a period in a local community.

## ACTIVITIES

**Day-to-day management of activities in Kenya and Zambia is handled by Koinonia Community, a local non profit organization with which Amani shares moral responsibility for every initiative.**



### Shelter

#### **Ndugu Mdogo Rescue Centre (Nairobi)**

Ndugu Mdogo is a shelter for children living on the streets. Here they take their first steps on the road to recovery, so that they are ready to go to school. Where reintegration with their family of origin is impossible, the children can continue their journey at the Kivuli Centre.



### Home

#### **Kivuli Centre (Nairobi)**

The Kivuli Centre sets out to provide a safe place for kids previously living on the streets, who will find affection, the right to education, and a group of friends with whom to play and grow. With its multiple services, Kivuli has become a point of reference for all young people in the local neighbourhood.

#### **Anita's Home (Ngong, Kenya)**

Anita's Home is Amani's only shelter specifically for girls and young women, whether they are from vulnerable families, the street, or fleeing from child marriages. Besides going to school full time, the girls help to look after the nursery and the farm.

#### **Mthunzi Centre (Lusaka)**

The Mthunzi Centre is an oasis of safety for children and teenagers coming from the streets of the city or the surrounding areas. Living in close contact with the local Koinonia Community, the children here gain self-confidence and receive everything they need for healthy growth: food, affection, healthcare, play and school.



### Family

#### **Families to Families (Nairobi)**

The Families to Families program assists children from Kivuli and Anita's Home on the road towards reunification with their family through workshops, seminars, psychological support and home monitoring visits. In some cases the families receive small loans for entrepreneurial ventures.





### **Mthunzi Home Based Program (Lusaka)**

Mthunzi also supports girls and boys who live with their families in the surrounding areas. It guarantees their schooling and provides healthcare and psychological support.

### **Lonjedzani (Lusaka)**

Lonjedzani is a day centre where girls and young women are assisted with their schoolwork and medical needs. They receive help with their homework and look after the garden and the little chicken coop.



#### **Health**

#### **Kivuli Dispensary (Nairobi)**

The Kivuli dispensary tries to bridge the gap in public healthcare, also serving the needs of the surrounding community. In addition, the Riruta Health Program provides preventive healthcare and home visits to the terminally sick and HIV positive patients.



#### **Education**

#### **Diakonia Institute (Nairobi)**

Diakonia Institute is a training school offering a variety of vocational courses. It also comprises the Shalom IT Centre, a school of computing.

#### **Basadonna Scholarships (Kenya)**

Basadonna Scholarships enable deserving young men and women to attend university and further education.

#### **Mthunzi Tech Centre (Lusaka)**

The Mthunzi IT lab was set up to provide basic computing education both to the children living at Mthunzi and the local community.

#### **Lubuto Library (Lusaka)**

The Lubuto Library offers services and activities to the children at Mthunzi and to the surrounding community. Besides books and a reading room, it provides adult literacy courses, a computer lab and a space for outdoor events.



#### **Work and enterprise for young people**

#### **Shalom House (Nairobi)**

Shalom House is a multipurpose structure containing a guest house, the Diakonia Institute, a space for receptions, a Kenyan cuisine restaurant and an Italian pizzeria. The profits go to supporting the Koinonia Community's activities.

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