

Pamoja = Together...

...we support orphans, finance education and vocational training and do a lot of other things for children and young adults in Tanga - Tanzania

“Pamoja” means “together” in Kiswahili. “Pamoja” is a trust lead and administered by five women, who work in Tanga/Tanzania. The trust developed from the long lasting Partnership between Tanga and the Town Eckernförde in northern Germany. Mrs Christiane Tjarks, the trust’s chairwoman, is Eckernförde’s official representative in Tanga. She has been living in Tanga since 2003, where she has mainly been supporting orphans. But “Pamoja” also supports many other projects. They will be described on the following pages.

Tanga is located on Africa’s eastern coast,



ast, at the Indian Ocean, not far from the border to Kenya. With its 300.000 residents Tanga is the fourth-largest town in Tanzania. It is the capital of a region also called Tanga. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in Africa. The people are very friendly and peaceful and their way of coping with poverty is admirable. Tanzania and especially Tanga are worth a visit.

Karibu sana - Welcome!



From left to right:
Christiane, Indra, Anna, Rhoda and Claudia

Activities and Successes

of Christiane Tjarks and Pamoja

Christiane Tjarks has been living in Tanga since 2003. She has ever since been spending her time supporting orphans and working on many other projects. In 2007 she founded a trust together with four other women. The list of their activities and successes is long, as the following examples show:

- Financial and organisational support of the construction of a fence for the Usagara Disabled School in Tanga.
- Coordination and transport of an ultrasonic instrument for the Health Care Center in Tanga.
- Coordination of the renovation of the "Old Tanga School" which was built during the German colonial era. This project was financed by the German government.
- Equipment of more than 120 orphans with school-uniforms, shoes and books.
- Distribution of more than 1000 mosquito nets in villages in order to support the people's struggle with malaria.
- Provision of the local hospital's patients with food, medicine and

other needed goods.

- Provision of wheelchairs with help from friends from Eckernförde.
- Equipment of a boarding school with beds.
- And lots of other activities and projects.

All the members of „Pamoja“ work as volunteers and are not being paid. That way every cent donated can be spent directly for the projects.

Supporting Maduja

Maduja

Maduja was simply forgotten in the hospital of Tanga. When the paralysed 13-year old Massai boy was transferred to the orphanage "Stehmann-House" he had more than 20 severe open wounds. That was nearly one year ago, and since then his bandages have been changed every day. Now there are only four open wounds left, and he is able to sit in a wheelchair. In a few weeks he will be going back to his village, back to his family and friends. He has already recovered his



Supporting Orphans

Pamoja does especially support the orphans' education. At the moment Pamoja is paying the school-fees for 127 Children. In addition, Pamoja runs two orphanages, the "Stehmann-House" for girls and the "Beach-House" for boys.

The Stehmann - House

At the present the Stehmann - House is occupied with 24 orphan girls aged between 15 and 20 years. They receive accommodation, meals and educational or vocational training, and they learn important lectures for life: They learn about healthy nutrition, AIDS, appropriate behaviour, punctuality and so on. Scholar education comes first in order to give the children a chance in their future lives. Especially girls face a hard life in Tanzania.

The Beach - House

At the Present the Beach-House accom-



The girls are given a chance to lead their own independent lives.

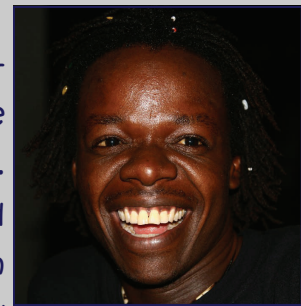
modates 15 orphan boys aged between 10 and 25 years. They are also being supported until they can fend for themselves.



The Beach-House the boys recently moved into.

Shizan

Shizan was accommodated in the orphanage in 2003. He finished scholar education with exceptionally



good grades. After that he completed an arts and design education. Now he has a safe job in a factory that produces cosmetics. He creates and prints Labels - a story of success. He will leave the Beach-House as soon as he has found a room for rent. From his first salary he has already bought a mattress.

Information about Sponsorships

Unfortunately, in Tanga orphans very much depend on our aid. They have no one else to help them and they are not able to earn their living and at the same time to attend school. They are very modest, thankful and willing to seize the chance we give them. They know that otherwise they will spend their lives on the streets.

If you would like to finance an orphan's education, please contact Pamoja/Christiane Tjarks by letter, via e-mail or telephone. The E-mail-adress is chrtjarks@yahoo.com.

Who you support is up to you: You can either leave the decision to Pamoja, or you can make requests concerning gender, religion, age and family of the orphan you would like to support. There are still many children who have to survive without any help.

Also you may decide whether to make the payment monthly or once a year. The minimum amount is 350 € per year. We request you to tell us if you would prefer a personal relation to your child.

As soon as we have all the information necessary, Pamoja will choose a child that matches your criteria and send you

a detailed description and a foto. The children who come to Pamoja have to hand in a curriculum vitae either in English or in swahili. This will be translated at your request.

Your financial aid will only be spent by Christiane Tjarks personally on school-fees, school-uniforms or shoes if necessary, as the children are not permitted to attend school without a uniform. With your agreement they will also receive a small amount of pocketmoney.



After many setbacks the children can enjoy their new lives in the orphanage.

The orphan can also be provided with a used bike, which might be necessary regarding the very long ways to school. Pamoja will also buy a mattress, a mosquito net, a small pillow (which is luxury for the children), a bedsheet, a pillowcase and a blanket for the winter.

There are also children, who receive their school-fees from Pamoja, but who are not accommodated in one of our orphanages. The donated money will not cover their expenses, but that way they can learn how to earn their living.

It would, however, help a lot if the sponsor would also finance English or computer courses. The fees are about 11 € for a six-week English course with 2 hours of lessons per day and about 16 € for a four-week computer course with 2,5 hours of training per day.

Your donation has to be paid into an

account of Eckernförde's municipality. They will transfer the money to the account of Pamoja and send you a receipt for the donation at the end of the year.

In case you have further questions please contact us.

Thank you for your interest!



Once a week the founders of Pamoja have a meeting in which they discuss the needs of the orphans.

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Christiane Tjarks is the founder and chairwoman of „Pamoja“. Since long before founding the trust she has already been the official representative of Eckernförde for the needy in Tanga. She is also involved in URITHI - which is Tanga's organisation for the preservation of historic buildings. She has been living in Tanga since 2003. She has gained quite some experience in Africa, since the mother of four children has spent many years in Libya and Nigeria. Her commitment is completely honorary. Since 2007 she is the President of Rotary-Tanga.

