

The Tumaini Fund

A HOUSE BUILT BY TUMAINI in 2020

There is a constant need for new housing in Kagera where so many families exist in the most terrible homes, usually constructed of local materials such as sticks and straw and with a roof of leaves.



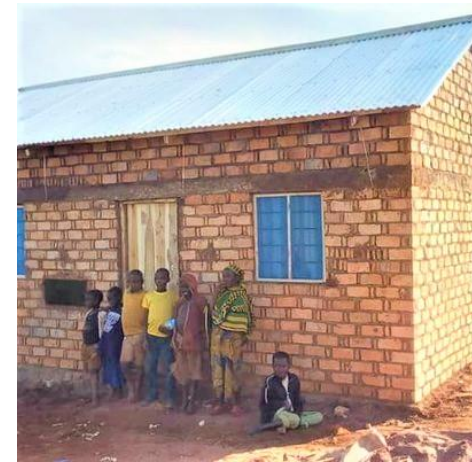
In the rainy season, the heavy downpour leaks through the roof.

The family must stand and wait for the rain to cease and the floor to dry before they can lay bedding on the ground to sleep.



A grandmother caring for her orphaned grandchildren in this awful house.

Imagine how difficult life must be for this lovely family.



A new Tumaini house gives the grandmother and the grandchildren hope for the future and dignity once again.

Truly a wonderful gift

With a house of sticks and leaves, there is danger when water accumulates in the roof leaves and the weight causes the roof to collapse, killing the family huddling inside - a reality and desperate worry for many families.

Current Tumaini Specifications for a New House:

- Foundations:** Sand and cement.
- Walls:** Firebricks made of clay and baked in a kiln for 3 days - a purchase of 20,000 firebricks in 4 truckloads for each house.
- Roof:** 22 pieces of tin sheet purchased by Tumaini.
- Windows, Doors & Shutters:** Window frames, doors and shutters made by students in carpentry workshops now established in each area, from timber purchased by Tumaini.
- Window Screens:** Mesh screening on all windows to protect against mosquitoes and malaria.
- Floors:** Upgraded concrete floors in Chato and Muleba houses and planned elsewhere.
- Design:** 2 Doors: one front and one back of the house: some with a vent above the door.
2 Doors inside: one for each bedroom.
- Rooms:** 3 Rooms: 1 bedroom for girls to sleep: 1 bedroom for boys to sleep:
1 room for general living.
- Cooking outside:** Families are encouraged to keep a small, well ventilated shelter outside their home for cooking. This keeps the new house free from smoke pollution etc.
- Family Pride:** Many families work to improve their house, with personal decorations, new bedding and flowers outside, making it truly a family home.
- New Upgrade:** Important 2019 addition of a LINTEL BEAM made from cement, aggregates, steel bars and sand to strengthen houses and prevent collapse during heavy rainfall.

Design Improvements are continually made by Tumaini as local supplies and funds permit.

These photos show the difficulties families face living in homes made of local materials.



A house of sticks and straw



Sleeping & cooking under one leaky roof



This photo through the open door shows how most families sleep at night... with bedding laid on the floor and the essential mosquito net suspended above.



Widow Bibi with two of her four children on front of their home



Widow Bibi with her new home thanks to a Guernsey donor

A straw house in the rainy season is a miserable place to sleep when the roof leaks and the floor is soaking wet.



Typical house from local natural supplies



A young widow struggling to keep her family in this home of sticks and straw



This family with smiling faces shows their new Tumaini house to visitors

To each family, living without hope in a hovel, a new Tumaini house is a priceless gift.