

Help us **Wash away Female Genital Mutilation With Soap**

Teng'ena Community Development Organization is an **NGO** based in Monduli - not far from Arusha in Tanzania. The majority of the population in the Monduli district are Maasais.

The main purpose of the NGO is to prevent girls from being violated through FGM and prevent them from becoming a bargain among families, where girls and young women are forced into marriage with men they hardly know or desire, without taking their future lives into consideration. Very often girls are forced to marry elders who are much older than themselves. This is not a simple issue to address as the tradition also implies poor families' survival – financially and otherwise.

Although FGM has been banned in Tanzania since 1998, it continues to be practiced. Not, as an event followed by a celebration as before, but in secret. This 'hidden practice' is - if possible - even worse. It's performed without any kind of control of the person performing the cutting and the instruments used for the purpose.

In addition to campaigns against circumcision, it is therefore necessary to present some economic alternatives to compensate for the loss of income when NOT practicing FGM!



To strengthen this side of the effort Teng'ena Community Development Organization wants to start a soap production. A smallscale production of soap for laundry.

The soap used now is imported from Kenya. There are no similar productions in the Arusha/Monduli area, so it is considered to be a competitive product. This type of soap is used by everyone and at all times, so there is reason to believe that there will be a fertile ground for such a production.

Requirements for starting a smallscale soap production in Monduli:

Procurement of equipment: (6500000 TZS)	USD 2800
Procurement of material for the initial production: (3000000 TZS)	USD 1300
The monthly rent for the production site: (100000 TZS)	USD 45

The offer is submitted by BB & Machinery and General Business in Dar es Salaam and includes - in addition to equipment and material as described above:



- Setup of the equipment
- Training in operating the equipment
- Release of the Soap recipes used in production.

And here are a few views of the production process:



On behalf of the Tang'ena Community Organization -

Yours sincerely

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