



Charity receives UK Aid to help children in need in Kenya.

Tushinde Children's Trust has been awarded a UK aid grant from the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID). This will help Tushinde reach more families with young children in the slums of Kenya. Tushinde reaches families who are in crisis. The support will help send children to school and protect families from the impact of serious crises such as eviction, hunger or life-changing illness.

International Development Minister Baroness Sugg said:

"Tushinde Children's Trust is keeping families together and helping children go to school by providing basic social care to stop them being forced into child labour. UK aid will help the Trust to train community volunteers to help sick parents get their children ready for school, or be a helping hand at night when parents may have to go to work."

"The Small Charities Challenge Fund makes it easier for small British charities like Tushinde Children's Trust to access UK aid, helping them to improve lives and reduce poverty around the world."

Megan Wright, the founder and director of the charity said: *'It's amazing news. With this money from DFID, we are able to trial a new way of supporting families with complex needs by using volunteers supported by our trained social workers'*

'This is a trial project; if it works and children have the same or better outcomes with the volunteers than if they were supported by social workers alone, then it will mean our project can be more cost effective. We are looking forward to working with the team from DFID as we hope they are able to help us with the evaluation of the project.'

Tushinde Children's Trust has been working in the informal settlements of Nairobi for almost ten years. It has a team of 12 social workers who are in the field every day. It aims to keep children with their families; off the streets and out of orphanages. Tushinde was started in response to the observation that children in need were only coming to light when they were

found begging on the streets, in exploitative labour or dead. With an early intervention model, it aims to reach children before a crisis becomes so bad that the family falls apart.

If you are interested in applying for a Small Charities Challenge Fund grant, please visit <https://www.ukaidirect.org/apply/sccf/> . When the funding window opens, applications can be made at any time and are reviewed every six months. The next review date is 28th November 2019.

Tushinde's work ties in with the United Nations' Global Development Goals of no poverty and zero hunger, good health and quality education. It supports families with gaining employment and becoming financially independent, therefore reducing inequality. Most importantly, Tushinde is committed to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the whole team works to ensure children are protected in what can be a hostile and dangerous environment.