



RELIGHT WINGS FOUNDATION

A Case for Support

Relight Futures Initiative (RFI): Turning Pain into Purpose

**A TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION, PROTECTION, EMPOWERMENT
AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF TEEN MOTHERS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

RFI-TPP/TMBHI/2026/001

PROPOSED TO PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

Moshi, Kilimanjaro-Tanzania

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1.0 The Story Behind Relight Wings Foundation

Relight Wings Foundation (RWF) was born out of lived experience, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to transform pain into purpose for vulnerable young mothers and children across Tanzania. Founded by Alice Rafikiel J. Sibhoti, reflecting a deeply personal journey shaped by hardship, courage, and hope. Alice became a mother at the age of fifteen, a stage in life when she was emotionally, socially, and economically unprepared. The father of her child disappeared, and much of the community responded with rejection, stigma, and judgment. In the midst of uncertainty, the one person who continued to believe in her was her mother, who encouraged her to return to school only three months after giving birth and reminded her that her future was still alive. Through that support, she completed her education earning *University Degree in Tourism Management*. However, after the passing of her mother, she was left to raise her daughter largely on her own. Those painful experiences exposed the reality faced by many young mothers whose dreams are interrupted by poverty, abandonment, social exclusion, lack of educational opportunities, and the absence of institutional support systems.

It was through this lived experience that the vision for Relight Wings Foundation emerged. Alice recognized that thousands of adolescent girls and young mothers in Tanzania as in many Sub-Saharan African countries continue to face similar challenges, *including school dropout, emotional trauma, early marriage, exploitation, gender-based discrimination, and economic vulnerability after becoming pregnant*. Although Tanzania's education policies increasingly allow adolescent mothers to return to school, many are unable to do so because they lack school sponsorship, childcare support, psychosocial care and the financial resources necessary to continue learning. As a result, many young mothers remain trapped in intergenerational cycles of poverty and dependency, while their children are exposed to poor nutrition, unsafe environments, inadequate healthcare and limited opportunities for healthy growth and development.

2.0 Why Relight Wings Foundation-The Motivation Behind the Organisation

Relight Wings Foundation was therefore established as a legally registered charitable Non-Governmental Organization operating in Tanzania Mainland under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act No. 24 of 2002. The organization was officially registered on 12 June 2025 under Registration Number OONGO/R/9116 with NGO Certificate No. OO/NGO/R/9115, valid until 11 June 2035, to restore dignity, opportunity, and hope for vulnerable young mothers, adolescent girls, and orphans and marginalized children with integrated community-based interventions focused on *education support, psychosocial counseling, healthcare access, mentorship, livelihood empowerment, vocational skills training, childcare support, social inclusion, and advocacy for gender-responsive*

development envisioning an inclusive communities where all women and children, regardless of their circumstances, have equal opportunities to thrive, while its mission focuses on empowering vulnerable young women and teen mothers to become self-reliant, resilient, and economically independent.

At the heart of the Foundation's work is the ***Teen Moms and Baby Home Initiative (TMBH-Initiative)***, a transformative intervention designed to provide safe accommodation, emotional healing, healthcare referrals, education sponsorship, childcare support, nutrition services, life skills training, mentorship, vocational empowerment and pathways back to formal education and sustainable livelihoods. The home is envisioned not simply as a shelter, but as a holistic empowerment and recovery center where vulnerable young mothers can rebuild confidence and regain control over their futures while ensuring that their children grow up healthy, secure, protected, and loved. Through this initiative, RWF seeks to break cycles of poverty and social exclusion by creating opportunities for long-term resilience, self-sufficiency and social reintegration.

3.0 Relight Wings Foundation the Bigger Spectrum

Relight Wings Foundation strategically aligns its interventions with Tanzania Development Vision 2050, particularly the national aspirations of Achieving Inclusive Human Development, Social Protection, Gender Equality, Equitable Access to Education, Improved Community Welfare, and Economic Empowerment for Vulnerable Populations. The Foundation's work also directly contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under Agenda 2030, including: (SDG 1) No Poverty through economic empowerment and social support systems for vulnerable young mothers; (SDG 2) Zero Hunger through nutrition support and childcare interventions for vulnerable children; (SDG 3) Good Health and Well-Being through psychosocial care, maternal support, reproductive health referrals, and child wellness services; (SDG 4) Quality Education through school sponsorships, re-entry support, and vocational education opportunities for adolescent mothers; (SDG 5) Gender Equality through the protection and empowerment of vulnerable girls and women facing discrimination and exclusion; (SDG 8) Decent Work and Economic Growth through livelihood development and entrepreneurship support; (SDG 10) Reduced Inequalities through inclusive social protection programs for marginalized populations; (SDG 16) Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through advocacy for social justice, child protection, and community inclusion; and (SDG 17) Partnerships for the Goals through collaborative engagement with development partners, institutions, and communities to create sustainable impact.

The Foundation further contributes to the African Union Agenda 2063, "The Africa We Want," particularly Aspiration 1, which envisions a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development; Aspiration 6, which promotes people-driven development that unlocks the

potential of women and youth; and Aspiration 7, which seeks strong, resilient, and culturally grounded communities that uphold human dignity, inclusion, and social justice. The Foundation's interventions are equally aligned with Tanzania's national gender, education, youth development, child protection, and social welfare frameworks that advocate for inclusive development and equal opportunity for all citizens.

4.0 The Call for Action

Today, Relight Wings Foundation stands as a movement of hope, restoration, and transformation. The organization currently is supporting 11 teen mothers with their 12 children and works to identify vulnerable teen mothers, provide psychosocial and educational support, facilitate school reintegration, strengthen childcare systems, deliver mentorship and vocational empowerment programs, mobilize community awareness against stigma and discrimination, and advocate for inclusive opportunities for adolescent mothers and vulnerable children. However, the scale of the challenge remains enormous, and sustainable partnerships are urgently needed to expand the Foundation's impact.

The cost of sponsoring one teen mother to return to education averages approximately USD 2,500 per year, covering school fees, scholastic materials, psychosocial support, mentorship, accommodation assistance and educational reintegration processes. In addition, the average annual cost of raising and supporting one child with adequate nutrition, healthcare, childcare, clothing, and developmental support is approximately USD 1,500 per year. To provide a sustainable and long-term solution, RWF is planning to commence construction of its first dedicated *Teen Mothers and Baby Home (TMB-Home)* in September 2026 at an estimated cost of USD 325,000. The facility is expected to serve as a comprehensive center for shelter, childcare, counseling, education support, vocational training, healthcare coordination, and economic empowerment for vulnerable young mothers and their children. Relight Wings Foundation therefore calls upon development partners, philanthropic organizations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, corporate institutions, foundations, faith-based organizations, government entities, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and compassionate individuals to join this transformative mission through strategic partnerships, sponsorships, infrastructure support, grants, technical collaboration, educational scholarships, and child welfare investments. The Foundation believes that investing in vulnerable young mothers is not charity alone, but a strategic investment in social justice, human capital development, gender equality, community resilience, and sustainable national development. By partnering with Relight Wings Foundation, stakeholders become part of a life-changing movement dedicated to restoring dignity, rebuilding futures, protecting vulnerable children, and ensuring that no young mother is denied the opportunity to learn, heal, grow, and dream again.

Certificate of Registration

NGO A - Form No. 3A



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THE NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2002

Made under Section 11 (1) and 17 (2) of Act No. 24 of 2002

No. **9115**

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that **RELIGHT WINGS FOUNDATION**
.....of P.O.Box **6949 KILIMANJARO**.....has
this **12**.....day of **JUNE**.....20**25**..... been duly registered under the Non Governmental
Organizations Act, 2002 with Registration No.....**00NGO/R/9116**.....

This certificate is subjected to the following conditions/directions:

That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in Tanzania Mainland

That the aforesaid Organization shall operate in accordance with its governing

Constitution and the Laws of Tanzania

That this certificate shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years from the issuing date

Date of Issue

12.....Day of **JUNE**.....20**25**.....

Expiry Date

11.....Day of **JUNE**.....20**35**.....

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