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SOS CHILDREN VILLAGE
MOMBASA
ZANZIBAR. ✓

**RE: STANDPOINT OF GOVERNMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT AND
MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR MOST VULNERABLE
CHILDREN IN ZANZIBAR.**

Kindly refers to the above mentioned topic, also refers to the attached Government Statement made before Media Personnel by the Director of Social Welfare Zanzibar regarding the above mentioned subject.

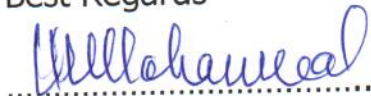
The Zanzibar Children's Act No. 6 of 2011 among other things cited the obligation of establishment and management of "Approved Residential Homes" to the Ministry responsible for children via the Department of Social Welfare. Since there was no comprehensive data on the number and the nature of institutions providing care to children, background of the children staying in those institutions and the quality of care being provided to them, the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Save the Children UK conducted the assessment to explore the number and nature of Institutions providing care to orphans. Findings of the assessment noted a number of inadequacies regarding the establishment and management of those homes. Due to that fact, The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar made the following announcement:

- Starting on the 24th February, 2016 it is prohibited for any orphanage owner to register a child in his or her center prior to the permission of the Director of social welfare. It is important to note here that, the assessment provided the Department with exact number of children in each center; any additional registration of children to the centre without prior written permission from the Department of Social Welfare will attract legal actions.
- The Department in collaboration with Save the Children will conduct the assessment to consider the eligibility of those children in the Children's Homes, and if found other alternatives to be available in the sense that alternative care options are available within their families of origins or communities, the preparation for reunification to their families or communities will be done promptly, With the conditions that the centres should support the children within their families. On the other hand if Department of Social Welfare determined that the Children's home is the most suitable place for the identified child and family or foster care is not available that child will be located to the Approved Children's home, for specific time while waiting for other care Plan arrangements .
- The primary objective of the assessment was to discover the state of those orphanages and the standards of services provided if suitable and appropriate to be awarded a license. The assessment findings therefore will provide a base to make such decision and if the Centre fail to meet the required standards it will not be provided with a license to operate children's home

It is our sincere hope that you will provide necessary cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare to ensure that the best interest of children is always be a priority.

Anticipate a continued cooperation

Best Regards


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