

KAZUNZU

Village of Hope



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Those who have been aboard our medical ship, Jubilee Hope or visited the islands of Lake Victoria will be aware how tough the living conditions are. The HIV levels are amongst some of the highest in the world, sanitation is almost non-existent and despite being surrounded by water, there is an absence of clean water for cooking and drinking. It is a far from ideal place for raising children despite how idyllic the sunset photos around the islands may look.

Early in 2018, a 53 acre site on the lake front was identified around 20 km west of Mwanza, that belongs to our partners, the African Inland Church of Tanzania. Since then Vine Trust have been working closely with the planning authorities and District Commissioner in Sengerema to develop a plan for the village.



'Kazunzu' comes from the Zinza tribal language and means a promontory. It is an apt name for a piece of land that juts out into Lake Victoria, Tanzania where Vine Trust and partners began construction of a new village in 2019.

It is an ambitious undertaking and the most significant building project Vine Trust has ever undertaken, with plans to build homes, a Vocational Training Centre, a Health Hub, and a school. Whilst this represents a significant amount of building work, our volunteers and partners have already built over 100 homes in the Kilimanjaro region over the last 7 years.



Lake Victoria

Ukerewe Island

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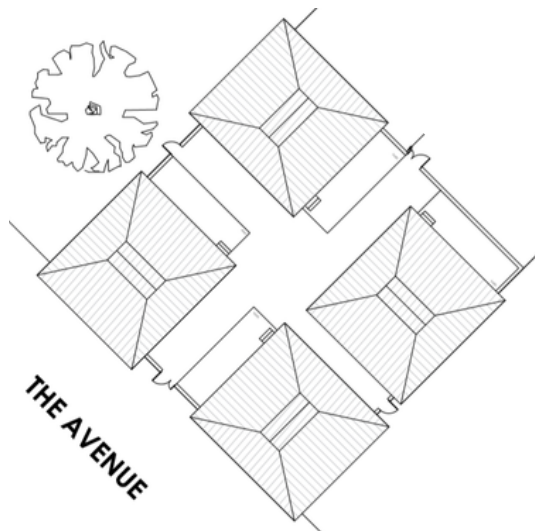
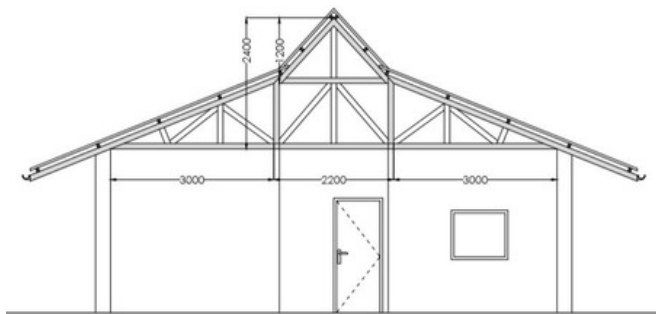
Luchiri Bay

Sengerema

Mwanza

Mwanza Gulf





The homes will be built in clusters of 4, sharing a small 'shamba', or cottage garden, to grow crops for their own consumption and the possibility of selling on excess produce they don't eat.

Understanding how to run a small shamba and learning a trade at the vocational training centre will hopefully prepare those growing up at Kazunzu for a constructive adult life.

The village will provide a new start in life for the most vulnerable orphans on the islands of Lake Victoria. With the highest instance of HIV/AIDS in the country, many orphans are left with no parents and no immediate family to care for them. Working closely with our local in-country partners and regional government, we will ensure that the children living at Kazunzu are given the secure family setting that they currently lack.

Sustainability will be key to the success of such a programme and we hope to create an array of income opportunities for the residents.

There will be an area of land set aside for farming cash crops, and we also plan to create a series of fish ponds where the villagers can farm Tilapia, a lucrative fish commonly found in Lake Victoria, which can be more effectively and safely farmed in small ponds. Crafts and income from the Vocational Training Centre all have the potential to expand the income for villagers.



*"It is the responsibility of the government to provide for the orphans, it is the responsibility of the government to provide vocational training, but we are never in the moment to provide them. When we have support from volunteers like Vine Trust then we are happy because **you are pushing us ahead**"*

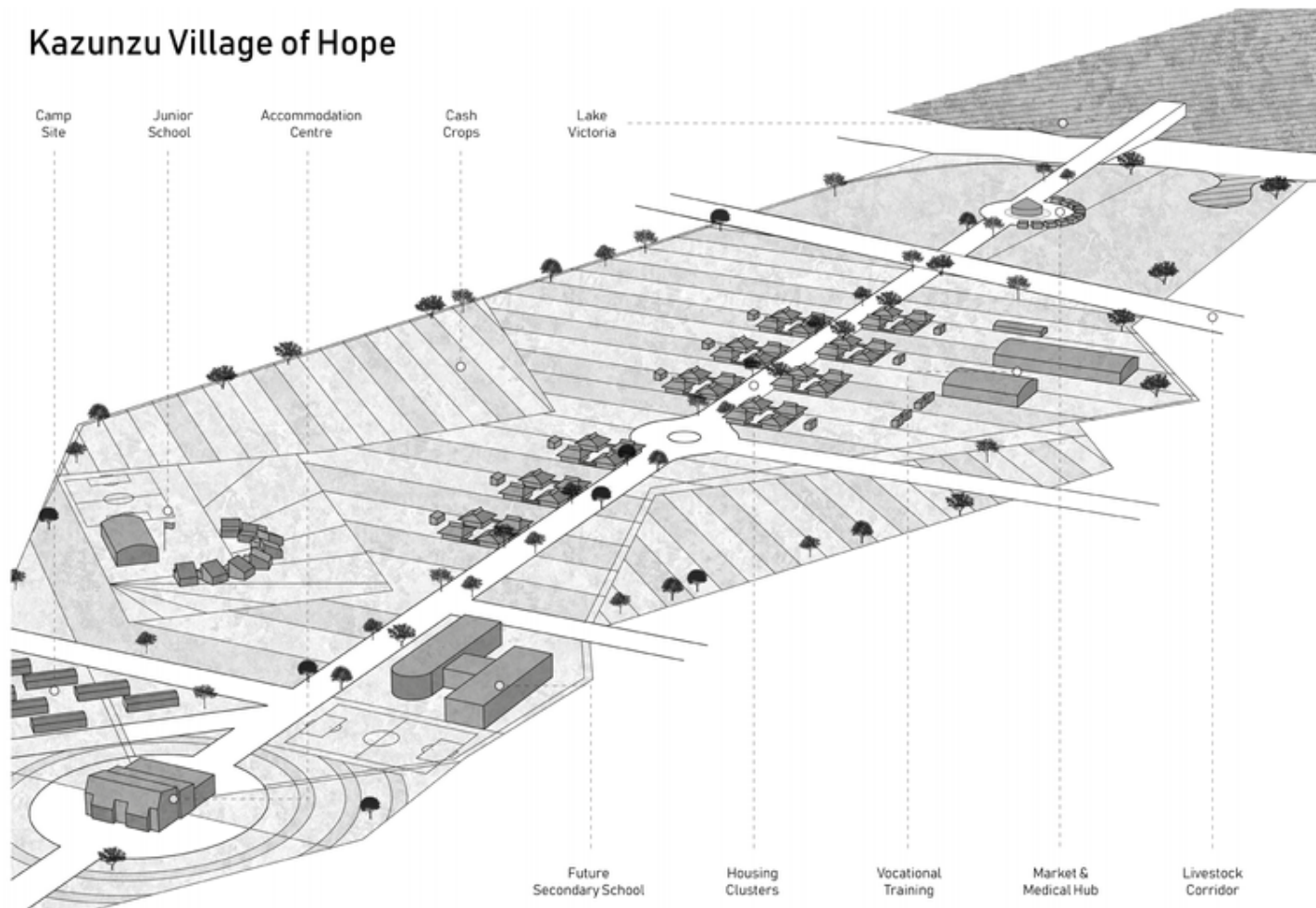
Emmanuel Kipolle, District Commissioner, Sengerema



"It's not just the foundation to a house, it's a foundation to a more stable income, health and overall life."

Building team volunteer, 2019

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*"It was very difficult to
tear ourselves away.*

*A little bit of Tanzania will
be forever **in our hearts.**"*

Falkirk Trinity Church, first volunteering team to Kazunzu

You could be part of the journey:

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Travel to Tanzania as an individual, group, or school for two weeks to support the building of homes that will change lives.

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