



PROJECT AUDIT REPORT - 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026

PROJECT NUMBER - 26-2024-25

Project Name: Child Surgeries Program Arusha Region Tanzania (RAOAF)
Project Manager: Colleen d'Offay
Deputy Project Manager: Mal James
Project Completed? Continuing

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In partnership with the Child Surgeries Tanzania Foundation, the project will be focused on providing life-altering surgeries for children in the Arusha region of Tanzania. The aim is to equip, engage, and collaborate with more hospitals, as well as continually implementing outreach and aftercare programs further afield. The goal is to ensure that more children with treatable, life-threatening disabilities receive the critical medical attention they need, with continued support throughout their recovery.

PROJECT COMMITTEE

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PROJECT - SPONSORING ROTARY CLUBS & DISTRICTS

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PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR REPORT PERIOD

Balance of RAWCS Project Account at beginning of report period:	\$3,571.46
Total of donations received by online donation facility:	\$94,890.10
Total other income:	\$0.00
Total project expenses (detailed below):	\$81,442.50

<u>Date of Expenditure</u>	<u>Amount Authorised</u>	<u>Used for What Purpose</u>
23-Feb-2026	\$17,192.48	Child Surgeries costs - including payments to hospitals, payments for rehab staff, payments for bus fares, doctor payments - anything directly connected with getting a child surgery completed
23-Mar-2026	\$19,413.63	Child Surgeries costs - including payments to hospitals, payments for rehab staff, payments for bus fares, doctor payments - anything directly connected with getting a child surgery completed
23-Apr-2026	\$10,432.38	Child Surgeries costs - including payments to hospitals, payments for rehab staff, payments for bus fares, doctor payments - anything directly connected with getting a child surgery completed

<u>Date of Expenditure</u>	<u>Amount Authorised</u>	<u>Used for What Purpose</u>
21-May-2026	\$14,532.80	Child Surgeries costs - including payments to hospitals, payments for rehab staff, payments for bus fares, doctor payments - anything directly connected with getting a child surgery completed
11-Jun-2026	\$19,871.21	Child Surgeries costs - including payments to hospitals, payments for rehab staff, payments for bus fares, doctor payments - anything directly connected with getting a child surgery completed

Balance of RAWCS Project Account at the end of report period: \$17,019.06

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES DURING PERIOD

One of our sponsored staff members experienced inappropriate pressure and psychological harassment from hospital representatives seeking increased funding, donations and higher fees for child surgeries.

We raised the matter directly with the hospital and made it clear that this behaviour was unacceptable and inconsistent with the standards expected within the Child Surgeries Tanzania program.

The matter was addressed promptly. The behaviour has ceased, and our sponsored staff member has since reported no further incidents.

INCIDENT OR ACCIDENT REPORTS DURING PERIOD

Nil.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

Nil.

CHILD PROTECTION OR VULNERABLE PERSONS ISSUES

Former Hospital Staff Member Matter

Approximately 18 months ago, a female former hospital staff member, now employed by Child Surgeries Tanzania, was involved in an alleged harassment/violence incident with a hospital administrator. The matter remains before the Tanzanian courts and is separate from the Child Surgeries program.

Following her dismissal by the hospital, Child Surgeries Tanzania, whom we sponsor, continued to support her and subsequently employed her. During this reporting period, the hospital administrator pressured Child Surgeries Tanzania to cease supporting her and threatened to discontinue the Child Surgeries program at the hospital.

Child Surgeries Tanzania declined. Legal assistance was sought and the matter was escalated to the hospital Chairman and subsequently the presiding bishops. This has resulted in a positive response and a new Memorandum of Understanding with the hospital, allowing the Child Surgeries program to continue.

The former staff member continues to assist Child Surgeries Tanzania in identifying disadvantaged children requiring surgery.

COUNTER TERRORISM ISSUES

Nil.

ACHIEVEMENTS

<u>Supporting Women and Children</u>	<u>Number Items</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
Medical and health support for women & girls. How many individuals supported	104	\$81,440

SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

Six-Month Summary

This has been one of the more challenging periods in my ten years with the Child Surgeries program, with several governance and harassment issues in Tanzania required firm intervention and additional support for Child Surgeries Tanzania, whom we sponsor.

Despite this, the program has continued strongly. Approximately 100 additional children entered the program, with expenditure of approximately \$81,000. Our focus now is ensuring these children progress through to completed surgery while continuing to closely manage costs.

After more than 1,500 surgeries over ten years, ongoing care is also becoming increasingly important AND A COST. More and more of the 1500 children (in 8 years) now require replacement prosthetics or further procedures - but don't appear in stats as new surgeries. Child Surgeries Tanzania has worked to reduce these costs, including negotiating some prosthetics from approximately US\$600 to US\$200.

The major hospital governance issue now appears resolved and the program is continuing. Encouragingly, that hospital is also constructing a dedicated children's surgical ward. We have not funded the building but believe our eight-year involvement and visits and training generated the seed and encouraged its development.

Despite a difficult six months, I remain very proud of the Tanzanians running Child Surgeries Tanzania and what they continue to achieve for disadvantaged children.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Rotary RAWCS (Pauline and Belinda), Brighton Rotary, Collen d'Offay and Anthony Langley for their continued support. Without that support, fewer children would have received the surgical care they needed during this period. We are very grateful for Rotary's ongoing commitment to these children and to the Child Surgeries program.

COMPLETION OF FORM AND SUBMISSION

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