



REHOCT

Renewed Hope for Children and Teens

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MWANZA MEMORY BOOKS (MBC) PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026



PART I: PRELIMINARY DETAILS

I. FOREWORD:

"Him who is able to do exceedingly has done for us. We celebrate!"

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Our journey with Memory Book Clubs in the Magu district, Mwanza region, Tanzania, started with a number of 16 poor, grieving, and vulnerable children at Savvy Brain Pre and Primary English Medium School based in Kitumba village in Kisesa Ward on Friday, October 6, 2023.

We asked two things from our God the Almighty through our Lord Jesus Christ: to give our team and the children unwavering faith and hope in the work we do for his glory. Secondly, we asked him to provide us wisdom and expand, sustain, and provide for his work.

And now as He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, we have succeeded by his grace to reach and impact 479 poor, rural, grieving, orphaned, and vulnerable children and adolescents until today, June 27, 2026, with 5 MBC centers operating in Kisesa and Nyanguge Wards in the Magu District. We praise Him.

With the support received, the MBC Mwanza Program Volunteers Staff were able to do the following:

- Conduct 100 MBC sessions, teaching lessons from Memory Book Planner years 1 to 3 and providing psychosocial counseling and life skills training to 479 MBC attendees.
- Purchase 2 motorbikes for the MBC Mwanza Program office with fuel support for daily coordination, monitoring, and follow-up of the MBC activities, and
- Purchase 15 mountain gear bicycles and 15 bags for volunteers to facilitate transportation to MBC centers, conduct family and school visits, and safely carry and store their work materials.
- Provide regular nutritious meals twice monthly for increasing MBC attendees' health, attendance, and concentration during Memory Books Club sessions.
- Purchase sports and play tools/materials to help children and adolescents learn through play, build their physical well-being, and associate and share their stories freely.
- Provide Bibles to children and adolescents in all 5 centers to support them in their healing process and build their faith, hope, and connection with the Lord Jesus-Christ, their healer and provider.

The impact of this support has been profound. Poor, rural, grieving, orphaned, and vulnerable children and adolescents who once struggled with grief, isolation, and uncertainty are now participating in supportive groups, expressing themselves creatively, and rebuilding confidence in their futures. Families and communities have also been strengthened as children gain emotional tools to cope with loss and adversity.

Encouraged by the success of this initiative, we are presenting this one-year Memory Book Clubs (MBC) Comprehensive Plan 2025–2026 to inform the community, stakeholders, and partners of the Memory Book Clubs activities from July 2026 to June 2027 for the healing and empowerment of 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents in Magu district, Mwanza region in Tanzania, East Africa. With continued support, we will be able to deepen the impact already achieved—ensuring that more children find healing, support, and hope through the Memory Book Clubs. Together, we can continue building safe spaces where vulnerable children are nurtured, empowered, and reminded that their lives matter.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"We are reaching the needy grieving children and adolescents (teens) for His glory."

1 Peter 3:20 *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*



Every child deserves the opportunity to grow, dream, learn, and thrive. Yet for hundreds of children and adolescents in rural Magu District, Mwanza Region, childhood is overshadowed by grief, loss, poverty, and vulnerability.

Many of the children served through the Memory Books Clubs (MBC) Mwanza Program have experienced the death of a parent, guardian, sibling, or other significant family members. Alongside emotional pain, they often face food insecurity, educational challenges, inadequate psychosocial support, and limited opportunities for personal development.

Since 2023, the founder members of REHOCT-CBO have partnered with communities when they were serving under the umbrella of Savvy Brain Pre and Primary English Medium School to provide healing-centered support through the Memory Books Clubs approach. The program is serving 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents, providing psychosocial support, spiritual care, and emotional healing through Memory Book clubs, mentorship, education assistance, nutrition support, and family and community strengthening.

This one-year comprehensive plan presents an ambitious but achievable vision to strengthen services to 479 grieving children and adolescents and engage 120 caregivers, community, and faith leaders by June, 2027.

By working hand in hand with **Memory Books for Children International**, REHOCT-CBO seeks to ensure that every grieving child and adolescent is given the opportunity not merely to survive loss but to heal, recover, thrive, and build a meaningful future in a supportive community.



III. OUR STORY

“How was REHOCT-CBO born and why?”



Renewed Hope for Children and Teens (REHOCT) Tanzania is the implementing organization and host of the Memory Book Clubs (MBC) Mwanza Program in the Magu district, Mwanza region, Tanzania.

Historically, the Memory Book Clubs Mwanza Program was previously hosted and run by **Savvy Brain Pre and Primary English Medium School**, owned by our brother in Christ, **Mr. William I. Johnson**, since 2023 as its initiator in the Mwanza region. But after some legal challenges on the power of Savvy Brain School to act or run the program in other schools or areas and the high demand

from different social institutions and communities for establishing Memory Book Clubs in their areas, the Steering committee of the Memory Book Clubs Program in Lake Zone Victoria, Tanzania, sat together and decided to initiate REHOCT to oversee the MBC activities all over the Magu district, starting with the five operating MBC Centers previously initiated when the MBC Program was under Savvy Brain School legal cover.

Renewed Hope for Children and Teens (REHOCT) Tanzania is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-denominational community-based organization helping grieving and underprivileged rural children and adolescents to heal from grief and loss, restore their hopes, and build brighter futures in the Magu district, Mwanza region, in Tanzania, and was awarded the registration certificate number **MDC/CBO/4850** on **January 8, 2026**.

The vision of REHOCT—Tanzania is to create “a future where grieving and vulnerable children and teens are restored to hope, healed from adversity, empowered with opportunities, and equipped to live dignified, resilient, and self-reliant lives.”

The **mission of REHOCT—Tanzania** is “to restore hope, heal, and transform the lives of grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents through holistic care, quality education, psychosocial support, economic empowerment, and sustainable community development initiatives that foster resilience, dignity, self-reliance, and lasting positive change.”

REHOCT – Tanzania orients its activities primarily for the benefit of grieving and underprivileged rural children and teens to learn, grow, heal, and achieve their dreams under the following objectives:

- To provide holistic care, psychosocial support, protection, and healing services that restore hope, dignity, and well-being among grieving and vulnerable children and teens.
- To promote access to quality education, life skills, mentorship, and personal development opportunities that empower children and teens to realize their full potential and become responsible members of society.
- To strengthen the economic resilience and self-reliance of grieving and vulnerable children and teens, families, and communities through skills development, livelihood support, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic initiatives.
- To foster sustainable community development through family strengthening, community engagement, partnerships, advocacy, and initiatives that create safe, supportive, and inclusive environments for grieving and vulnerable children and teens.

The REHOCT staff have taken responsibilities to run and oversee the MBC Program since January 2026 and have considerable experience in managing and implementing the MBC Program activities in the five operating centers in Magu District, as they worked excellently when the program was hosted by Savvy Brain School before they joined hands to start REHOCT – Tanzania.

REHOCT – CBO CORE VALUES: The following are the core values guiding our work:

- 1. Compassion:** We serve children and adolescents with deep empathy, love, and care, especially those experiencing grief, trauma, and vulnerability. Every action is guided by kindness and dignity.
- 2. Child-and-Adolescent-Centered Care:** We place children and adolescents at the heart of all decisions and interventions, ensuring their protection, voices, well-being, and best interests guide all programs.
- 3. Integrity and Accountability:** We are committed to honesty, transparency, and responsible stewardship of resources, ensuring trust with children, communities, partners, and donors.
- 4. Respect and Dignity:** We honor the value and uniqueness of every child and family, regardless of background, ensuring inclusion, fairness, and dignity in all services.
- 5. Healing and Hope:** We believe in restoring emotional well-being and rebuilding hope. Our work supports grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents to heal from loss and look forward to a brighter future.
- 6. Community Partnership:** We work hand-in-hand with families, schools, faith leaders, local authorities, and international partners to create strong, supportive environments for grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents.
- 7. Empowerment:** We equip children and adolescents with education, life skills, vocational skills, and psychosocial support to become confident, self-reliant, and productive individuals.
- 8. Excellence:** We strive for high-quality service delivery through continuous learning, innovation, monitoring, and improvement of all programs, projects, and activities.
- 9. Inclusion:** We ensure that all vulnerable children and adolescents, including those most marginalized, are fully included in our programs, projects, and activities without discrimination.
- 10. Faith and Hope-Based Commitment:** We are guided by hope and a belief in transformation, fostering spiritual encouragement, resilience, and positive values in children, adolescents, and communities.

IV. SNAPSHOT OF THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK (2026–2031):

Positioning for Strategic Partnerships and Sustainable Impact

Our Vision for 2031:

The Memory Book Club (MBC) Mwanza Program is a flagship program of REHOCT-CBO, established to provide holistic, long-term support to grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents across Magu District. Recognizing that children affected by grief, loss, poverty, trauma, neglect, and other vulnerabilities require more than short-term assistance, the program is committed to delivering integrated interventions that promote healing, hope, resilience, protection, education, and sustainable development.

This Comprehensive Intervention Framework (2026–2031) serves as the Program's strategic roadmap for the next five years. It provides clear priorities that will guide planning, implementation, resource mobilization, monitoring, and partnership development from July 2026 through June 2031. At the end of this period, achievements, lessons learned, and emerging needs will be assessed to inform the next strategic phase beyond 2031.

The framework was developed through extensive consultations with children and adolescents participating in the Memory Book Clubs, caregivers, volunteers, local government authorities, faith leaders, traditional leaders, education stakeholders, and community representatives. Their voices have shaped a shared vision that reflects the realities and aspirations of the communities we serve.

The priorities also align with national child protection and holistic child development policies, as well as the priorities of the Magu District Council. They demonstrate our commitment to working collaboratively with government institutions, development partners, faith-based organizations, local communities, and private-sector stakeholders to create lasting change for vulnerable children.

By implementing this framework, the MBC Mwanza Program seeks to establish strong strategic partnerships that will enable children not only to recover from grief and trauma but also to grow into healthy, educated, resilient, and empowered young people capable of transforming their families and communities.

Strategic Priority 1: Expand Access to Holistic Psychosocial Support

Establish 14 fully functioning Memory Book Club Centers across Magu District and reach 1,846 new grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents with comprehensive psychosocial support, emotional healing, hope restoration, life skills, and spiritual nurturing by June 2031.

Strategic Priority 2: Improve Educational Participation and Learning Outcomes

Support the educational success of 1,846 children and adolescents by providing school materials twice each year and conducting continuous school attendance and academic progress follow-up, enabling children to remain in school, improve learning outcomes, and pursue brighter futures.

Strategic Priority 3: Improve Child Nutrition and Well-being

Provide nutritious meals twice every month during Memory Book Club sessions for all participating children and adolescents to improve nutrition, health, participation, concentration, and overall well-being throughout the implementation period.

Strategic Priority 4: Strengthen Volunteer Capacity and Program Quality

Develop a highly skilled and motivated volunteer workforce by conducting three annual capacity-building events comprising technical training, program review meetings, and prayer retreats for all 60 volunteers, ensuring quality service delivery, continuous learning, accountability, and spiritual encouragement.

Strategic Priority 5: Strengthen Family and Community-Based Child Protection

Empower 600 caregivers, faith leaders, community leaders, and local government authorities through two annual training programs on child grief, trauma, loss, supportive caregiving, positive parenting, and child protection to strengthen community systems that safeguard vulnerable children.

Strategic Priority 6: Establish Permanent Centers for Hope, Healing, and Empowerment

Construct and fully equip two permanent Memory Book Club Centers in Kisesa and Nyanguge Wards, each comprising the following:

- One administration block
- Three classrooms
- One multipurpose hall
- One kitchen block
- Three toilet blocks for public use
- One security house
- A secure perimeter fence

These centers will provide safe, child-friendly environments where children and adolescents can access psychosocial support, education, life skills development, nutrition, protection services, and community-based empowerment programs.

Strategic Priority 7: Strengthen Organizational Capacity, Learning, and Accountability

Build a resilient and sustainable MBC Mwanza Program by strengthening governance, leadership, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, safeguarding systems, organizational learning, accountability, resource mobilization, digital systems, and strategic partnerships to enhance program effectiveness and long-term impact.

Our Commitment by 2031:

By implementing these seven strategic priorities, the MBC Mwanza Program envisions a future where grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents experience lasting emotional healing, improved mental well-being, stronger educational achievement, better nutrition, enhanced protection, spiritual growth, and greater opportunities to reach their full potential.

Beyond transforming individual lives, the program will strengthen families, equip dedicated volunteers, empower local leaders, and build resilient communities capable of protecting and nurturing children for generations to come. Through meaningful partnerships and shared commitment, we believe every child can move from grief to hope, from vulnerability to resilience, and from surviving to thriving.



PART II: ONE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE INTERVENTION PLAN OF MBC MWANZA PROGRAM 2026/2027

A. RATIONALE ABOUT THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM

Grief is one of the least addressed challenges affecting vulnerable children in rural Tanzania.

When a child or adolescent loses a parent or loved one, they lose more than a family member. They often lose security, belonging, guidance, protection, confidence, educational opportunities, and hope.

Many children carry their grief silently. Without support, emotional wounds can deepen into trauma, social withdrawal, poor academic performance, risky behavior, and lifelong emotional struggles.

The Memory Books Clubs Mwanza Program was created to break this cycle.

Through memory books, storytelling, peer support, mentorship, creative expression, and psychosocial care, children are given a safe place to remember, heal, and rebuild hope.

Every Memory Book personal album becomes a bridge between loss and healing—a powerful tool that helps children preserve family histories, celebrate loved ones, strengthen identity, and develop resilience.

B. WHAT THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM ENVISAGES

The MBC Mwanza Program envisions creating a future where grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents are healed, protected, empowered, and equipped to live resilient, hopeful, and self-reliant lives fulfilling their God-given potential.

C. THE PURPOSE OF THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM

The MBC Mwanza Program is the core initiative of REHOCT–CBO Tanzania aimed at restoring hope and transforming the lives of grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents through Memory Book Clubs activities, psychosocial support, education, nutrition, mentorship, family strengthening, life and vocational skills development, and community empowerment.

D. THE NEED WHICH MBC MWANZA PROGRAM ADDRESSES AND THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE PROGRAM IN MAGU DISTRICT

The need for psychosocial support services, holistic care, spiritual growth and emotional healing among vulnerable children and adolescents in Magu District continues to grow.

Many children experience:

- Loss of parents and caregivers.
- Emotional distress and unresolved grief.
- Poverty and food insecurity.
- School absenteeism and educational barriers.
- Limited access to counseling and psychosocial support.
- Social isolation and stigma.
- Weak family and community support systems.

Without intervention, these challenges threaten children's and adolescents' well-being and future potential.

Evidences in our office prove the high demand of the request of establishing and expanding Memory Books Clubs activities in different place of Magu district. From January 2024 up June, 2026, a number of 39 local churches, 47 public primary schools, 16 public secondary schools and 3 children's home and orphanages have written to us to invite us to open MBC centers in their areas.

Also, in the recent meetings we had with the local Government authorities to introduce our organization the Memory Books Clubs Program after registration of REHOCT – CBO, the understanding of leaders and communities on grief, loss and trauma proven to be very low and led many to ask us to open MBC centers in their villages and impact both children and adolescents, families and communities.

Finally, from January 1 to June 20, 2026 we analyzed the attendance of grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents we realized that in a month 10 to 16 new members joined MBC activities and made a total of 109 new attendees and turned the number of beneficiaries to reach 479 within the 5 MBC operating centers in Magu district.

Despite the geographical challenges, as villages are scattered in Magu district and many request we receive to extend MBC centers in different communities across Magu district which we cannot respond urgently due to budget constraint, the MBC Mwanza Program is committed and exist to ensure **“that no child and adolescent faces grief alone and walk with one child and adolescent at a time”** as the program grows.

E. THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM GOAL 2026–2027

The goal of the MBC Mwanza Program for the implementation year 2026 – 2027 is to improve the psychosocial and physical well-being, emotional healing, Spiritual and holistic care, resilience, educational participation, protection, and future opportunities of 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents in Magu District through Memory Book clubs' activities.

F. THE MBC MWANZA TARGET BENEFICIARIES 2026 – 2027

In the implementation year 2026–2027, the program will impact the following:

- 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents.
- 120 caregivers, teachers, faith leaders, and community stakeholders.
- 26 MBC staff volunteers.
- 5 MBC operating centers.

G. THE MBC MWANZA PROGRAM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2026 - 2027

For this one-year implementation period, the MBC Mwanza Program will focus on the following strategic objectives by June, 2027:

1. Sustain activities in the 5 MBC operating centers and provide safe spaces for emotional healing, spiritual growth, and psychosocial support to 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents (teens) in Kisesa and Nyanguge wards in the Magu district through Memory Books Clubs activities;
2. Improve children's and adolescents (teens) well-being through nutritious meals provision and educational materials assistance to 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents (teens) attendees of the 5 MBC centers in Kisesa and Nyanguge wards in Magu district;
3. Strengthen volunteer capacity and service quality through 3 periodic training sessions each for 2 days accompanied by review and prayer retreats;
4. Increase family and community support for vulnerable children and adolescents (teens) by training 120 caregivers, faith and community leaders, and local stakeholders on child grief, loss, trauma, and supportive caregiving, and good parenting practices;
5. Enhance monitoring, accountability, and program sustainability.

H. THE MBC MWANZA KEY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR 2026 - 2027

Objective 1: Child Healing and Psychosocial Support

- Conduct twice-monthly MBC sessions and deliver lessons appropriate to children and adolescents following the Memory Book Lessons Planner Year 1 up to Year 4;
- Facilitate storytelling and memory creation using a personal Memory book album, drawing, games, sports and peer support.
- Provide psychosocial support and counseling
- Conduct home and school visits.
- Identify and support children requiring additional intervention.

Objective 2: Nutrition and Educational Support

- Provide nutritious meals during MBC sessions.

- Distribute educational materials twice annually.
- Monitor school attendance and educational participation.
- Increase attendance, active participation, and concentration during MBC sessions.

Objective 3: Volunteer Development

- Conduct volunteer training workshops.
- Organize review meetings, periodic prayer retreats, and mentoring sessions.
- Facilitate annual prayer retreat and reflection activities.

Objective 4: Family and Community Engagement

- Train 120 caregivers, faith and community leaders, and local stakeholders.
- Promote child well-being and supportive caregiving.
- Strengthen community protection and referral networks.

Objective 5: Program Management and Accountability

- Maintain office operations and communication systems.
- Conduct routine center monitoring.
- Document lessons learned and success stories.
- Conduct annual impact evaluation and reporting.

I. EXPECTED MBC MWANZA PROGRAM IMPACT (2026–2027)

- Overall Impact Statement:

During the 2026–2027 program year, the Memory Book Clubs Mwanza Program will provide a safe, nurturing, and healing environment for 479 grieving and vulnerable children and adolescents across five community-based centers in Magu District.

Through psychosocial support, nutritious meals, educational assistance, mentorship, family engagement, and community strengthening, children and adolescents will experience improved emotional well-being, increased resilience, stronger social connections, and greater hope for their future.

- Key Impact Areas and Means of Verification:

Impact Area	Expected Impact	Means of Verification
Psychosocial Healing and Spiritual growth	479 children and adolescents receive structured grief and emotional support services.	Photos, attendance registers, counseling records, memory books, case files, and individual testimonies
Nutrition and Wellbeing	11,496 nutritious meals provided throughout the year.	Food distribution records, attendance registers, procurement records and photos, and beneficiaries' testimonies
Education Support	479 children and adolescents receive educational materials twice a year.	Distribution lists, signed beneficiary records, school reports, photos, and personal testimonies
Child Protection	Improved identification and follow-up of vulnerable children and adolescents (teens)	Home visit reports, case management records, referral forms, photos, and personal testimonies

Impact Area	Expected Impact	Means of Verification
Volunteer Capacity	26 volunteers trained and supported	Training reports, attendance records, certificates, photos, and individual testimonies
Family Engagement	120 caregivers, faith and community leaders and stakeholders trained	Training reports, participant lists, evaluation forms, photos, and individual testimonies
Community Awareness	Increased understanding of child grief and trauma support	Meeting reports, participant feedback, community action plans, photos, and participants' testimonies
Program Accountability	Periodic reviews and Annual evaluation conducted and documented	Evaluation reports, donor reports, monitoring data, photos, and testimonies
Child Participation	Increased confidence, belonging, and social connectedness among children and adolescents (teens)	Child testimonies, photographs, activity reports, surveys

This MBC Mwanza Program represents an investment in healing, dignity, resilience, and hope. Every amount invested contributes directly to creating safe spaces where grieving and vulnerable children can recover from loss, rediscover their strengths, and build brighter futures.

We welcome all compassionate friends around the world to pray for God's provision for the needs of this program.

Reach out to us for any comments, questions, or need for clarification.

In his grace,

The REHOCT-MBC MWANZA PROGRAM TEAM.