



Hello, my name is Jonathan Blagbrough and I came to Mwanza in 2018 and 2019 to talk to child domestic workers and children from employing families about their experiences of living together.

I have now written up the findings of my study and would like to share some of these with you.

Thank you to everyone I spoke to for giving your time to talk about your experiences.



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During my visits to Tanzania I spoke with almost 100 people.

This included:

22 child domestic workers and 11 former child domestic workers



27 children from employing families, and 6 former children from employing families.



I also held workshops with 22 children and young people who were members of a Research Advisory Group who helped me to understand the situation of child domestic work in Mwanza.



Here are **3** of the most important things I found out:

Even though child domestic workers and children from employing families come from different backgrounds, they influence each others lives in both good and bad ways



Although many people think that child domestic workers are less powerful than children in their employing families, some child domestic workers have a lot of control over the children they look after

Child domestic workers and children from employing families can often be friendly to each other which helps child domestic workers feel less lonely and can help to give all children in the household more freedom from adults to go out of the house and do things they want to do.



So, I am asking organisations that work with child domestic workers to:



Engage more with the families child domestic workers live with, both children and adults. Employing families often want to help child domestic workers, but don't know how to do it in a positive way. Children from employing families can help to create a more supportive attitude towards child domestic workers in their homes. They can also play a part in stopping abusive behaviour by their parents and others towards these young people.

Make sure that they really listen to children and young people and not just assume they know what you need. As young people you understand best what you are experiencing - you have a right to be heard.



The findings of this research have been given to the Tanzanian Domestic Workers Coalition and it's members working with children in Mwanza. I will also be writing some papers so that other researchers can read the results. While I can't visit Tanzania at the moment due to COVID-19 i hope to be able to visit again and talk about these findings when it is safe to do so.



Thank you, Jonathan  
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