



Tumaini Letu (Swahili for “Our Hope”) is a non-profit organization based within the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. It was founded in 2012, Tumaini Letu exists to promote the cultural, social, and economic inclusion of refugees in Malawi through arts and culture by opening the doors of the camp to visitors around the world. Tumaini Letu is changing the narrative and breaking down prejudices and misconceptions about refugees.

Tumaini Letu’s flagship project is the annual Tumaini Festival, which transforms Dzaleka Refugee Camp into a tourist destination attracting tens of thousands of domestic and international tourists. Tumaini Festival promotes cultural exchange and economic empowerment for refugees through the world’s first international festival held in a refugee camp. The festival creates opportunities for people from different cultural backgrounds to learn from each other and celebrate humanity by appreciating each other’s differences. Tumaini is not just a festival; it is a movement that raises the voices of refugees, creates a conversation, and transforms the host community into active advocates for the refugee cause. The festival also boosts economic activities within the camp and offers a platform for the refugee community to sell their goods and services, which improves their standard of living.

The organization’s areas of focus include refugee rights advocacy, creative skills development, youth engagement and behavior change, and entrepreneurship and job creation.