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Abstract: Tanzania has made recent institutional progress in its juvenile justice system by establishing a separate juvenile court in Dar es Salaam and expanding the mission of remand homes. With two-thirds of the urban population constituting young persons, there is an urgent need for Tanzania to further refine its juvenile justice system to better deal with this exploding population, while at the same time ensure proper protection of children's rights. Nonetheless, reform progress is hindered by scarce resources and the statutory framework in which the institutions exist. Although Tanzania has recently made institutional progress within its juvenile justice system, that progress is hindered by scarce resources and the statutory framework in which the institutions exist. CAP 13 does not adequately account for modern challenges that surround juveniles. In addition, the lack of a uniform definition of a "child" leaves significant gaps in the coverage of the law. Scarce resources have made it impossible for the institutions to compensate for such legislative shortcomings. As a result, juveniles are underrepresented in court, insufficiently provided for while awaiting court proceedings, and ineffectively sentenced. As Tanzania evolves into a free market economy, the nation desperately must continue to improve its juvenile justice system to protect the rights of children in conflict with the law.