



# AFRICAN ADVENTURES

2023

# Impact Report





# Introduction

After a fantastic year of seeing the return of our volunteer programme in 2022, 2023 saw one of our biggest programmes to date, with groups travelling to Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar to pick up the baton and continue with the development work at our partner schools.

There have been some real standout successes this year, and I am delighted to share our 2023 Impact Report, which showcases the remarkable achievements throughout the year, made possible with the dedicated support of our volunteers.

This year, our partner schools in Kenya welcomed Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) to celebrate 10 years of partnership and life-changing trips. Starting out as a group of 13 volunteers in 2013 and now fast forward 10 years, 500 people have travelled with DCCT, contributing to the construction of classrooms, toilet blocks and kitchens at our partner schools as well as raising tens of thousands of pounds for our partner schools and the local Derby community.

2023 has marked the completion of our WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) programme in Zanzibar, with the final construction work

finished at Kinuni School, with support from The High School of Glasgow. Their students raised the money to fund the new toilet block and supported with the construction of it during their trip.

Before the project, there were just four 'working' latrine toilets between all three schools. Now completed, the programme has delivered 37 new gendered latrine toilets, 12 handwashing stations, and a transformational menstrual health management programme, impacting over 15,000 students.

Thank you to everyone who has helped bring our work to life in 2023, making a real impact at our partner schools that will continue to make a difference to the lives of children in years to come.

**Dan Mew, Founder,  
African Adventures.**



**872 Volunteers**  
Travelled in  
2023



**20 Partner  
Schools  
Supported  
in 2023**



**22,000 Children  
Supported in  
2023**



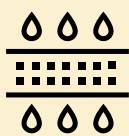
# Our 2023 Impact in Ghana

“It has been a wonderful year for us here in Ghana, with new groups of volunteers and familiar faces. We appreciate the work done this year, especially the groups who have worked hard at our partner school, Little Roses, to screed and prepare the classroom floors for concreting so brick classrooms can be built. When it rains, the current classrooms flood and can’t be used. The new brick classrooms will ensure that all lessons can take place in a safe and practical learning environment. Thanks to our volunteers, great progress has been made across all our partner schools, and we look forward to what’s to come in 2024.”

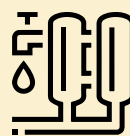
**Siva Vordzorgbe - Programme Director, Ghana.**



Completed the build of **a new canteen** at one of our partner schools



**Installed water filters** to provide clean drinking water to five of our partner schools



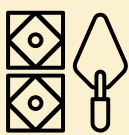
Introduced a **water filtration system** to a remote village



Continued the construction of **two new libraries** across our partner schools



**Moulded thousands of blocks** for the construction work at four of our partner schools



**Levelled and screeded the floors** of four classrooms across our partner schools



Continued the **construction of a perimeter wall** at one of our partner schools



Completed the **construction of a well** at one of our partner schools





# Our 2023 Impact in Kenya

“We could not be more grateful for the work delivered at our schools this year, especially the progress made with the construction of six permanent classroom blocks. Three classrooms have been completed at Ungana Academy, and lessons have been taking place in them, providing a safe learning environment and reducing overcrowding. This work has only been achieved because of you, our volunteers, and we would like to thank you all for the difference you have made.”

**Alex Muhoro, Programme Director, Kenya.**



**Built six permanent classrooms** across our partner schools



**Renovated eight classrooms** across our partner schools



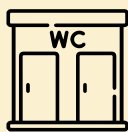
**Renovated one kitchen** at one of our partner schools



Continued the construction of **two perimeter walls** across our partner schools



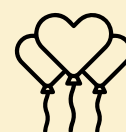
Completed the **construction of an office** at one of our partner schools



**Renovated two toilet blocks** across our partner schools



**Filled a ditch** at one of our partner schools



Rams in Kenya's **10th Anniversary**



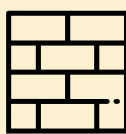
# Our 2023 Impact in Zanzibar

“This year, we completed the WASH Programme, finishing the final construction work at Kinuni School. The project has delivered 37 new gendered latrine toilets, 12 handwashing stations, and a transformational menstrual health management programme for 15,000 students. It has been fantastic to see the confidence of our female students grow, with some nominating themselves as menstrual Health Management mentors, encouraging younger students to approach them when they start their period so that they can provide support and ensure access to reusable sanitary pads through the programme. Thank you to all our volunteers who have travelled to us this year and impacted the lives of our students.”

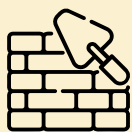
**Samson Zuberi, In-Country Co-ordinator, Zanzibar.**



**Renovated**  
**35 classrooms** across our partner schools



Completed or started the **construction of three security walls** across our partner schools



Completed the **construction of a toilet block** at one of our partner schools



**Renovated a library** at one of our partner schools





# Our 2023 Volunteer Impact

The success of our work depends on the positive impact we make at our partner schools, their students and the volunteers who travel with us.

From building classrooms and new toilet blocks to delivering sports coaching sessions and providing one-to-one support in the classrooms, our volunteers make a profound impact on the lives of the children at our partner schools as well as their own, returning home with their horizons broadened and new skills.

“Our school held a quiz night, and I sold homemade tomato and goat’s cheese buns. I also held a Guess the Amount game there and raised £75. I was up until midnight baking, but holding the sale and making all the goods myself has given me incredible confidence.

I am also hosting a Curry Night. I have rented a hall and have a friend catering for us. I sold tickets and have a local school band coming for entertainment. I am really looking forward to this evening and know that all the hard work and organising will add to the skillset I am developing ahead of this trip.”

**Madalaine, Volunteer.**



“It exceeded all of my expectations! It was the perfect gift we could ever give to our daughter. Not only did we share the experience together, but she grew in self-confidence and independence by witnessing first-hand how the impact of simple acts of kindness can change lives. Extremely fond memories have been created not only as a group but as a family that we shall cherish forever! Volunteering helped us to build new friendships united by one common goal to change the lives of the children.”

**Rachel, Volunteer.**

## 97.5%

of volunteers said their trip had given them the **confidence to try new things.**

## 100%

of volunteers said their trip had given them a **real insight into a different culture and the wider world.**

## 95%

of volunteers said their trip had enabled them to **develop useful skills for later life.**

## 92.5%

of volunteers said their trip had enabled them to **grow in terms of personal development.**





# African Adventures Foundation 2023 Impact

“What a year it has been for the Foundation! 2023 marked our biggest fundraiser to date, the Isle of Wight Ultra Challenge, where African Adventures’ staff and our supporters walked either 25km, 50km or 106km around the island over one or two days to raise £12,500 for our food security programmes. We also saw the completion of our WASH programme in Zanzibar, and our Good Period programme in Kenya increased its support from providing 90 girls with sanitary pads each month to manage their menstruation to 200 girls. Thank you so much to everyone for their support this year; without you and your kind donations, we wouldn’t have achieved what we did at our partner schools.”

**Rachel Northover, Fundraising Manager.**



Isle of Wight Ultra Challenge funded **166,700 meals** for our partner schools in Kenya



Our Isle of Wight Ultra Challenge team **walked 1381km in total**



Provided **25,104 sanitary pads** through The Good Period



Provided **553,280 meals** to the children at our partner schools in Kenya



Provided **3,624 children** at our partner schools in Kenya and Ghana with a Christmas Meal



Further educated **6,102 children** at our partner schools in Zanzibar in personal hygiene



Further educated **3,211 girls** at our partner schools in Zanzibar in Menstrual Health Management





# About African Adventures

We're a unique travel company, partnered with 29 schools in developing areas of Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, and organise life-changing trips for people who want to help bring our work to life.

We pride ourselves on our ethical, sustainable volunteering model that puts our partner schools at the heart of everything we do. They tell us what help they want, and we recruit volunteers from the UK and beyond to make it happen. Whether it's building a new classroom or installing new sanitation facilities, we put their needs first.

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