



2024 IMPACT REPORT



**AFRICAN ADVENTURES
FOUNDATION**



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WELCOME

At African Adventures Foundation, we believe that collaboration and community-led initiatives are key to creating meaningful and sustainable change. Over the past year, thanks to the generosity and dedication of our supporters, we have been able to impact lives across Ghana, Kenya, and Zanzibar in remarkable ways.

OUR VISION IN ACTION

In 2024, our efforts focused on addressing critical challenges in education, food security, water, and sanitation hygiene (WASH), and menstrual health management. Through our partnerships with local schools and communities, we have been able to provide essential resources, improve infrastructure, and empower individuals to build brighter futures.

MISSION STATEMENT

To change lives in Africa through education.

VISION

To enable routes out of poverty for thousands of children through our school partnership programmes.

VALUES

- We always act in the best interests of our partner schools.
- We are ethical and trustworthy.
- We exist to make a positive impact on lives in Africa.
- We spend 100% of individual donations at our partner schools in Africa.



STUDENT LEARNING, NAKURU COUNTY



WELCOME

In 2024, African Adventures celebrated its 15-year anniversary and organised life-changing volunteer experiences for nearly 1700 people to volunteer at our partner schools in Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar.

It was our largest operation to date, and the substantial impact they have made at our partner schools is demonstrated throughout this impact report.

African Adventures Foundation awarded more grants to more programmes than in previous years in response to a growing list of requirements from our partner schools. We remain a locally led organisation that responds to the needs of our partner schools and host communities.

Alongside our volunteer programme, African Adventures Foundation has again focused on four key areas of improvement across our

programmes: infrastructure, food security, equipment and resources, and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene). We were delighted to welcome three new trustees to the board of African Adventures Foundation in the closing months of the year, each of whom has been helping to drive exciting plans for 2025.

Until then, thank you to everyone who has helped bring our work to life in 2024, either by volunteering with African Adventures or donating to African Adventures Foundation. We couldn't do what we do without you.



Dan Mew
CEO at African Adventures
Founder of African Adventures Foundation



Since its inception in 2013, African Adventures Foundation has stayed focused on its mission to provide more children with quality education and better opportunities in life. In this report, we look back at the over half a million meals provided and 40-plus renovated classrooms through our key focus programmes.

Looking forward, our plans are for exponential growth and impact. We are starting the year with 29 partner schools making a difference, and in the future, we hope to see that number grow and impact more lives.

Cameron Smith
Chair of Trustees

GHANA

- 33.5m population
- 33% of urban residents living in slums
- 3% Urbanisation rate a year
- 84% of people without safe sanitation
- 12% of people without drinking water

(World Bank Data)

Programme location: Woe, Volta Region

In Ghana, many rural communities face significant barriers to education and health, particularly for young girls and underprivileged families. Our programmes focused on WASH, menstrual health, and classroom construction, and addressing these critical issues to ensure that children have the opportunity to learn in a safe environment has been a core focus of our work. Access to quality education remains a challenge due to overcrowded classrooms and limited resources. This year, we made significant progress in improving WASH facilities which results in a more hygienic environment and greater equality in education.

Classroom Construction: Overcrowded and inadequate classrooms are a common challenge in Ghana. Many of our students are forced to learn in semi-permanent classrooms, hindering their ability to focus and thrive.

Properly constructed, safe classrooms attract more students to school and encourage them to stay, reducing dropout rates, and promoting higher levels of education.

We refurbished six classrooms across our partner schools, providing over 210 students with safer and more conducive learning environments. These improvements have enhanced the overall school experience and improved children's school attendance.

WASH: In many schools across Ghana, access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities is extremely limited. This lack of basic infrastructure contributes to widespread illness and prevents children from attending school consistently. Access to clean water and improved sanitation facilities was made possible for 1 school through our WASH programme in 2024, benefiting 890 students and teachers. When schools have clean and accessible water and sanitation facilities, children – especially girls – are more likely to attend regularly.

Menstrual Health: Menstrual health is a significant issue in Ghana, where a lack of access to sanitary products and menstrual health education often forces girls to miss school or drop out entirely.



THE GOOD PERIOD: VOLTA, GHANA



GHANA

By providing sanitary kits and conducting workshops on menstrual hygiene, we can ensure that girls have the resources and confidence to manage their periods safely and hygienically. Through our period poverty programme – The Good Period – we distributed 4,920 disposable sanitary pads to 205 girls, and we are in the process of organising menstrual health education workshops to complement the facilities and resources provided. The Good Period programme aims to provide the basic tools that girls need to enable them to access education in dignity and comfort.

Tegbi Clinic: The Tegbi Birthing Clinic in Woe provides essential maternal healthcare to women in a rural area with limited access to medical services. Maternal mortality remains a significant issue in Ghana, with 263 deaths per 100,000 live births (WHO). The clinic offers essential services, including prenatal care, labour and delivery support, and postnatal checkups for both mothers and newborns. With limited access to healthcare in rural areas, the clinic is a lifeline for women who would otherwise face significant risks during pregnancy and childbirth.

Thanks to grant support, and financial support from African Adventures Ltd., in 2024 we were able to provide 40 maternity packs each month to new mothers. These packs include essential items such as packs of nappies, sponges, maternity pads, cot sheets, soap, baby grows, delivery sheet, baby hat, baby pomade, baby towel and dummy. Many women arrive at the clinic without supplies, making these packs vital for improving maternal and infant health and supporting new parents in the difficult early days of a child's life.

We are delighted to expand some of our core programmes, such as our growing WASH programme which is already supporting nearly 1000 children, especially girl students who are often absent from school during their periods. This project also really helps all our children improve their attendance and remain in school. The Foundation work especially helps at Tegbi Clinic, where we have provided maternity packs to pregnant women, which provides vital support in the early stages of motherhood.

“ I am so proud to be part of the Foundation's work, especially our hygiene and WASH projects across our 11 partner schools. Something as simple as a toilet makes a huge difference to reducing infections and spread of diseases. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who support African Adventures Foundation charity, as without you we cannot support our schools which really need it. I remain excited about the current ongoing projects such as Little Roses' new school classroom, and Tegbi EP's library, and Dziedzorce School's WASH project, which we continue to seek support for on behalf of our amazing partner schools.

Thanks so much to our donors. Your support and donations, on behalf of our communities here in Ghana. You have made such a difference during 2024!

Siva Vordzorgbe, Country Director

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KENYA

- 55m Population
- 51% of urban residents living in slums
- 4.1% Urbanisation rate a year
- 69% of people without safe sanitation
- 37% of people without even basic drinking water
(World Bank Data)

Programme location: Nakuru County

In Kenya, our focus is on improving access to essential resources, particularly in education, health, and sanitation. These initiatives have targeted systematic challenges while promoting equality and dignity for children and young people.

WASH initiatives: Access to clean water and proper sanitation is a fundamental right, yet many schools in Kenya lack these essential facilities. Poor hygiene practices and waterborne diseases are common, leading to high absenteeism and health risks for students and teachers alike. Without clean water and functional toilets, children - especially girls - are less likely to attend school regularly. Our WASH initiatives provide schools with water tanks, improved latrines, and handwashing stations, creating healthier environments that support consistent attendance and better academic outcomes.

This year, we installed four new water tanks, refurbished and constructed 14 sanitation facilities, and introduced 5 handwashing stations, impacting over 1,284 students and staff.

Classroom Construction: Overcrowded and poorly maintained classrooms are a major issue in many Kenyan schools. In some cases, children are forced to learn in makeshift structures that cannot protect them from harsh weather conditions. With generous donor support this year, we built and refurbished 17 classrooms in under-resourced schools, creating safe, welcoming spaces for 1,110 students. These new facilities have not only improved learning conditions but also encouraged increased school enrolment.

Food Security: Our food security programme is delivered in six of our partner schools in Nakuru. Our aim is to provide food for children living in food poverty, which improves nutrition and health and reduces economic pressure for families. Each child who attends one of these six Kenya partner schools receives two free, basic meals a day. Hunger remains one of the most significant barriers to education in Kenya, with many families struggling to provide consistent meals, and children often attending school hungry or dropping out to help support their household. To combat hunger and improve school attendance, we provided over 553,280 nutritious meals to 1,230 children each month, ensuring they have the energy to learn and thrive.



FOOD SECURITY, NAKURU COUNTY



KENYA

Menstrual Health Management:

Girls in Kenya communities often miss school due to lack of access to menstrual products and education. Unable to afford these essential items, some resort to using improvised and unhygienic alternatives like cow and goat skins, chicken feathers, or rags. This programme highlights the critical role that distributing sanitary products plays in supporting girls at our partner schools, ensuring they can manage their periods with dignity and continue their education uninterrupted.

We distributed 320 sanitary kits and hosted 21 workshops for over 228 girls, equipping them with the knowledge and resources to manage their periods confidently.

Joy Nafula, from St Trizah school in Kenya, benefits from both our food security programme and our Good Period Programme, she expressed how valuable the programme is for her and her peers.

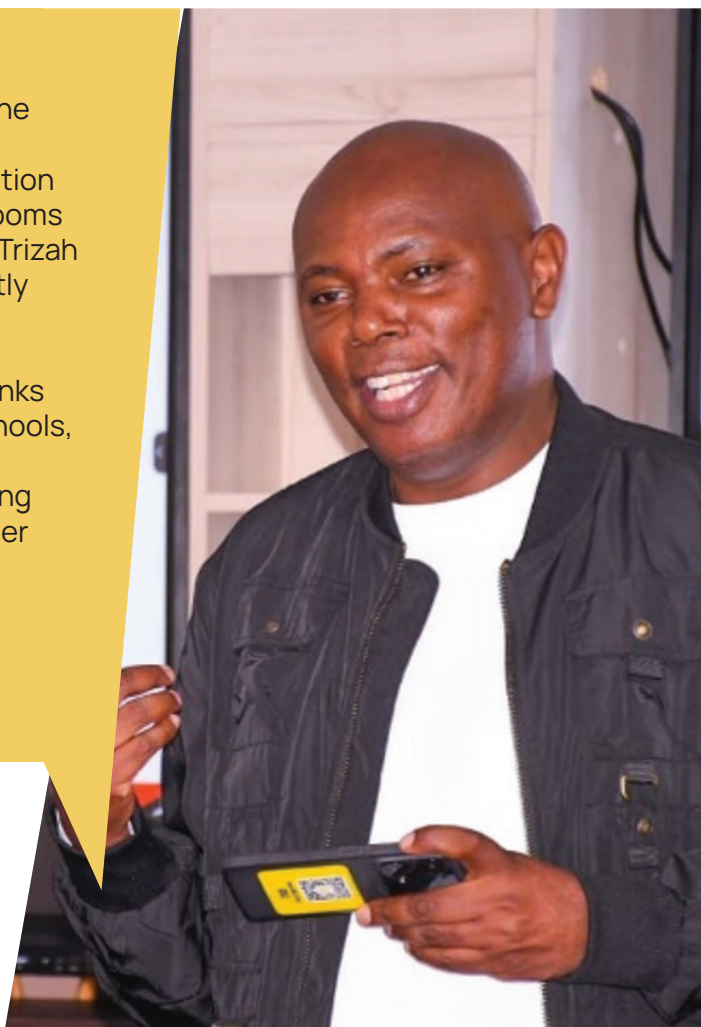
“The Good Period Programme allows me to attend school with dignity and confidence, I receive two meals a day whilst at school from African Adventures Foundation which allows me to not go hungry throughout the school day. Thank you, African Adventures Foundation, for transforming my life and many other children.”

Madame Valentine, the founder of West End Destiny Kids Academy, says “I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible volunteers for your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your generosity humbles us. Your passion and energy are truly unparalleled, and I deeply respect your spirit of volunteerism. Thank you for your selflessness and for making a tangible difference in the lives of so many. Words cannot fully capture how much your efforts mean to us. On behalf of the entire West End Destiny Kids Academy, I extend our heartfelt appreciation for helping us turn our dream into reality. A special thank you to African Adventures Foundation for giving us the opportunity to connect with such wonderful souls”.

“I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the entire team at African Adventures Foundation for their incredible work throughout 2024. This year, the Foundation successfully repaired and upgraded a total of 17 classrooms across The Walk Centre, Jubilee Academy, Ungana, St. Trizah and West End schools. These improvements have greatly enhanced the learning environment for 1,110 students.

Additionally, the foundation installed four new water tanks at The Walk Centre, Ungana, St. Trizah, and Cherish schools, providing a reliable water supply to 1,213 students. I truly appreciate these efforts and look forward to seeing even more impactful projects implemented in our partner schools in 2025, benefiting even more students.”

Alex Maina, Country Director



TANZANIA

- 66.60m population
- 41% of urban residents living in slums
- 4.9% urbanisation rate a year
- 75% of people without safe sanitation
- 39% of people without drinking water

World Bank Data

Programme location: Zanzibar

Zanzibar, with its unique coastal environment and cultural heritage, presents both opportunities and challenges. Known as a stunning honeymoon destination, behind the beautiful facade the reality of life for many is very challenging. In 2024, our programmes focused on combining education with sustainability to empower local communities. This year we celebrated 10 years working in Zanzibar, and it has been amazing looking back at the impact that has been made in this time through WASH and infrastructure improvements, and our growing volunteer programme.

Over the past four years we have vastly improved access to clean water and sanitation in three of our Zanzibar partner schools, helping to create healthier learning environments for thousands of children.

Classroom Renovations:

In Zanzibar, many schools operate in overcrowded or unsafe conditions, with classrooms that are too small, poorly ventilated, and inadequately equipped. Many schools in Zanzibar struggle to accommodate increasing student numbers, with some classrooms holding up to 200 students at a time. This year, to try and combat this, we repaired and upgraded 24 classrooms, creating brighter, safer spaces for over 19,000 students to learn and thrive.

“African Adventure Foundation did phenomenal work in different schools in Zanzibar by repairing classrooms. This includes installing a new floor, painting, installation of windows in classrooms, putting new ceilings in classrooms- which reduces the heat in classrooms and many more work in 2024. This has led to an advancement of students' performance and their well-being at school. Thank you, African Adventures Foundation!”

Silus Mbize, Foundation Coordinator



OUR IMPACT

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT: ADDING NEW PARTNER SCHOOLS

In 2024, we experienced a significant increase in the number of volunteer groups eager to contribute to our programmes. To meet this growing demand and ensure meaningful placements for all our volunteers, we established partnerships with 12 new schools across Ghana, Kenya, and Zanzibar which impacts over 2,000 children. By partnering with more schools, we can extend our impact and reach additional children who need improved education and infrastructure. Many of the newly partnered schools were previously under-served, with limited access to proper infrastructure, learning resources and sanitation facilities. The addition of new schools ensures that each volunteer group is matched with meaningful projects that align with their skills and interests. This ensures that every volunteer placement is impactful and tailored to the specific needs of the school.

CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL (CMA):

It was another fantastic year for our Christmas Meal Appeal in Kenya and Ghana communities. For many children and families in these countries, Christmas is not only a time of

celebration but also a time of great hardship. Access to regular, nutritious meals remains a challenge due to elevated levels of poverty, rising food prices, and ongoing economic instability. Our Christmas Meal Appeal directly addresses this need by providing a festive meal and a sense of togetherness for children, teachers and their families who might otherwise go without. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to provide a Christmas celebration to 2,931 children in Kenya and Ghana across 10 schools.

RESOURCES:

One of the most significant contributions from our volunteer groups in 2024 was the variety of resources they brought to our partner schools. These resources, ranging from teaching materials and sports equipment to hygiene supplies and construction tools, have a transformative impact on the schools and the wider community.

Teaching aids, textbooks, and stationery improve the quality of education by providing students and teachers with the tools they need for more interactive and effective lessons.



OUR IMPACT

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are at the heart of African Adventures' mission. This year, we welcomed over 1,700 volunteers to our partner schools across Africa. Our volunteering programmes in Kenya, Ghana and Zanzibar continue to create meaningful change for both local communities and volunteers. Through hands-on support in education, infrastructure, WASH, and food security programmes, volunteers have helped improve learning environments, provide essential resources, and empower students to reach their full potential. The schools we work with often have limited staff and resources, meaning volunteers help bridge the gap providing extra hands in the classroom. Volunteers work with teachers to deliver lessons, improve literacy and numeracy, and provide one-on-one support to students who need it. They also help organize sports and creative activities, which are crucial for developing children's confidence and teamwork skills. In addition to classroom support, volunteers contribute to construction projects. This includes small scale projects that benefit the school, as volunteers assist the local contractors deliver work.

By doing this the volunteers are still making an impact and creating change while also using local builders. Beyond their immediate contributions, volunteers brought renewed energy and inspiration to the schools, creating valuable cross-cultural exchanges. The presence of volunteers also strengthens relationships between African Adventures and our partner schools, ensuring that our projects remain collaborative and community driven.

94.6% of volunteers said their trip had given them the confidence to try new things.
96.4% of volunteers said their trip had given them a real insight into a different culture and the wider world.

"This trip has reinforced my belief in the power of education and the transformative impact of international experiences. Seeing the girls come together to volunteer at local school Jubilee Academy was nothing short of inspirational. Their dedication, compassion, and enthusiasm every day made me so proud. From playing with the children, teaching dance, painting the newly built kitchen and front gate and preparing graduation lunch, they left an incredible mark on the community."

Leanne, Group Leader.

"Working with students and teachers in a different cultural setting helped me develop my adaptability and communication skills. I taught Maths, Science and PE lessons and helped refurbish three classrooms. This experience showed me just how impactful education can be.

Seeing the children's excitement and gratitude for simple resources like coloured chalk and freshly painted walls was incredibly humbling and eye-opening. It reminded me of the significance of the basics, especially in environments with limited resources.

I'm very grateful for this opportunity and excited to carry the lessons that I learnt throughout this trip with me."

Jennifer, volunteer.



OUR IMPACT

CLOSING

The implementation of WASH, food security, menstrual health management and classroom construction programmes in Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar addresses the root causes of inequality and poverty that hinder educational success. Together, these initiatives improve children's health and well-being, reduce absenteeism caused by illness or hunger, create environments where students feel safe and motivated to learn, and empower communities by involving parents and local leaders in the development and sustainability of these programmes.

By addressing these critical needs, we are not only improving access to education but also laying the groundwork for long-term community development and resilience. These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of our supporters, partners, and volunteers.

OUR DONORS' IMPACT: A FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

At African Adventures Foundation, our work would not be possible without the generous contributions of our donors and supporters.

This year, we received significant financial support from individual donors, grants, and fundraising initiatives, all of which have directly contributed to the delivery of our programmes across Ghana, Kenya, and Zanzibar.

In total, £204,247.27 was raised and donated in the past year, enabling us to make a meaningful impact at our partner schools. These funds were distributed across key programme areas, including classroom construction, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), and food security.

We are committed to ensuring that every pound raised is spent effectively to support our partner communities.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who generously fundraised, donated or supported us throughout 2024. We have lots of exciting plans for 2025 and would love for you to be on that journey with us. We remain deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment to our mission.



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