



PARTNER WITH A SCHOOL IN AFRICA

African Adventures is an award-winning volunteer travel company that provides humanitarian and financial support to educational projects in Africa, and organises opportunities for people in the UK to spend time volunteering at them.

Dan Mew first travelled to Kenya in 2007, where he volunteered at a community project called The Walk Centre. Set up by Alex and Patricia Maina, it provided a basic education and lunchtime meal for children living on and around the nearby dumpsite.

Dan was so impacted by his time at The Walk Centre, and in Kenya, that he decided to set up African Adventures, which would support similar projects and increase access to education for as many disadvantaged children in Africa as possible.



Today, we support over 20,000 children across our three volunteer programmes via the partnerships that we have with 25 schools, which are a combination of non-government organisations and government schools.

Our principle aims as a company are to enable development at these partner projects in order to increase access to education for young people, and to provide valuable learning experiences for people from across the UK to increase global awareness.

By engaging in our School Partnership initiative, you can help us to do just that whilst bringing a bit of Africa and its culture into your classroom.



SIVA VORDZORGBE

SIVA IS OUR GHANA DIRECTOR, AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2012.

Siva had a very difficult childhood, becoming homeless as a young boy. His father died when he was young, and, because he had fathered over 50 children with different women, there was not enough money to be shared around the various families, meaning that Siva's mother and siblings were left with no means of support. Siva's mother was forced to move elsewhere, leaving Siva living on the streets as a young boy.

Eventually, Siva managed to find a job on a farm, and he used the small amount of money that he made to pay his school fees. He attended school for the first time at the age of 14 and found himself learning alongside six-year-olds. Since that time, he has worked very hard to find himself in the position he is today, and he has become a respected figure within the local community. Siva is at the forefront of the work we do in Ghana. His life experiences have shaped the person he is and given him the drive to succeed in helping others. We are honoured to work with him.



In Ghana, we're based in a rural fishing village on the coast of the Volta region where there is little commerce, few tourists and a proud, traditional West African heritage.

There is a high drop-out rate of pupils, who tend to start work from a very early age. Because of the high rates of poverty, some children come to school hungry, and many children have lots of after-school duties at home, including helping with family farming and fishing, which are the two main industries in this corner of Ghana.

Many schools in the Volta region are underfunded and under-resourced. Aklorbordzi School aims to deliver a full primary and high school education to its students, from the age of 4-17.





Your school partnership with

AKLORBORDZI SCHOOL

WOE, GHANA

KEY INFORMATION

22
STAFF

800
STUDENTS

22
CLASSROOMS

All figures correct as of February 2020.

Aklorbordzi School is a government-administered school in Woe, Ghana, and was founded in 1968. The school educates approximately 800 students from kindergarten (age four) up to the junior years of secondary school (age 17), across 22 classrooms.

The school's head teacher is Mr Teophilus Gordor, and he is supported by 21 teaching staff.

African Adventures partnered with Aklorbordzi School in 2016, after the need to develop the school's facilities, teaching resources, and equipment was recognised.



Current priorities for the school include the introduction of a computer room and a library, and volunteers helped to lay the groundwork for this during 2019, meaning that construction of these buildings can hopefully start this year.

Aklorbordzi delivers Ghana's national curriculum to its students. On completion, students sit their Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).





2016

During this year, African Adventures partnered with Aklorbordzi and sent its first small group of volunteers to help at the school. Volunteers got involved by assisting with teaching and doing some minor renovation works in the classrooms.

2017

With a larger group of volunteers visiting the school this year, the renovation work was able to progress; classroom floors and walls were screeded to make them safer for the children, and the construction of a new canteen began. Volunteers also helped to mould bricks to start building a new classroom. With the donations of sports kits and games equipment, the school was able to participate in its first inter-school sports competition – an exciting development.





2018

Over the year, bricks were moulded in preparation for the construction of a library and computer room. In addition, a new toilet block was completed, providing better facilities for the students.

2019

Over the course of the summer programme, volunteers worked to lay the foundations and begin the construction of the new library and computer block. Some generous donations were made to the school in terms of resources, and volunteers continued to provide teaching support.



We are working with Aklorbordzi to improve their facilities and extend their outreach in order to encourage more children to attend school. To do this, we aim to provide the school with:



CONSTRUCTION

Of permanent classrooms and library



PROJECTOR

And projector screen



PROVISION OF POWER

And computers for use in classes

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?

A high-angle, top-down photograph of a large group of African children in school uniforms, many wearing yellow shirts. They are smiling and looking towards the camera, with some hands raised in a gesture of excitement or greeting. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the children.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT IN HELPING AKLORBORDZI TO FLOURISH. OVER THE COMING YEARS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDING THE SCHOOL SO THAT MORE STUDENTS CAN BE GIVEN AN EDUCATION."

TEOPHILUS GORDOR - HEAD TEACHER

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AKLORBORDZI, VISIT:

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/aklorbordzi-school-partnership/>

The students are looking forward to hearing from you!