



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 disadvantaged children in Africa.



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.





ALEX MAINA

ALEX IS OUR EAST AFRICAN DIRECTOR. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2009.

Prior to setting up The Walk Centre in 2005, Alex and his wife Patricia were both teachers. Finding themselves in a relatively fortunate financial position, they were unable to stand by and do nothing when witnessing the plight of children living on the periphery of the Hilton Dumpsite in Nakuru. Many of these children were unable to afford an education, so spent their days scavenging on the dumpsite for materials to sell to help support their families. Initially, Alex was able to rent two rooms in a local church, and started providing a basic education and food for 60 nursery-aged children. When the school grew to over 100 pupils, more space was needed, and, with support from a generous donor, The Walk Centre was able to relocate to its permanent site.

Together with African Adventures, Alex has increased the access to education for thousands of children, providing them with the opportunity to change their lives. He has dedicated his life to helping others, and we feel privileged to work alongside him.

Overcrowding is a serious problem for our partner projects in Zanzibar, and large student populations – combined with a lack of government funding – mean that many schools lack sufficient educational resources. Our work focuses on improving the learning environment for the students at our partner schools, as well as constructing essential facilities such as toilets, wash stations, and security walls.





Your school partnership with

KUJITO UPELE SCHOOL

UNGUJA, ZANZIBAR

KEY INFORMATION

66
STAFF

5275
STUDENTS

22
CLASSROOMS

All figures correct as of December 2019.

Kijito Upele is a government primary school which provides a free education to approximately 5,830 students aged between seven and 15. The head teacher is Makame Hanna Ali, and he is supported by a team of 66 staff. The school has 22 classrooms, and teaches Standard One through to Standard Eight.

African Adventures partnered with Kijito Upele in 2014, when the need for support was recognised. The school is severely overcrowded, with class sizes averaging 100 students. In order to cope with the large student population, its facilities are in urgent need of improvements.



At Kijito Upele, the school day is split into two in order to reduce overcrowding, with half the students attending in the morning and half attending in the afternoon. This quite literally cuts the children's access to education in half. We are working with the school to renovate existing facilities, construct new classrooms, and improve the quality of education that Kijito Upele is able to provide.



2016

19 volunteers visited Kijito Upele in 2016 to assist with the renovation of existing classrooms, including fixing leaking roofs and re-plastering classroom interiors. Volunteers also painted murals on the classroom walls to create a brighter, more engaging learning environment.





2017

Volunteers continued to assist with the renovation work at the school, including helping decorate additional classrooms. They also provide vital assistance to teachers by running interactive activities in lessons and introducing new games in physical education classes.

2018

Volunteers assisted in lessons for students aged between seven and 15. They also helped to renovate classrooms to create a more stimulating environment for student to learn in, by painting murals and touching up existing paintwork.





2019

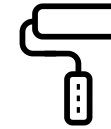
Construction began on a perimeter wall around the school site to improve security and keep the students safe throughout the school day. Volunteers also began breaking up the floors of existing classrooms and relaying fresh concrete.

We are working with Kijito Upele School to improve their facilities and extend their outreach in order to encourage more children to attend school. To do this, we are aiming to:



COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION WORK

On the security wall and library



SCREED CLASSROOMS

To modernise and maintain school buildings



INSTALL NEW LATRINES & WASH STATIONS

To improve hygiene and sanitation

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?



**AFRICAN
ADVENTURES**

"ZANZIBAR IS MY HOMELAND AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE ON EARTH...IT HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED. HELP US MAKE THIS WONDERFUL PLACE EVEN BETTER FOR SO MANY UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE."

SAMSON ZUBERI

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT KIJITO UPELE SCHOOL, VISIT:

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

The students are looking forward to hearing from you!