



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

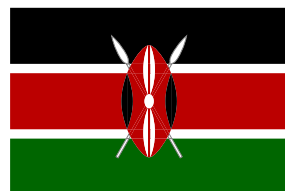
ALEX IS OUR EAST AFRICAN DIRECTOR. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2009.

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.

After a tragic incident at a Nairobi school in 2019, all Kenyan schools have been subject to investigations with a view to closing any schools which were deemed inadequate or unsafe. Each of our partner projects passed inspection on the provision of a number of improvements being made. Volunteers who will travel in 2021 will be working to action these and guarantee every project is able to register and remain open for the academic year.





Your school partnership with
UNGANA ACADEMY
KENYA

KEY INFORMATION

11

STAFF

250

STUDENTS

9

CLASSROOMS

All figures correct as of February 2020.

Ungana Academy is a nursery and primary school located in the Kaptembwa area of Nakuru. The school was set up in 1994 by Katherine Abungana to provide nutritious meals to local children who were extremely malnourished. As time progressed, Katherine was able to transform the project into a school to provide a free education for these children, as well as a daily meal. The school delivers Kenya's national primary curriculum to students before they sit their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exam.



Today, Ungana educates 220 students between the ages of three and 14. Whilst student numbers have remained steady since 2013, the school now has double the classroom space, meaning that class sizes have halved. However, Ungana's facilities, such as the school's kitchen and toilets, are in need of renovation work in order to cope with the number of students.

African Adventures started working with Ungana Academy in 2013. Since then, volunteers have helped to construct new classrooms, renovated the school office, and supported with teaching in lessons.





2013

Volunteers helped to construct two new classrooms, bringing the total number at the school to seven. The existing classrooms were renovated and a new kitchen was constructed to support Ungana's feeding programme.

2014

Two further classrooms were constructed, and the school office was renovated. Ungana received a donation of 170 chairs and 27 desks.





2016

In 2016, 350 children were attending Ungana. Volunteers helped to construct two new classrooms to help the school cope with the growing number of students.

2017

Volunteers helped to replace an existing classroom at the school with a permanent structure, and assisted with cementing, plastering, and painting the new classroom.





2018

As well as providing teaching support, volunteers constructed walls for the school's toilet block, and built a fence to provide additional privacy.

2019

A new oven was installed to support Ungana's feeding programme, and the school benefitted from donations of sports equipment. Renovations were carried out to improve the academy's toilets, classrooms, and kitchen, and the PGCE trainee teachers provided extra support during lessons.

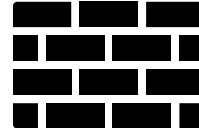


We are working with Ungana Academy to improve their facilities and extend their outreach in order to encourage more children to attend school. To do this, we are aiming to:



COMPLETE NEW KITCHEN

To replace temporary structure



BUILD PERIMETER WALL

To improve security



FINISH NEW CLASSROOMS

To further reduce class sizes

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?

A photograph of children at a construction site. In the foreground, three children are looking towards the camera. One child in a red shirt and yellow vest is on the left, another in a red and white shirt is in the center, and a third in a white and red shirt is on the right. In the background, other children are working with tools on a concrete structure. The ground is dirt and there are wooden beams and debris scattered around.

"UNGANA HAS GROWN TO BECOME A
WONDERFUL PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO
LEARN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!"

KATHERINE ABUNGANA - PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNGANA, VISIT:

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/ungana-academy-partnership/>

The students are looking forward to hearing from you!