

## YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Kisarawe. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted them.

Children were better able to access their right to an education - and thrive academically. The Primary School Pass Rate of National Exams increased from 75% in 2011 to 82% by the year 2021. Primary school enrolment increased, and teacher training helped ensure that students are able to access quality, inclusive learning spaces.

In addition, 90% of adolescent boys and girls dramatically increased their knowledge about sexual and reproductive health rights by participating in trainings.

**Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Kisarawe.**



# 1432

Girls learned about menstrual health management



# 3485

Textbooks supplied to primary schools



# 177

Science teachers increased teaching skills



## COVID-19'S IMPACT IN TANZANIA

**Hear from Vanesa about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.**

"I thank Plan for educating us on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Plan supported our schools with hand-washing facilities like buckets, soaps, and hand sanitisers. We conveyed this knowledge to other people in the area. I am grateful these measures helped us minimize the spread of COVID-19."

# CASE STORY: AIDING FAMILY EMPOWERMENT



**NAME: SIWEMA**

**AGE: 8**

**HOBBY: SINGING**

"I am now happy that I have my chair, I can move without hurting my grandmother. After school I go to play, sing, and do homework with fellow pupils."

## Meet Siwema

**Like your sponsored child, Siwema has been empowered by Plan International to change her life.** Siwema lives with her grandmother. She likes school and singing. Siwema was born with a walking disability and depends on her grandmother's support, who carried Siwema to and from school on her back every day for over a year.

As a result, her grandmother experienced debilitating chest and leg pain—but it was the only way Siwema could get to school.

## Facing Disability Discrimination

In Tanzania, children, especially girls, with disabilities experience exclusion and injustices. They are less likely to go to school and are often considered a burden on the family because they are seen as non-productive members of society.

As part of initiatives on inclusive education, Plan International provided 100 wheelchairs to children with disabilities. The result was life-changing for Siwema and her grandmother. Now, Siwema can attend school more comfortably and participate more easily.

## Creating Changes

Empowering people with disabilities is key to fulfilling their right to an education and a life free from discrimination—and helps them to achieve their dreams. Now Siwema can attend school and her grandmother is better able to care for herself and her granddaughter.

Siwema's grandmother shares how their family has benefitted: "I thank Plan for supporting my granddaughter. She now actively attends school, and I have also regained my physical well-being since I struggled a lot to carry her on my back. Now I believe she will achieve her dreams, as she aspires to become a teacher."



*Siwema and her classmates.*

**WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 3,941 CHILDREN IN KISARAWA**



# OUR PROJECTS IN KISARAWA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



## INVESTING IN EARLY EDUCATION



Through hands-on training sessions, community leaders gained the vital knowledge and skills needed to deliver inclusive, quality education to pupils.

Early education is vital to helping children learn, grow, and thrive. In Kisarawe, many children—especially those from marginalised communities—lack pre-primary education. To address this, we coordinated with local leaders and organisations to strengthen pre-primary school access and quality in the community.

To start, teachers and school leaders increased their knowledge of gender-responsive, inclusive pre-primary educational models. Sessions included safeguarding and child protection as well as gender equality.

Teaching and learning materials such as storybooks, balls, and educational toys improved learning environments at 10 educational centres. In addition, 221 at-risk children enrolled in the established centres, with access to pre-primary education through the accelerated School Readiness Programme. The centres are child-friendly, and address children's physical, linguistic, cognitive, and socio-emotional development.

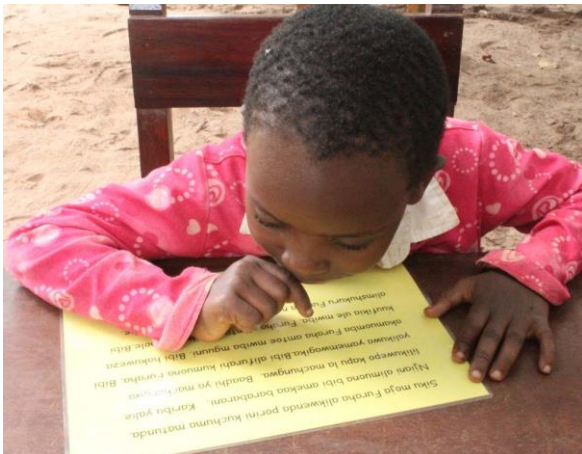
## SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



In Kisarawe, children with disabilities experience stigma that prevents them from accessing their rights and participating in everyday life. This year, we coordinated with village leaders to improve access to inclusive education for children with disabilities.

Awareness meetings and dialogues with 2,708 community members helped identify 191 children with disabilities who were not attending school. Children with physical disabilities were supported with wheelchairs, orthopaedic shoes, and ramps into school buildings. Furthermore, uniforms, books, and school bags were provided to pupils.

In addition, teachers were assisted with training and educational materials, empowering them to support students for lifelong learning and community participation.



"I am happy that I can read, write and count. Thank you to my teacher who taught me how to read and write, Plan International for giving my teacher refresher training and different teaching materials. The teaching materials make me like to attend school." -**Amina, 7, from Kisarawe**

# YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



## FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



46%

Lack access to clean and safe drinking water



27%

Of female pupils in Tanzania complete lower secondary education



46%

Of women in Tanzania experienced physical violence



**Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their future.**

More than 22% of girls in Tanzania have given birth by the age of 18. School clubs will teach youth about adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as menstrual hygiene management.

We will continue to empower girls to develop leadership skills, so they are more able to make decisions that affect their lives.

Training for teachers and village leaders will focus on child protection, inclusive education, and violence prevention.

We will continue constructing accessible latrines, enabling children with disabilities to have an inclusive education. This will lead to improved school performance and school retention.

**We know the best is yet to come and together we will continue to work for a brighter future the children in Kisarawe.**



“Thanks for your support of our work. Your contribution makes the difference to our children and their families. We still have marginalised children to be supported to reach extra miles of their development.”

**Ruth Kazoka**  
Programme Area Manager, Kisarawe

## YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS