

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

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

This year, children in Nkasi were better able to access their right to a quality education. In fact, primary school dropout rates were reduced by 18%. New and inclusive latrines reduced the rate of girls' school absenteeism by 90%.

And in the last two years, 794 young people gained vocational skills and graduated in masonry, horticulture, and tailoring, empowering them to generate income through self-employment and setting them on a course of financial independence.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Nkasi.



124

Village Savings and Loan Associations established



1600

Students learned about children's rights



463

Teachers trained on sexual and reproductive health & rights



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 the 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 no 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. Eight-year-old 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 as a result of their disability and gender. 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 8,078 CHILDREN IN NKASI

OUR PROJECTS IN NKASI ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



Community dialogue included advocating for change in traditional norms and behaviours that encourage gender-based discrimination.

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE



The rate of child marriage in Nkasi is 40%. Social norms promote gender inequality, while a bride price of money or livestock means that marriage becomes a way of bringing much-needed resources into the family. A lack of access to sexual and reproductive health services and information for girls and young women compound the problem.

The Girls Get Equal programme helps to empower girls, schools, and the community with information and resources to end child marriage and help girls stay in school.

More than 3,000 parents and school leaders worked together to reduce the rate of school dropouts, and 463 teachers trained on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including gender-based violence and discrimination. Access to economic independence is key, so youth learned vocational skills while Village Savings and Loan Associations helped adults save money that can then support their children's needs.

PROVIDING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



It is vital that all children, regardless of ability, have access to a safe and inclusive primary education.

This year, a needs assessment showed how pupils with disabilities experience many difficulties in their daily lives due to a lack of assistive support. For example, a lack of transportation facilities, and a barrier of communication with the school community.

In this assessment, 21 children were identified as needing assistive devices to enable their mobility. As a result, 19 tricycles and two pairs of crutches were provided to children, empowering them to travel to school more easily, attend lessons, and stay in school for longer. In addition, education officials benefitted from professional training which helps them provide all students with safe and inclusive schools.



"Plan International has supported me with a tricycle which helps me to attend my studies. I am able to attend all classes every day and I thank Plan International. It has brightened my life. I find myself very lucky and I am now enjoying my school life"
- Immaculata, 14, from Nkasi

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



46%

Of households lack access to a clean, safe, and reliable water supply



18%

Of enrolled students drop out of school



46%

Of women in Tanzania experienced physical or sexual violence



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

70% of primary schools lack access to WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) facilities, disproportionately affecting girls. We will support pupils with the construction of gender-inclusive latrines.

We will continue to campaign to end child marriage, through community awareness and by training child protection teams.

With 7% of young people unemployed, we will focus on supporting youth with vocational training.

We will continue to provide resources on sexual and reproductive health and rights to young people, especially girls.

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



“My sincere thanks to our sponsors for your financial contributions, which enabled us to improve WASH facilities in schools, establish youth-friendly centres, and strengthen child protection structures in communities.”

William Mtukananje
Programme Area Manager, Nkasi

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