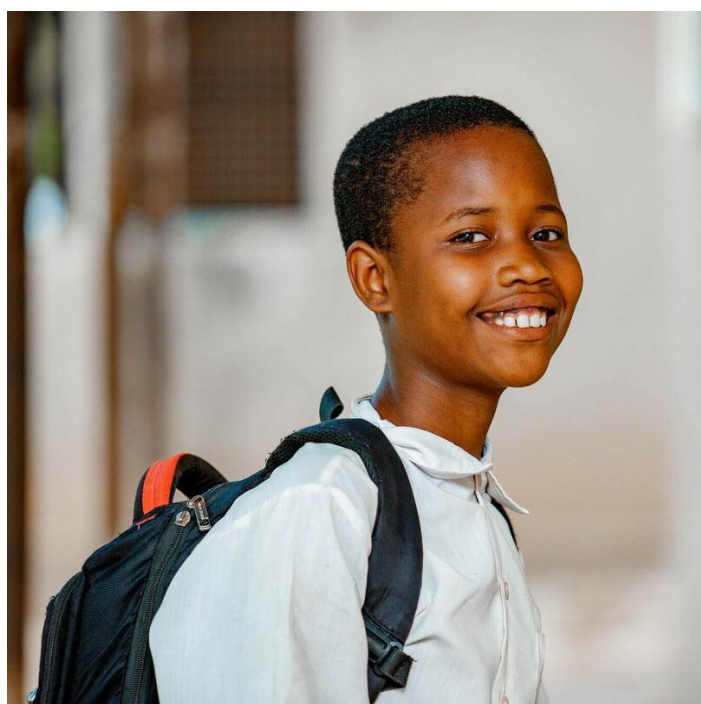
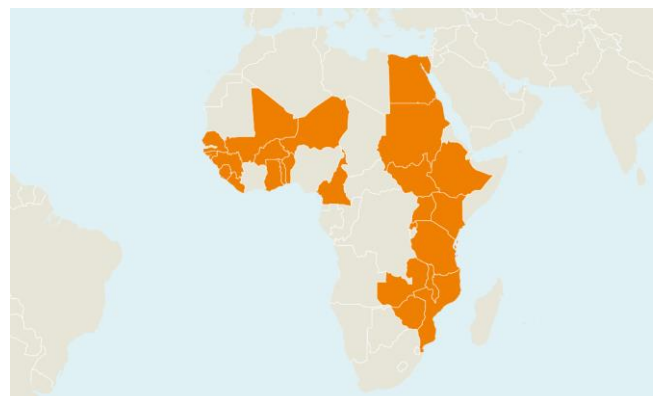


ANNUAL UPDATE

TANZANIA

KISARAWA



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Kisarawe. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

This past year, key projects focused on empowering children with improved access to early, and quality, education.

For example, the LEARN Plus project provides gender-responsive education for pre-school children. For older students, new latrines made it easier for female pupils to manage their menstrual health while at school.

As a result of these initiatives, students—and their families—have a brighter future.



2,502

Children received community health cards



18

Child Protection Desks established in schools



533

Students benefited from the School Readiness Programme

“PLAN PROVIDES COMMUNITY HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT. THIS ALLOWS ME TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT MISSING.”

Advertina, 17-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: YASINTA

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

DREAMS TO BE: A DOCTOR

“I FEEL VERY LUCKY AS I HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK TO MY PEERS AND BRING ATTENTION TO A CRITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.”

Meet Yasinta

Like the child you sponsor, Yasinta is making steps towards achieving her goals and building a stronger future for herself.

Because of her outstanding academic performance, her respect towards teachers and pupils, and her ability to educate others about gender issues, Yasinta was elected to help lead her community in the fight against abuse.

Developing a System of Support

Child abuse, violence against children and child marriage are pressing concerns in Yasinta's community. Gender desks in schools, supported by Plan, help safeguard children from harm and facilitate the report of abusive situations.

Yasinta was one of the students elected to help form a child protection gender desk for pupils who attend school, and a council for out-of-school children. With such measures in place, young advocates help children address instances of violence. Council members are also able to provide education to their fellow students on issues of abuse. As Yasinta says, “Many children face the challenges of abuse and violence but they feel ashamed or unable to report.”

Creating Change in Her Community

Through her participation in the programme, Yasinta has grown and gained confidence. She knows that many children are subjected to violence and suffer mentally, physically and academically. At the same time, she's taking that knowledge and using it to influence her community to take a stand against abuse.

“This opportunity has given me the courage to stand up and prevent such acts from happening again to my fellow children,” she says. Through her advocacy, Yasinta is creating change in her community so other children can live in safety.



Yasinta is a leader in her community

OUR PROJECTS IN KISARAWA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



LEARN Plus centres received learning materials for School Readiness, reaching 533 children with quality, gender-inclusive early childhood education.

GETTING A SMART START



Early education is important to the growth and development of children. Yet many families in Kisarawe—especially those in underserved communities—lack access to pre-primary education.

The LEARN Plus project provides quality, gender-responsive early childhood education programmes. With school readiness activities at the centre, the programme includes parental and community engagement.

This year, programme outreach increased from 10 to 29 centres, helping more than 500 children access in School Readiness activities. Over 700 parents participated in parenting education groups to learn how best to help support their children’s development. In addition, 31 Community Teaching Assistants trained on enhanced School Readiness activities.

EDUCATION FOR ALL



Insufficient facilities in schools in Kisarawe make it difficult for children—especially girls—to attend school. Many schools lack teaching and learning materials, as well as hygienic latrines.

Making school accessible is a priority. To address this, 3,485 textbooks and teacher guides were distributed to 42 schools. In addition, the construction of 162 latrines helped to reduce students’ urinary tract infections, increased attendance for students with disabilities, and made it easier for girls to manage their menstrual hygiene.

Finally, over 500 parents were mobilised to join Village Savings and Loan groups, improving their family’s economic status.



“Before the construction of the latrine in our school, the situation was not good. Girls used to stay home during menstruation, therefore we missed class which affected our performance. I am so grateful for Plan’s support.”

Mwebezi (13) from Kisarawe

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



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

- 23% of children in Tanzania miss out on pre-primary education. Those who are most affected are typically poorer, from rural areas, or from marginalised groups. We will continue to support these communities with training and resources.
- Our focus on schooling will continue to include discussions with government advocates and community leaders to promote improved access to quality education.
- 29% of Tanzanian households live below the poverty line. We will continue community sensitisation on Village Savings and Loan Associations and income-generating activities.

Thank you for your continued support.



“Thank you for your support which helps girls and boys increase their knowledge on children's rights to education, health, menstrual hygiene and protection.”

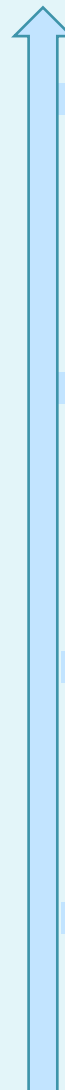
Ruth Kazoka
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change—providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



JANUARY

16

People trained on the Village Savings and Loan model



FEBRUARY

343

Children benefited from new latrines at school



AUGUST

240

Storybooks distributed to young students



NOVEMBER

362

School club members learned about sexual and reproductive health and rights

