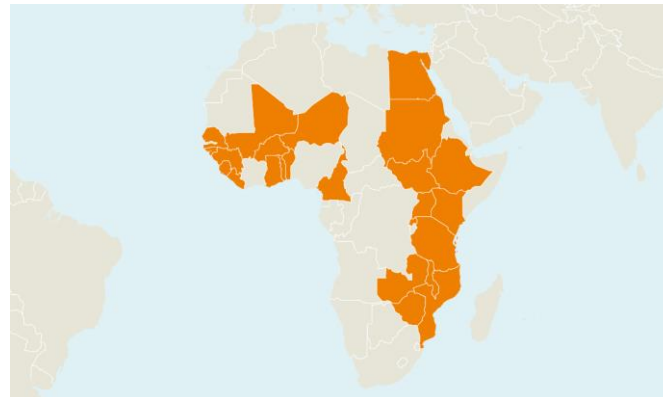


ANNUAL UPDATE

TANZANIA

GEITA



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

Key projects focused on reducing child labour and improving access to education and training. This year, young people left dangerous work conditions to return to school and vocational training. Thanks to Village Savings & Loan Associations, community members could invest in safe, income-generating activities. And for pre- and primary schools, improved facilities and materials enabled students to learn.

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



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Schools received 52,983 textbooks



9,018

Young people learned about menstrual hygiene management



350

Bicycles distributed to enable girls to commute to school

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

Adventina, 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 GEITA ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



More than 700 young people trained on income-generating activities such as batik, soap making, and raising poultry.

ADDRESSING CHILD LABOUR



In Geita, child labour is a major concern. This year's priority was to address the issue of child labour in hazardous conditions in the mining and fishing sectors, ensuring functional child protection and improving the socio-economic status of young people.

More than 2,500 child labourers left dangerous work conditions and returned to school or attended vocational training. Over 180 young people graduated from vocational training and many established new businesses in restaurants, catering, tailoring or retail. Over 100 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) formed with 2,103 members. From their savings, members established and expanded small businesses and supported over 1,800 children with school materials. In addition, social workers trained on child protection and case management, empowering the community with resources to reduce dangerous child labour.



EDUCATION FOR ALL

Schools in Geita lack many basic facilities and supplies. Overcrowded classrooms, insufficient learning and teaching materials, and poor or non-existent water and sanitation facilities directly impact pupils' ability to learn.

This year, the construction of two classrooms, a teacher office and inclusive latrines made a difference. More than 8,800 textbooks and teacher guidebooks improved the pupil-to-textbook ratio, and the distribution of educational and play-based materials such as counting slates, blocks, puzzles, exercise books and pencils helped children in the learning process. In addition, 14 Teachers Communities of Learning were formed in all project schools to facilitate teaching and learning processes with 302 members.

"We used to share one textbook with 10-15 students and we could not manage proper learning. Thanks to Plan, our school has been supported with a sufficient number of books and this makes learning easier."

Gloria (10) from Geita



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 Geita.

- Lack of water, sanitation and menstrual hygiene facilities in schools discourages girls from attending school regularly. We will continue to support communities with inclusive, gender-responsive latrines.
- 37% of girls are married before age 18. Next year, our programmes will focus on empowering youth with information and resources on reproductive health education and youth-friendly services.
- 1 in 3 girls, and 1 in 7 boys experience incidents of sexual violence before age 18. Our multi-year child protection programme will improve community knowledge and attitudes to end violence against children.

Thank you for your continued support.



“We have impacted the lives of many children and families who benefited from our projects. In the coming year, we will support support more children in education and protection.”

William Mtukananje
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



APRIL

2,320

Youth made reusable menstrual pads



AUGUST

3,870

Packs of reusable menstrual pads distributed to pupils



NOVEMBER

8,732

Children participated in a youth football tournament



DECEMBER

3,681

People attended interfaith dialogues on the dangers of child marriage

