

KILIMANJARO PROJECTS

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019



AfricanImpact

13 VOLUNTEERS
772 HOURS
10 NATIONALITIES

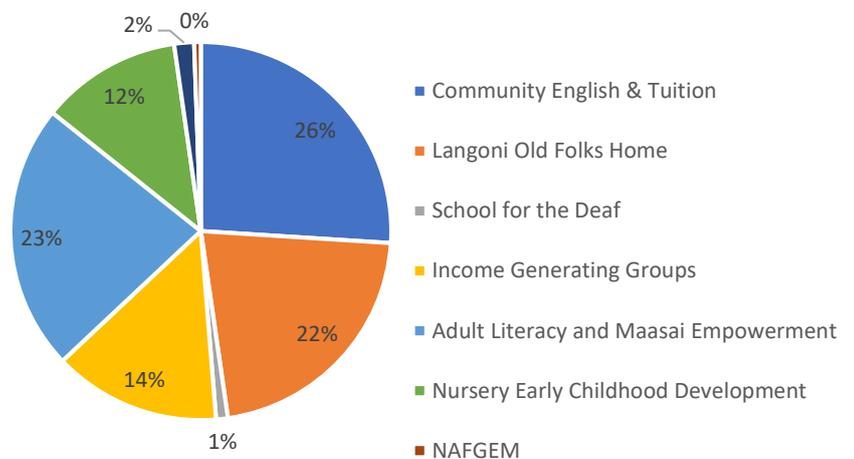


LANGUAGE LESSON:

“Watoto”

“Children” in Kiswahili

HOURS SPENT VOLUNTEERING ON EACH ACTIVITY



What's New on the Ground?

- We held a staff training day off-site for all of our project coordinators and assistants, including brand new project assistants, Melk and Eliwangu. We did various team building activities throughout the day, participated in a facilitation training workshop, held several team discussions, and reviewed our achievements and challenges of 2019. We wrapped up the day with a marathon game of Ligretto, the card game that we are all obsessed with in Moshi.
- We recently brought in one of our students and community members, Upendo, to be a national intern. Upendo, formerly a member of WAUKI women's group and our Advanced English classes, attended our most recent facilitation training. She is now teaching one of our nursery classes and helping out on other various projects.
- On the last day before our office closed for the holiday, Kaso and Tyne prepared all the food for an all-staff Holiday Meal. Kaso made some traditional Zambian dishes and Tyne made chapati and rice.

EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS



We wrapped up the end of the year of our Community English Classes with a series of CV Writing workshops. Our community members are now all set to start applying for jobs.

We combined graduation celebrations for our Msaranga Community Classes and Maasai Town with a Debate. The topic of the debate was whether or not bride prices should be abolished. Following the debate, we enjoyed cake and soda and distributed class awards.

9 members of our Juniors nursery class graduated from Shiners Nursery School and will move on to primary school.

THE GIRL IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- We celebrated International Day of the Girl Child with over 60 of our students from Msaranga Community Class and Maasai Town. This is the largest turnout we have ever had for an event like this. We played a variety of games in the playing field of our partner, Kimochi Secondary School. The morning concluded with a soccer/football match. Our Maasai Town students were paired against our Msaranga Community Class students. The Msaranga community class won. Everyone loved the competition between communities so much they requested more collaboration in the future (which we were able to do by combining their graduations and facilitating a debate).
- We conducted a 3-month curriculum on gender based violence with WAKIPA, which wrapped up just in time for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in December. The baseline for this curriculum increased from 43 percent to 63 percent.
- We facilitated a brief 2-day holiday workshop with the girls at NAFGEM to go over human rights. We will follow up on that topic again during the girls' next school break, which will be around Easter time.
- Our after-school club at Kimochi wrapped up for the year to allow the secondary students to focus on final exams. On the final day of the project, all participants received candy and cards and we played games.
- In an effort to increase the number of catering events for WAKIPA, we conducted a special marketing and advertising curriculum with the ladies on Wednesdays (they meet regularly on Fridays). We helped them learn how they can market themselves, and they even created advertisements to put up in the area and to share on Facebook. WAKIPA also surprised us with a special thank you dinner just before we broke for the holidays.
- Umoja wrapped up their healthcare curriculum and now know more about the risk factors, prevention, and treatment of health conditions specific to women.



AFRICAN IMPACT FOUNDATION

We hosted a fundraiser barbecue at the volunteer house thanks to donations from our volunteers. All proceeds went to the Wazee Physiotherapy program. We played tons of games on the Friday afternoon into the evening and ate delicious spiced rice, veggies, and grilled chicken for dinner.

In October, we celebrated International Day of Older Persons with our beloved adopted grandparents at Langoni. We gave the Wazee soda and had traditional drummers come play for them. Some of them couldn't resist dancing along to the beat of the drums!

With only \$458 remaining to fundraise for our 5-year physiotherapy program, we are excited to announce we are beginning to fundraise for medical aid for the Wazee in urgent cases to improve their quality of life and well-being

We hosted a very special Christmas themed trivia night at Secret Garden in Moshi with all proceeds going toward the #Imaginelf Campaign for The Girl Impact.



WAUKI: VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

- Stacey and Marty, who are strong supporters and 2-time volunteers, returned from Moshi last summer with suitcases full of Wauki women's group products. They have been selling mats and earrings now that they are back home in Pennsylvania to all of their family and friends. They even organized with one of our local partners to get a suitcase full of Wauki products delivered to the US so they could sell the goods at a local community fair. Melinda took them a suitcase full of mats over Christmas, which have already been sold. Melinda returned with hundreds of dollars of profit for Wauki.
- In addition to this amazing support, one of our The Girl Impact volunteers, Natascha, who was here in December, donated the funds to Wauki to purchase a sewing machine as well as some other supplies for making jewelry. This gives the women the ability to improve the quality of their projects and eventually expand their product offerings.



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Our volunteers and interns were able to visit a Maasai village, Kitenden, with our tour operator partner 6Rafiki. Camping in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, they came back with nothing but good things to say about the experience. They learned all about the Maasai culture and ate traditional food, witnessing first-hand the homes of where many of our community members come from.



"Coming back to Moshi, after climbing Kilimanjaro in February this year was just magical. I knew that I wanted to come back to Tanzania but did not know that my stay with African Impact would be even more magical. Making friends and living like a family with the other volunteers and colleagues was just great. It's truly amazing seeing all the smiling faces every morning and feeling the positive energy of your students, whether it was elderly people from Wazee or the Wakipa women. Most of the faces and names I will never forget. This experience truly changed my life and I am so thankful that I listened to my "inner voice" telling me to make an impact and change lives for the better - something that my dear colleagues and other volunteers do every day at AFRICAN IMPACT."

Natascha Glanzer-Fuerst, Austria (The Girl Impact Volunteer)

Until Next Time... Moshi Team

