ZANZIBAR PROJECTS APRIL - JUNE 2019



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Health Workshops

HOURS SPENT VOLUNTEERING ON EACH ACTIVITY

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- To celebrate World Environment Day, our volunteers went out into the community and collected 17 bags of waste, much of which can be recycled into eco-bricks. As this quarter marked Eid celebrations, which is a very special event in the community, which is predominantly Muslim in faith, the village was buzzing with people in their finest outfits celebrating together. This meant a lot of takataka (trash/rubbish). It didn't take our volunteers long to fill their bags especially since they had lots of little helpers a big group of kids were very eager to join in!
- Ibrahim School has long needed new blackboards. Whilst schools were closed over Ramadhan, we took the opportunity to paint shiny new blackboards on the walls. The new blackboards mean writing on them is much clearer. The teachers were very happy with the result!



Data entry & analysis

TEACHING PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

- We had 76 students take their final exams from our Literacy beginners' class to our more-advanced classes. We were delighted to have 15 beginners, two lower and three medium class learners pass! We also had all three of our fantastic high-class students graduate! This is a massive achievement for them and leaves us feeling incredibly proud!
- During Ramadhan, a holy month here in Zanzibar, our nursery schools close. During this time, we focused on three projects with the children in the community conservation club, health club and kid's club. Our health project was a success with regular attendees and fantastic feedback at the end.
- We pride ourselves in involving our community partners in developing our programs with us which is what we saw this quarter. With feedback from the teachers in the community, we were able to amend our existing teaching programs to better serve the learners. Both the children and teachers are enthusiastic about the changes, and we look forward to seeing this program develop further!
- We completed a road safety course with all four of our nursery schools, which was the first of the year! It was a big success for our junior classes who haven't been through the workshop before. 201 nursery students completed our road safety week and was enjoyed by all our teachers, volunteers and students.



"This was such a remarkable experience for me. This is my second time volunteering with African Impact, but the first time at this location, and it exceeded all my expectations. From the house, the volunteers, the staff, the locals, the schools, to the excursions, I really couldn't have asked for a better three weeks."

Rachel Melton, 20, USA





ETHICAL TOURS AND TRAINING

- Our ethical boat tours, conducted by our trained boat drivers, are becoming a hit in Zanzibar's tourism industry. We have assisted the boat drivers by printing marketing materials to distribute to hotels who have shown a genuine interest in marketing our ethical boat tours themselves.
- We successfully trained and saw three boat drivers graduate from our Ethical Boat Driver Training workshop. This brings our total number of ethically trained boat drivers to 24!
- In addition, we have begun a new training workshop with a record number of seven new trainees! These drivers are from Mkunguni, the other village of Kizimkazi, which will help us make future connections and grow our presence in the area. We look forward to seeing them grow and develop, and to get them out on the water after graduation.

"I was so nervous to travel to Africa for six weeks on my own, especially with what everyone was saying before I left (be careful, wow you really don't know ANYONE?, etc.). The program made me feel so safe and so supported as soon as my flight landed in Zanzibar. I am so glad I decided to stay for six weeks and not less, because I really got to connect and become close with not just the volunteers, but the staff as well and see the impact I was making in the community. It was honestly the best experience of my life and I accomplished my goal by coming here: to solidify my future career plans. It's truly a once-in-a-lifetime kind of experience and I'm so grateful to have been able to come."

Kendal Marston, 20, USA

CONSERVATION CLUB UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Our enthusiastic Conservation Club students enjoyed an exciting field trip to Zala Park Zanzibar after completing their "Life on Land" Module. They were able to apply what they learned in class about animal and plant life and explore the ecosystem right here in Zanzibar. One of the highlights was seeing indigenous species like the Colobus Monkey.
- We have since begun our new module, "Mama Mazingira," or Mother Earth. We are learning about the health of the environment and spanning topics such as climate change, waste management, and renewable resources. It has led to many interesting discussions with our students as they observe the environmental challenges found in their own village.

Until next time... THE ZANZIBAR TEAM

