

## Improving access to safe sanitation and hygiene for primary school children in Tanzania



### JOA – Raleigh International Community Work Project (CWP) 2019

Every year two million people die because of unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Among Tanzania's population of 50 million people, just one in six have access to safe and clean sanitation facilities while one in eight continue to defecate in the open. Cholera outbreaks and diarrhoea transmission are common. Inadequate and unsanitary facilities in schools mean that children face increased health risks and are likely to miss lessons due to illness from high levels of preventable water and faeces-borne diseases. People are largely unaware of the importance of practicing simple hygiene behaviours such as handwashing to prevent the spread of disease.

Through the 'Improving access to safe sanitation and hygiene for primary school children in Tanzania' project, JOA and Raleigh International will improve access to, and the use of, safe and sustainable sanitation facilities for 1,800 children attending four primary schools by December 2019. In addition, over 7,000 community members will benefit from increased knowledge and understanding of effective hygiene and sanitation behaviours.

#### Project Activities

With support from local project partners, the JOA CWP volunteers will:

- Plan and deliver lessons to the primary school pupils to teach them about good hygiene behaviours. This may include subjects such as effective handwashing, menstrual hygiene management and safe food handling
- Help the pupils start a SWASH (school WASH) club in their school and support them to become champions of good WASH behaviours in their school and community
- Be involved in the construction of new school toilets and handwashing facilities
- Paint murals to promote safe hygiene practices
- Hold meetings with the School Management Committee to help train them on how to maintain the new facilities and keep them in good working order
- Hold meetings with other important stakeholder groups to raise awareness of the project and ensure project sustainability
- Facilitate awareness raising sessions and events in the community to help families understand the importance of good sanitation and hygiene and promote positive WASH behaviours

**Dates** – 4<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (TBC; may change one day either side depending on flight availability and times)

**Location** – Mkamba Village, Kilombero District, Morogoro Region, Tanzania

**CWP group** – The CWP group will include 12 volunteers from Jersey and 3 volunteers from Tanzania supported by 2 Volunteer Managers

**Accommodation** – you'll stay with a family that lives in the village and are likely to be sharing with 1 – 3 other volunteers from your CWP group. You'll eat breakfast and lunch with your CWP group and dinner with your host home family

**Training** – to prepare you for your CWP, you'll attend a two-day training workshop in Jersey followed by a further two days of induction when you arrive in Tanzania

**Free time** – you'll have two days of free time during your CWP, which you can spend in and around Mkamba Village getting to know the community and finding out more about Tanzanian culture. We'll also arrange a day trip to Mikumi National Park to take place once you've completed your CWP