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Developing Communities

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A portrait of a woman with dark skin and short hair, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a dark red, long-sleeved button-down shirt. She is standing in a doorway with a yellow and purple floral patterned curtain behind her. The wall above the doorway is made of rough, light-colored plaster.

Annual Review 2018

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The story behind the stories

Liv Jarman, Ace Africa UK, Events and Fundraising Manager

I have been part of the Ace Africa family for almost six years now. In January I visited some of the communities we work with in Western Kenya and North Eastern Tanzania.

As well as listening to their stories, I took their pictures. In the 2018 annual review we use these to give you a real sense of what we are doing, and, most importantly, a feel for the incredible fortitude of the people whose faces you see.

During my visit I learnt about the vital role of the community health mentors we support, the impact of Ace Child to Child Clubs and most strikingly, the immense daily challenge of living in remote, rural communities. I was also astounded and proud to see how much your support is achieving.

My lasting impression is that every single person working with Ace Africa felt hugely empowered. Children and adults were bursting with pride, strength, determination and resilience. This is in no small part thanks to your commitment to their future. Thank you.



A letter from the Ace Africa Country Directors

Our heartfelt thanks to each and every supporter of Ace Africa. Since 2003 you have helped us change the lives of 1,650,325 children and their families in Kenya and Tanzania. This incredible total would not have been possible without you.

The 2018 review is about the individuals and communities we work with. One of this year's stories is from Moshi in Tanzania. With our help the community took control of their lives. Last year we agreed they were ready to continue their projects without us. For Ace, not being needed is the real sign of success.

In 2018 Ace celebrated its tenth anniversary in **Tanzania**, reaching over 50,000 direct beneficiaries - 286,536 in total since we began our work in 2008. In partnership with the Ministry of Health we were the largest provider of HIV testing services in Arusha District, testing 9,591 people. We provided over 15,000 school children with life skills and sexual health education. Through our Child Protection work we educated 22,000 people on child rights and protection. We established six Child

Protection Teams leading to 3,104 cases of abuse being reported (of which 82 per cent were resolved).

In **Kenya** Ace addressed the vulnerability of girls and women to HIV, through work with over 18,000 adolescent girls and young women and by providing 4,300 sex workers in Bungoma with better access to HIV prevention and treatment services. In Siaya County, to improve some of the worst outcomes for maternal and child health in the world, Ace trained 217 Community Health Workers to provide good obstetric care. We started a solar irrigation project supported by Power Africa and scaled up our Child to Child Clubs, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programmes and child rights work.

Each of the numbers on the page opposite is a life changed - people tested for HIV, children knowing their rights, families able to reliably feed themselves. Thank you on their behalf. We hope this report will inspire you to help us change even more lives in 2019.



Joe Waddington
Country Director
Ace Africa Tanzania



Augustine Wasonga
Country Director
Ace Africa Kenya



David Evans
Country Director
Ace Africa UK

2003 to 2018



1,650,325
individuals supported by Ace



147,614
tested for HIV



19,548
cases of child abuse
reported and resolved



94,092
kitchen gardens
established



218,700
food secure (people eating
three nutritious meals a day)



15,582
volunteers trained to
support their communities

About Ace Africa

Ace Africa is an award-winning NGO that has worked in Kenya since 2003 and in Tanzania since 2008. Ace works with the community, government and local partners to improve health, education and economic development. So far Ace has reached 1,650,325 children and their families.

VISION

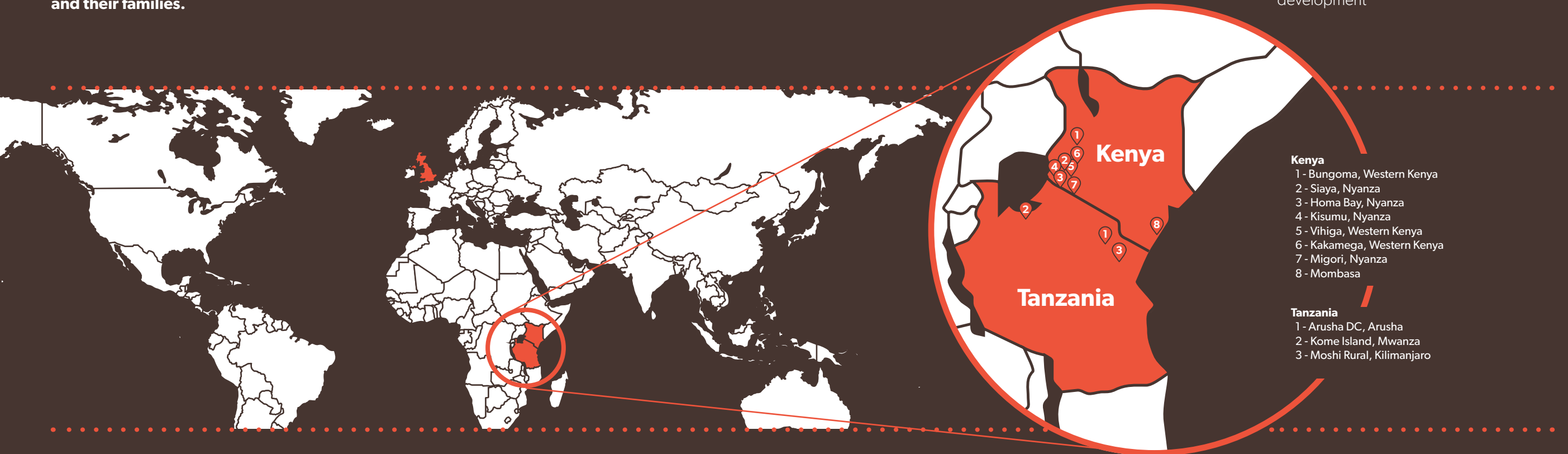
What kind of world do we want?

Children and communities that are empowered, healthy and self-sufficient

MISSION

What do we want to achieve?

Enable children and their communities to participate in and take responsibility for their own health, wellbeing and development



What do we do?

Ace Africa works with vulnerable, marginalised people in low resource settings in Kenya and Tanzania. We build resilient, inclusive communities, helping them access high quality social services.

We improve food and economic security, health and education by developing long-term sustainable solutions in three programming areas: Child Development, Community Health & Wellbeing and Community Livelihoods (see page 8 and 9 for examples).

Who do we help?

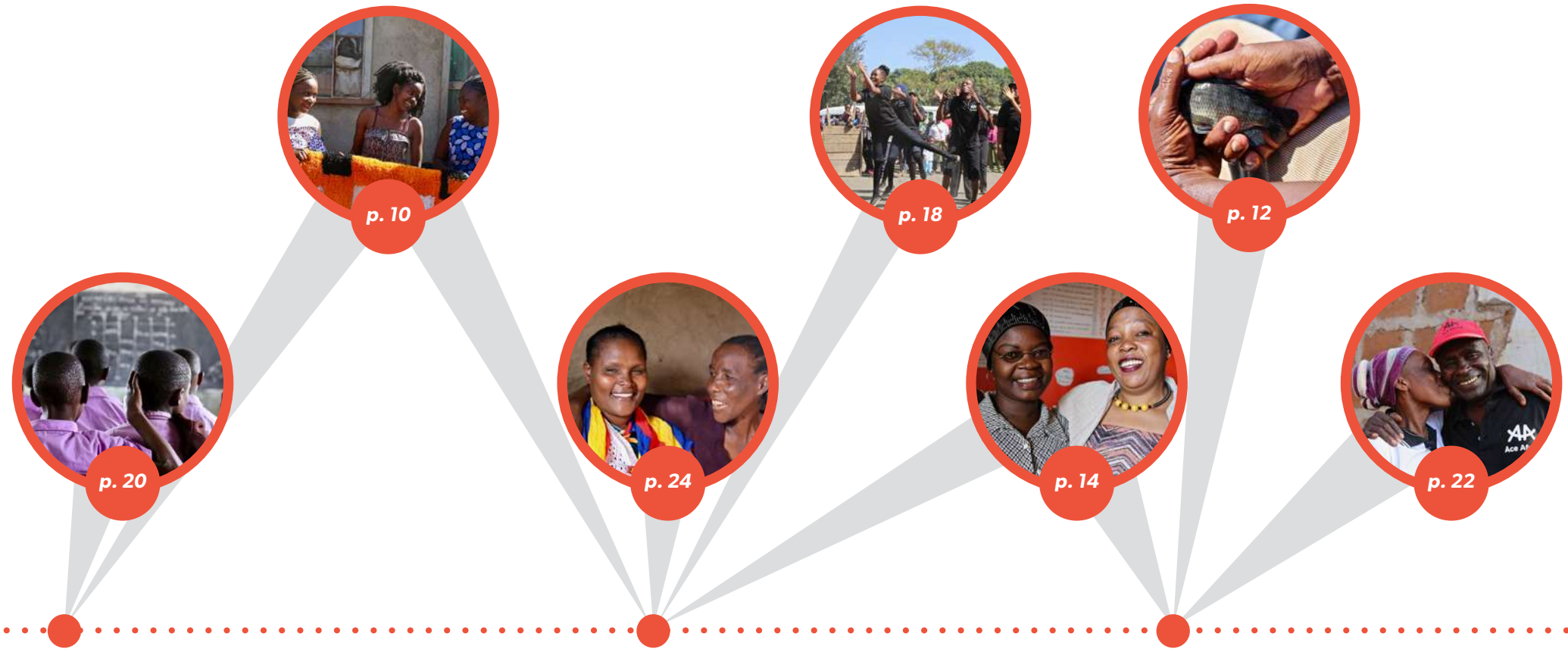
We help children, women, men, young people and communities where poverty, food insecurity and high rates of HIV/AIDS are part of daily life. We work where children are vulnerable and access to government services is limited or non-existent.

A lack of knowledge, power and opportunity means immediate needs and hopes for better lives cannot be met.

How do we work?

- Ace Africa takes a long-term, sustainable approach to community development; when local people are able to take control of their future, our presence is no longer required
- We work in partnership, with communities, government, other NGOs and donors. Communities identify problems and priorities, based on local context and needs
- Interventions are research driven and evidence-based – monitoring and evaluation shows what is working, what we have learned and what needs to be changed
- Ace creates awareness of government services, and brings these services closer to the community by bridging gaps that often exist. We work with government to ensure their services are innovative, cost-effective, sustainable and inclusive
- Capacity building and advocacy empower communities and are at the heart of all our work

Our three programme areas



1 Child Development

Improving the health and wellbeing of children, and protecting their rights.

- improving health, education and nutrition
- building the capacity of local communities to refer and resolve cases of abuse
- establishing Child to Child Clubs in schools
- training teachers to recognise and address issues of sexual violence and female genital mutilation

2 Community Health & Wellbeing

Improving access to quality health care services.

- raising awareness of how to prevent - and treat - communicable and non-communicable diseases – such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB
- HIV testing and counselling
- strengthening government health care systems
- providing basic medication, mosquito nets and family planning

3 Community Livelihoods

Improving food security and income.

- improving agricultural techniques and the productivity of farmers and families, using environmentally friendly methods
- establishing kitchen gardens, in schools, communities and homes
- training in animal farming
- establishing new businesses; providing finance, training and equipment



Ace Africa supports thirteen 'Safe Spaces' across Kisumu and has helped **5,898** girls and young women in 2018 to improve their health and livelihoods.

A 'Safe Space' for women and girls in Obunga

In Obunga, Kisumu County, Ace established the Obunga 'Safe Space' to reduce HIV rates in young women and girls. It gives them access to essential health services and sex education; they also acquire the confidence and skills to make positive life choices.

The risks for women and girls

Kisumu County has the third highest rate of HIV in Kenya. In urban, informal settlements like Obunga, there is a high risk of HIV because community members have little access to HIV awareness, prevention and treatment services.

Adolescent girls and young women are particularly vulnerable. The risk of sexual abuse and exploitation increases their risk of HIV infection. And if girls drop out of school early because of pregnancy - or to help-out at home - they miss essential sexual health education and the chance to build the skills and knowledge they need to make a living.

The Obunga 'Safe Space' aims to reduce the vulnerability to HIV of girls and young women aged 9-24.

Healthy choices for a better future

One of the weekly evidence-based sessions at the Obunga 'Safe Space' targets girls

aged 14-19 and focuses on sex education. Facilitators provide sexual health and rights education (eg. how to use condoms and take a lead in protecting themselves from HIV and unwanted pregnancies) and encourage girls to discuss contraception and HIV with their sexual partners, so that safer practices become the norm.

Other sessions support young mothers with access to training in crafts and other entrepreneurial activities.

¹ funded by the USAID DREAMS project supporting girls to be Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS Free, Mentored and Safe



Fishing for the future

On the shores of Lake Victoria in Siaya County, fishermen's lives rely on their daily catch. In 2007 Ace Africa started working with a group to transform the lives of fishermen and their families.

Old problems. New solutions

When Kanyibok Community Group was set up over 10 years ago, they focused on agriculture and small-scale fishing by boat. They grew vegetables, like tomatoes and kale, and went out each day to fish on the lake, selling any surplus after feeding their families.

This way of life became very challenging. The climate became unpredictable for farming, crops often failed and fishing by boat did not provide reliable food due to dwindling fish stocks. In the words of the group's chairman

Ayro, at this point, Ace Africa "fell from heaven". Ace started working with them, and provided training in fish farming using cages - a far more profitable way to fish.

The tight-knit group work together, daily, to feed and monitor the fish. Small groups take turns to row out three times a day and keep guard at night to prevent theft. It's still hard work, but it is paying off.

Today, the group has 13 active members (men and women) and three fish cages, producing up to 1,800 kg of tilapia annually. This provides a real income for the group's members and allows them to support some members with school fees, so their children no longer miss school.

Young people return to help

Schooling helps prevent young people being pressured into sex work or petty crime to supplement the family income. Now the group is over ten years old, and young people who have progressed through school and college are bringing back new skills to make Kanyibok even more successful. One of these initiatives is beekeeping, so the group can sell honey as well as fish.

With generous support from The Egmont Trust, Ace Africa has been working with community groups, such as Kanyibok, to provide the tools, skills and knowledge needed to establish sustainable livelihoods.



Protecting sex workers

Bungoma is a town in Western Kenya with a population of 54,000. It sits on the trans-African highway to Uganda.

Around 300 trucks pass through every night. Drivers and migrant workers create huge demand for sex workers, who include girls as young as 15.

An Ace drop-in centre involving two shipping containers and dedicated staff, helps keep sex workers safe - and enable some to choose a new life.

Since 2016 Ace has supported **3,836** female and **482** male sex workers to access sexual health services.



Protecting sex workers from HIV and violence

The Bungoma drop-in centre sits directly behind a truck stop. It has two main aims - reducing rates of HIV and promoting access to essential health services for sex workers in Bungoma.

This is the only centre of its kind in the area. Its visitors can see a trained nurse, clinical officer or counsellor, and access life changing - and sometimes life-saving - services all in one place, including:

- HIV testing and counselling
- Tests for sexually transmitted infections
- Cervical cancer screening
- Family planning services
- Pre and post-exposure prophylaxis
- Condom demonstration and distribution

Up to 20 girls visit the centre every day. To ensure it is open to as many vulnerable girls as possible, staff ensure their shifts cover the busiest periods - 6pm to 11pm.

This project has three outreach workers who provide additional support, counselling and referral to state services. A violence hotline number is provided to sex workers. This links to an Ace voluntary emergency response team, as well as the police.

Helping sex workers live different lives

In Bungoma, many girls and women earn their living from sex work - a dangerous and often life-threatening career. The Bungoma drop-in centre does more than support and educate sex workers on safe sex. It organises meetings to bring sex workers together and help them find other ways to earn a living. These meetings link workers with micro-credit and small business organisations. Since 2011, 20 per cent of females using this drop-in centre services have left sex work behind and started new careers in hairdressing, taxi driving or the retail trade.



Since 2003, Ace Africa has supported 106,414 primary school children in Kenya and Tanzania to learn about their health and rights through Child to Child Clubs.

Challenging the stigma of HIV

Since 2016, Ace Africa has used community drama in Arusha to fight the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV. We have also helped improve access to vital health services.



In 2018 **17,483** people joined these community events – and **7,834** people were tested for HIV in Arusha as a result of this and other outreach work.

Dispelling myths and fears around HIV/AIDS

Misconceptions and taboos around HIV - its prevention, the risks of infection and treatment - are common amongst Maasai communities around Arusha.

The play performed by Ace Africa staff and volunteers is about a young son struggling to speak with his mother about his health and possible HIV status. Before taking her son to the local health facility, the mother visits a traditional healer. She also listens to the views of friends and relatives who entrench her misunderstandings. Eventually the mother realises she should test herself for HIV; she begins to understand her own status and its impact on her son.

“Did I get ill from washing my son’s clothes?” the mother asks. “NO” is the resounding

answer from the audience as performers challenge misconceptions and educate the crowd at the same time. Ace Africa’s community drama group brings to life everyday stories the young and old can easily relate to.

A safe space to test for HIV

On the busy market day for local villages when these pictures were taken, 500 people saw the play. The performance increased awareness of HIV health services and promoted voluntary counselling and testing for HIV. At every performance, Ace Africa has a confidential space for individuals to take a test, with a trained counsellor or health worker providing additional support.

Ace Africa developed this approach over the past three years, in partnership with Comic Relief. Thanks to their generous support, 15,063 people have been tested over 3 years for HIV in Arusha District.

Children helping children

Our first Tanzanian Ace Africa Child to Child Club was established in 2008. There are now 38 across rural Arusha supporting 3,683 children. The clubs aim to improve a child's health, nutrition, hygiene, life-skills and overall mental wellbeing.

Olchorvus Primary School teaches 826 children. Their club has been an integral part of school life for seven years. It has 56 active members, supported by two trained teachers.

How the clubs work

As well as providing equipment and materials, Ace trains teachers to set up and lead the clubs. They learn about sexual health education, trauma counselling and child protection.

Ace's Child to Child Clubs provide a safe, relaxed space where children can learn about very difficult issues through games, songs, poetry and drama. Over time they feel empowered to come forward and discuss their own problems, and how to recognise if another child is in need.

For example, if a child says she is worried about early marriage, the teacher will support the girl, linking her to government and community services, and ensuring her safety.

Working as a group the children help improve hygiene in schools through simple changes such as handwashing. They also learn how to set up kitchen gardens, both to grow food for their school and to use at home. And because we know that every child will share what they learn with at least five family members, a club of 50 children has the potential to benefit 250 others.



Early marriage, female genital mutilation and rape are common in the areas where we work. Children are often unaware of their rights or lack confidence to come forward. Many children have little or no support at home. Ace Child to Child Clubs help fill the gap.



Gudilla Joachim, Ace Africa Child Welfare Counsellor, talking to the club about early marriage. In the past three years the club has rescued 50 girls from early marriage.

Hygiene at the school has dramatically improved thanks to new latrines and improved hand washing - both a result of the club.





Moshi. Proof Ace Africa's approach works

Ace Africa aims to work with local communities over many years to help them to take charge of their lives. And when we are no longer needed, we leave. This is exactly what has happened in Moshi District, just miles from the tourist mecca of Mount Kilimanjaro.

A community in crisis

Seven years ago our research in rural areas of Moshi showed HIV/AIDS rates rocketing, more than a third of households living below the poverty line, high rates of malnutrition and 27 per cent of girls experiencing sexual violence before the age of 18.

From 2017 Moshi's Community Group have managed all these projects. Of course, we check in from time to time, but we are proud of the fact we are no longer needed.

Ace helped the community to come together. We provided training and resources to help the community address the urgent and interlinked problems of food security, health and income.

- A maize milling machine makes nutritious soya flour. Training in the use of the machine, and in business skills, helped families improve both their food security and income.
- Improving agriculture and nutrition was driven by, Yusuf Juma, Chairman of Moshi's Community Group and local farmer. Yusuf helped train others; he created a demonstration garden to educate school children in agriculture. As well as selling produce outside the area, he donates nutritional vegetables and fruit to people living with HIV/AIDs, and malnourished children.



- Ace training in business management skills helped farmers to expand. Some now export to Arusha and Dar es Salaam. And like Yusuf this allows them to not only support their families but also to help the most vulnerable in their community.
- A dairy goat rearing initiative set up by Ace gave families the chance to have nutritious milk, to sell and share. Goat droppings are used as fertilizers.
- Establishing a village community banking scheme was key. This micro-finance programme provides credit to those on low incomes, helping people to start their own businesses. So far it has benefited over 80 people.

Eliminata is a friend and advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS in her community. She was trained by Ace as a Community Health Mentor in 2016 and advises them on health, nutrition and living positively.

Eliminata. Volunteer, friend and advocate



Since 2016, Ace Africa has trained **80 Community Health Mentors** across Arusha District, contributing to improved access to HIV health services and counselling for 3,024 people living with HIV/AIDS

Strength in numbers

Eliminata was inspired to become a Community Health Mentor after seeing how coming together helped people to understand their health and feel less alone.

She noticed people were missing their medication and established a group to discuss issues and act as a support network. Openly sharing experiences and ideas, the group created friendships. It supports around 21 members on how to access local services, as well as the everyday challenges of living with HIV. They set up a banking scheme called VICOBA [Village Community Banking], so members can save and improve their lives.

Changing the lives of people like Sinyati

Today, as a trained Community Health Mentor, Eliminata links people living with HIV in remote villages to nearby health services. Thanks to her training, she can offer advice on health and nutrition.

Eliminata is proud of the role she plays helping people in Arusha live positively with HIV, like Sinyata, a mother of five and part of the local support group. She knew her status in 2013; now, after working with Eliminata, she takes anti-retroviral medication and attends regular health check-ups.

Regular nutritious meals are also important but can be a real challenge in Arusha's arid landscape. Dealing with this is a key part of the Community Health Mentor's work, both one-to-one and in groups.

Eliminata visits Sinyati regularly in her home; she refers her to other Ace Africa trained social welfare counsellors or to the nearest health facility as needed. And as part of the support group, Sinyati feels more confident about her HIV status.

With Eliminata's help, Sinyati is taking better care of her own health and that of her family. And she also helps her friends and neighbours to live healthier lives.





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Ace has taught the community through drama, which is a great help with outreach in remote villages. We are very happy because through them, we have increased the referral of people to the hospital

Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Mbaga,
Olturmet District Hospital

15th Anniversary Gala Dinner Raises £153,000



In November last year our two Kenyan founders, Anthony Okoti and Augustine Wasonga, joined 180 Ace supporters to celebrate our 15th anniversary and raise money for our projects in East Africa. (Our third founder, Joe Waddington, had to join by video following an untimely injury).

The night started with a high-octane performance by violinist Lettice Rowbotham (a household name since her appearance on Britain's Got Talent) and her musical partner DJ Fenna. Ace Patron and Michelin starred chef Phil Howard prepared an incredible meal and TV favourite Charles Hanson (famous for his appearances on BBC's Bargain Hunt, Antiques Road Trip and Flog It!) hosted the night's fast-moving live auction.

A huge thanks to every guest who spent so generously on the night, the companies and individuals who donated such incredible lots, and of course the volunteers. Planning for the 2020 gala is underway! If you would like to host a table or be a sponsor please contact us at info@ace-africa.org.

A special 4 minute film was shown to explain what we have achieved since 2003 – available now on the Ace Africa YouTube channel.

Our Patrons

Our three incredible Patrons support us in unique and invaluable ways. Our thanks and gratitude for all they do.



Liz Earle MBE

Liz Earle MBE is one of the best-known names in the world of beauty and wellbeing. A bestselling author of over 30 books, TV presenter and brand founder of Liz Earle Wellbeing, amongst others. A committed advocate for social justice and sustainable change, Liz is one of Ace Africa's longest serving supporters – and a proud Patron.

“On my visits to Ace Africa I have seen tangible change that transforms communities. Their technical support and expertise brings real benefits to very many lives, in a sustainable way that works in the long-term.”



Phil Howard

Not only an acclaimed Chef, but an accomplished runner who has taken part in many marathons to raise funds for Ace. He creates outstanding pro-bono catering at our fundraising dinners.

“A charity which, as I have seen in Kenya, does exactly what it claims on the packet – the promotion of sustainable development to help alleviate poverty in African communities.”



André Villas-Boas

André Villas-Boas started supporting Ace Africa in 2013. In January 2018 AVB realised a long standing dream of participating in the Dakar Rally. He chose Ace as one of three charities to be promoted by his Toyota Overdrive Race For Good Team - generating fantastic worldwide press coverage and awareness of our work.

“Ace Africa stands-out because it has a long-term approach capable of leaving behind self-sufficient communities. They don't rush their programmes and are very methodical in their approach.”

Our amazing fundraisers

Challenge event teams ▶

A fantastic team of 17 completed the British 10k London Run, raising £5,500.

Fourteen Ride100 cyclists not only peddled 100 miles through torrential rain, but also raised a magnificent £9,000. A special thank you to Antoni, Kevin and James who marked their third and fourth consecutive rides for Ace.

Schools ▶

The continuing support of the students, teachers and parents at Eton College is incredible. Our warmest thanks to all of them and the inspirational Glen Pierce; not just for organising the 5-a-side charity tournaments on Saturdays (with help from his son Nicholas) but also for being a tour de force at our quiz nights, galas and introducing us to new supporters.

All Hallows became our latest supporter in 2018, raising a brilliant £1,200 and presenting Liv Jarman with a cheque in sunny Somerset.

Individuals ▶

Sarah Byatt has supported Ace for a decade. This year Sarah took on an extraordinary cycling challenge using a fixed bike adapted to fit her wheelchair at home. Last year she peddled 13.2 miles; this year she took on the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles and raised a phenomenal £2,610. Thank you, Sarah - for all you do for Ace Africa.



Why be a long-term supporter? The Lyon family story

My family first came across Ace Africa thanks to Glen Pierce, an old friend of Ace founder Joe Waddington and my tutor at school. In 2014 Glen took a sabbatical to set up a football project in Tanzanian primary schools - the aim of which was to reduce truancy rates, and improve the physical and mental health of the schools' students.

Fortunately for me, Tom and Nicholas (two of Glen's other tutees), Glen's sabbatical coincided with our gap year, and so we duly set about raising money for the project and preparing to spend a month in Tanzania to help get the programme off the ground. Everyone is delighted to see that the league we set up is still thriving five years later, and very excited to see that it has produced a Tanzanian U17 footballer no less!

Ace made a tremendous impression on myself and my family. So much so, that in 2017 we met in London to discuss what the best, and most effective way that we could help was. We agreed that a multi-year agreement was most valuable to Ace, as its long-term nature enables it to plan further in advance, knowing the money will be there. Part of our donation was to be spent on the football project and the rest would meet the pressing priorities identified by local communities at the time.

Each year we receive a written report and are regularly invited to meet with the UK staff and the founders whenever they are in the UK. What makes Ace particularly special though, is the personal relationship we have with it, and its work. Seeing the positive change our support brings every year is extremely rewarding and undeniably worthwhile. It is something I would strongly encourage others to do.

Alastair Lyon

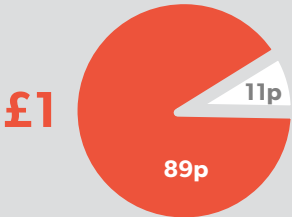


Left to right Nicholas Zafariou, Glen Pierce, Tom Pearson and Alastair Lyon – dressed for work, 2014.

Organise your own fundraiser

Contact info@ace-africa.org and we can help you organise a run, jump or anything else. Please use the same e-mail with any other fundraising questions you may have.

Financial Performance



For every £1 spent on programmes in Kenya and Tanzania, 11p was spent on fundraising and governance (excluding gifts in kind in the UK).

The Ace Africa family

Ace Africa UK was established in 2005 to raise funds for Ace Kenya (founded in 2003) and Ace Africa Tanzania (founded in 2008). All three are independent organisations, registered in their respective countries and sharing a common vision.

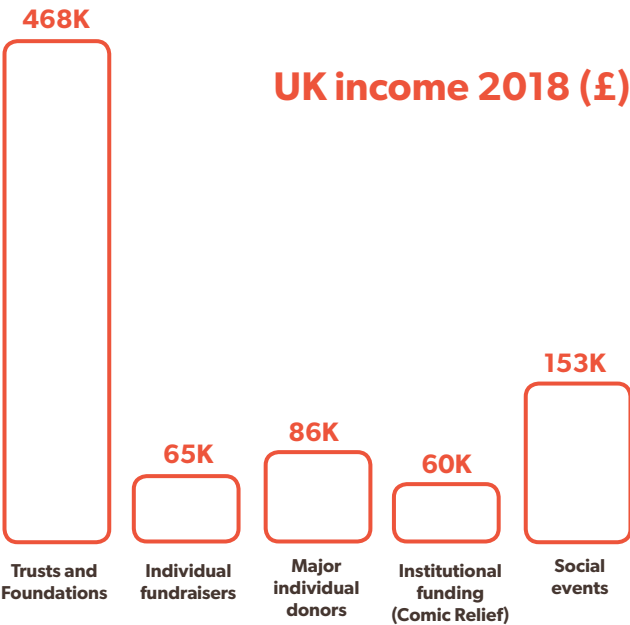
Ace Africa UK approaches trusts, foundations, companies and government funding agencies. Donors choose to make grants directly to Ace Kenya and Ace Tanzania, or ask Ace Africa UK to receive and manage the grant on their behalf and provide relevant accountability. Ace Africa UK also holds fundraising events and activities; funds are forwarded as grants to Ace Kenya and Ace Tanzania, and managed under signed partnership agreements.

Income

In 2018 Ace Africa, UK, Kenya and Tanzania had a combined income of £1,991,243 (excluding gifts in kind). As in 2017, Kenyan income from institutional donors made a significant contribution to this total.

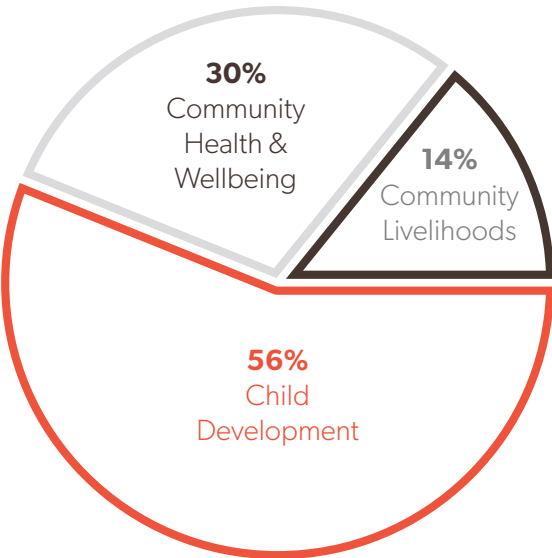
Ace Africa UK raised £832,0676 (excluding gifts in kind) with trusts and foundations the major income stream as is the case each year. The 2018 gala generated income of £153,125 (a significant total but reduction from 2016 emphasising the need for new ideas and innovation in 2020).

Fundraising is a team effort across all three countries, each identifying opportunities and developing proposals. The country where income is received, and associated reporting requirements, depend on the practices of the donor.



Expenditure by thematic area by Ace Africa

Total expenditure was £2,023,795. The fundraising costs were £134,314, a lower total than in 2017 due to the smaller head count in the UK during 2018. Based on expenditure, child development constitutes the largest part of our work, community livelihoods the smallest. (These figures can be skewed by single grants in any given year, so do not signify a change in our overall approach and priorities).



Ace Africa Consolidated Statement Of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 31 December 2018

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	12 Months Total 2018 £
Incoming resources from operating activities			
Donations and grants	144 780	519 511	664 291
Kenya	-	1 097 362	1 097 362
Tanzania	-	61 827	61 827
Event Income	167 763	-	167 763
Other - in kind	50 000	-	50 000
Total Incoming Resources	362 543	1 678 700	2 041 243

Resources expended	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	12 Months Total 2018 £
Costs of Charitable Activity			
Support of Ace Africa programmes	45 895	1 716 437	1 763 332
Costs of generating funds			
Fundraising and Grant Application Costs	134 314	-	134 314
Event Costs	70 316	-	70 316
Other - in kind	50 000	-	50 000
Governance Costs	5 833	-	5 833
Total resources expended	307 358	1 716 437	2 023 795

Audited accounts are available for each Ace Africa charity. Ace Africa UK annual report and accounts are available from the Ace Africa website: www.ace-africa.org



A great strength of Ace lies in the fact it works with and through local government structures. Ace never duplicates actions or creates parallel systems

Stefania Rossetti, Independent Evaluation of
Ace Africa's Comic Relief funded project

Donors & Supporters

2003 - 2018

Our thanks to all our supporters and donors over the last 15 years. Together you made a difference to the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and their families in Kenya and Tanzania.

Institutional & Government Donors

Anglican Diocese of Maseno West Siaya; Catholic Diocese of Bungoma; Catholic Relief Services; Centre for Reproductive Health Rights; CIDA; Comic Relief; Commonwealth Foundation; Duke University Centre for Health Inequality; Duke University USA; FHI 360; GIZ; Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission; HOME; Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO); National AIDS Control Council (Kenya); PATH; Tulane University USA; U.S. African Development Foundation; Unicef Kenya; University of Washington; USAID/Aphia Plus; USAID/PATH; USAID/TechnoServe India

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The Trustees of The Albert Van den Bergh Charitable Trust have been generous supporters of Ace Africa for over ten years. In 2018 the Trust chose to increase their support to Ace Africa through essential funding of our programmes over the next three years. Support of this kind is so valuable, as it enables us to learn, improve and increase our impact. We so appreciate the Trust’s flexible approach and endorsement of Ace Africa in 2018-2020.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief has funded Ace Africa’s life-changing programmes in Kenya and Tanzania over many years. Over the past three years, Comic Relief has supported Ace Tanzania to transform access to quality HIV services for people affected by HIV/AIDS in rural and remote areas of Arusha District. Throughout the project Comic Relief’s partnership approach has encouraged innovation and internal learning. With their support to develop the programme, Ace Tanzania was able to reach 35,206 people in Arusha with essential health services.

Oak Foundation

Oak Foundation pursues rights-based approaches, gender equality and partnership through its global funding. Ace Africa have partnered with Oak Foundation since 2016 to improve the health and welfare of children and families in rural Western Kenya. Through our partnership with Oak, we are improving child protection systems to protect vulnerable children and empowering children and community members to know their rights.

Top Funders



The year ahead

The stories in this annual review are about the lives we have changed. We are proud of the work we do. But Ace Africa needs to do more; this is why:

- **In Tanzania** 28 per cent of women give birth before the age of 18. Fifty seven out of every 1,000 children die before their 5th birthday. Health spending per capita is £109. Thirty-four per cent of children do not attend school. 7.9 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM has been illegal since 1998).
- **In Kenya** 46 per cent of the population live below the poverty line. HIV rates are six per cent on average, but up to four times this in the areas Ace works. Gender based violence affects 45 per cent of women. Seventy-five per cent of Kenyans are subsistence farmers at risk of food and economic insecurity.

Kenyans and Tanzanians want change. Here are some of the things we will be doing in 2019 to help.

In Tanzania we will:

- build on our child protection work, helping the government increase the number of local child protection committees and Safe Houses for abused and vulnerable women, girls and children.
- support young people with the skills to establish small businesses, to provide a reliable income in the future.
- establish environmental projects and introduce an Early Childhood Development project in primary schools, training teachers to provide quality education to nursery school children.

In Kenya we will:

- develop our community health programmes to tackle communicable diseases, reduce HIV/AIDS and promote maternal and child health.
- conduct research to understand problems and solutions, for example the 'Building and Sustaining Intervention for Children' (BASIC) study, which looks at emotional and mental health alternatives to specialized services where none exist.
- improve household food security and income, by integrating small projects, to better harness resources available within the communities where we work.

But to do this we need your help. On the page opposite is 'a shopping list', explaining what we can do with a donation of £20 or £5,000. Every pound helps change a life. We explain the different ways you can donate, including becoming a Friend of Ace.

Most importantly, heartfelt thanks from everyone at Ace for all you have already done.

David Montgomery, Ace Africa UK Chairman

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• **School uniform** for a vulnerable child so they can go to school

£20

• **Seeds**, for four community groups of farmers to kick-start cultivation

£30

• Train a new **Child Rights Committee** to raise awareness of child rights, identify and refer cases of child abuse

£500

• Provide **play boxes** in 50 health facilities to support early childhood development for children under five

£1500

• Establish a new **Ace Child to Child Club** for 50 children – a safe space to learn how to live healthier, happier, safer lives

£3000

• Train **60 Community Health Workers** to provide essential health services to 3,000 families

£5000

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The Arisaig Partners Foundation is one of our longest standing supporters, having funded Ace Africa for over 10 years. Reliable, long term backing of this type is incredibly important, and allows Ace to reliably plan and deliver projects. In addition to their annual grant to support child development and learning in Kenya, Arisaig are this year sponsoring the production and distribution of this 2018 Annual Review. This funding has allowed Ace to maximise the use of its resources to the benefit of children and communities we work with in Kenya and Tanzania. Our most sincere thanks to Arisaig Partners Foundation for their continued support of Ace Africa.

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