Make a big difference with a small charity

Ace Africa
Developing Communities
The most vulnerable families and children in Kenya and Tanzania face poverty, food insecurity, sexual violence and lack access to education. Since 2003 Ace Africa’s supporters have transformed the income, health, education and rights of an incredible 1,833,307 people.

Why work with Ace Africa?

Every single life changed is a reason to work with us. Here are five more.

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<td>The people closest to problems know how to solve them. Ace Africa staff and volunteers are part of the communities we serve. They are ready to change lives but need the resources to do it.</td>
<td>Change takes time. Our long-term approach is measured in years. As people are empowered to take control of their lives, we become less involved. Our legacy is resilient, inclusive communities. Your support leaves families with lasting change - reliable income, food security and safer children.</td>
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<td>Ace Africa was created to respond to the HIV and AIDS crisis in Western Kenya. Today our programmes address new challenges, including climate change and COVID-19. The most vulnerable are always hardest hit.</td>
<td>Ace is transparent and honest – we learn from what works and what doesn’t. Ongoing assessment means we maximise our supporter’s impact. Research and evaluation are at the heart of our work.</td>
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<td>You are part of a team - of staff, volunteers and local communities. Together we identify need, plan solutions and find the resources. Formal reports, videos, photographs and personal briefings tell you what your support has achieved. We make philanthropy personal and rewarding.</td>
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Covid-19 is a health, social and economic crisis. Our teams have been providing health information, food packages and low cost hand-washing stations using local materials. We are trusted by communities and local government to deliver. This work saved lives.

Creating six films about handwashing and hygiene, in local languages, reaching over a million people.

Using local materials to set-up 1,700 handwashing stations in homes, health facilities and government offices.

Delivering emergency packages with essential food and non-food items to 1,850 vulnerable families.

Veronica Joseph is a 33-year-old widow and mother of 7, living with HIV/AIDS in Ngorob village, Tanzania. Her compromised immunity meant COVID-19 could be fatal. Ace Africa provided emergency food so Veronica can avoid crowded markets, safely take her antiretroviral therapy (ART) drugs and feed her family. We also delivered her medication, sanitizer, masks and a handwashing station.

Veronica and her children still live tough lives, but Ace Africa made sure they did not need to risk their lives to eat. None of her family caught COVID-19.
COVID-19 made a bad situation worse for vulnerable Kenyans and Tanzanians. Unemployment caused more poverty. Early marriage and teenage pregnancy rocketed during lockdown. And as climate change accelerates, droughts and floods devastate farming.

Communities, local government and schools are asking Ace Africa to help. These are their priorities. Any support you provide is going to change lives.

How you can get involved in 2021

I. Open 70 new Ace school clubs to improve life chances for 3,500 school children

Our Ace school clubs teach children about health, nutrition, rights and life skills. The clubs help stop child abuse, improve diets and transform self-confidence. They are run by children and supported by trained teachers. Students in 45 Kenyan schools and 25 Tanzanian schools urgently need this low cost, high impact solution to everyday and urgent problems.

II. Train 4,950 farmers to adapt to climate change

Help 1,350 Kenyan farmers to establish model farms and teach another 3,600 farmers to adapt to new weather patterns caused by climate change. With more floods and droughts, farmers need to conserve water, grow drought-resistant crops and prevent soil erosion. Forty-five cooking fuel cooperatives will be set up to reduce deforestation. Farmers will earn more from their crops, their families’ diets will improve and children’s school fees will be paid.

III. Boost hygiene and nutrition in 60 schools

Poor sanitation and inadequate diets are common in schools in Western Kenya. This can stop children receiving an education. Ace will expand the work of its existing Ace school clubs in 60 schools to grow fruit trees, establish kitchen gardens and educate students about good sanitation and hygiene. Toilets and water supply will be improved. Teachers will have better food for their students, children will be less likely to get sick and fewer students will miss out on education.

IV. Protect at least 3,000 women and children from sexual abuse and violence

Increased child protection services reduce sexual abuse and violence in rural Tanzania. We will establish four volunteer-led community child protection committees, supporting at least 3,000 women and children. Our award winning community drama teams will educate thousands about these issues. Women and children will be able to get the practical support they desperately need to stop gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, early marriage and forced labour.

V. Transform the lives of 400 at-risk children through the power of sport

In many remote rural Tanzanian schools early marriage, teenage pregnancy and child labour are common. Academic performance is poor. There are no sports programmes. In 2014, the Ace Africa Football League was set up to address these issues. It is an outstanding success story. Children who take part are less likely to miss school, improve their physical and mental health, understand their rights and get better academic results. More schools want to take part. Our target is to involve 10 schools, train 20 teachers and benefit 400 students this year.
Let’s talk about the difference you want to make.

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Read more about our work at www.ace-africa.org, or follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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