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The Shimbwe Development Trust is a registered. Its aims are to improve the quality of Life of Shimbwe Community in Kilimanjaro Region in Northern Tanzania.

Shimbwe township lies 8 miles north of Moshi about 7000 feet above sea level, on the slopes of the famous all year snow covered peak Mount Kilimanjaro. At 19,800 feet above sea level, it is the highest mountain in Africa.



The chairman, Tustees and Shimbwe people appreciate how you have continued to support the Communities to enable them to improve their qualities of lives for years to come.

Your support has brought and continues to bring a lasting supply of safe and clean tap water, enabled the improvement of the school, and provide much needed support to a few very disadvantaged children who live in devistation from poor households.

We remain grateful to each one of you for what you have contributed/ are contributing to the work of Shimbwe Trust, which is enabling communities to achieve a better quality of life and escape the spiral of poverty in a remarkable way.



Huge Benefit to the Population

Most people are now enjoying a supply of safe and clean water. Unfortunately several people are still waiting in anticipation for this vital provision.

More building materials were purchased and the construction of more gravity reducing pressure points continued.

As mentioned before, water travels by gravity at a very high pressure down the very steep slopes of Kilimanjaro; hence these PPs are a vital requirement to prevent the P.V.C (Polyvinyl Chloride) pipes from damage and consequently wastage of precious water.

Additionally more piping materials were procured and installed. To minimize water wastage and to ensure the water remains in the reservoirs and gravity reducing pressure points, some buoyancy materials were fitted, more to follow.

The Trust is at the early stages of exploring best ways and means of ensuring the project will remain operational and sustainable independently for many years to come.

Subsequently, when the water project is ultimately completed, it is of paramount importance that the communities are able to operate and maintain the systems without having to depend on outside financial support.

By establishing a scheme whereby every one is encouraged to keep the system safe, clean, and free from harm, managed and maintained to high standards. With this in mind, at some point every household will be obliged to make some contributions towards the day to day running of the project. Therefore, the Trust and

Shimbwe Committee - in consultation with district water engineer - are delving into the possibility of providing water meters to those house-holds with water supply in their premises, and some small contributions from the rest of the communities, who collect their water from the numerous shared stand pipes dotted around.

Gateway to the Future

Yes! Construction of the much needed dining hall has begun, to the specification of the ministry of education and over-seen by esteemed engineers.

Now that the school has got sufficient classrooms, the Trust is exploring the possibility of procuring new computers and installation of internet service in Shimbwe Secondary School. When these resources are in place we anticipate they will allow pupils and teachers to keep up with Information Technology, providing conducive environment for more- in depth learning, hence improving their education and achieving skills and personal success for life.

Moreover, when this initiative was mentioned to some of the community members, they were really exited, as they believe this facility would be beneficial and would have a huge significance to their off-springs learning.

Moreover, it would give the adult population opportunity of learning basic computer and internet skills, hence enhancing educational and life skill opportunities.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela.

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New Developments

With the supply of copious safe and clean tap water in place, and Shimbwe Township connected to the National Electricity Grid, new facilities are evolving.

The community is excited and enthusiastic that the government is currently constructing a state of the art health Centre, with outpatient, inpatient and other range of facilities.

Maintaining Contacts

Once again several Shimbwe supporters financed trips to Tanzania. The following is a quote of Chris's experiences. During his gap year, Chris taught English in Shimbwe Secondary School for several months.

'Looking back at my time in Tanzania, to see all the support that the Charity has brought for the community is beyond words, support for the school and the local community is noticeably extremely beneficial. When I was told of the improvements that have happened over the years, I was shocked at how even the smallest of things to me, such as clean safe water from a tap has truly changed people's lives.

To be told stories by the students of their hope of jobs in the future and their well thought out plans to get them where they want to be, really opened my eyes to show shimbwe's education has helped students believe in themselves.

Just teaching English as a foreign language was extremely hard for me at first but the progress the students kept making is above an outstanding level.

We all agree that, it is the responsibility of each individual to address problems and take initiatives to bring about change, as problems do not go away by themselves.

We can also agree that a little help of `hand up, and not hand out` makes all the difference. Therefore, please help to continue to support Shimbwe Community's important work, as this is and will definitely continue help their lives take a different course entirely.

English examination results from forms 1M and 1K have shown me how much the students did crave to learn, did want to improve and did want to be given the clear direction for their futures.

Other than the fantastic views, food and welcoming locals, the events not to miss in Shimbwe for me was seeing the Football matches which actually were more than an experience, the whole school and much of the community came together to the schools field en mass to cheer on their players in great roars of applause.

The experience I had as a whole is so hard to explain in words, as many problems normal people face in Shimbwe have never and may never be an obstacle for me. To be shown by Leocardia, Peter and so many brilliant people, a community work together to improve their lives, for me, brought light that this is a true village with so much more to offer'

This is a fulfilment of a long-held dream, made possible by your continual support, a credit to all of you.

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