

THE MESERANI PROJECT EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF MESERANI, TANZANIA. Inspired by the pupils, staff and parents of Acklam Grange School, Middlesbrough, England. Registered charity number: 1135670 www.meseraniproject.co.uk



The Meserani Project is a unique 'home-grown' charity with a primary focus on providing primary, secondary, further and higher education for young people in an area of East Africa where such education opportunities are not accessible to them due to poverty, family circumstances and lack of educational provision. We are a relatively small-scale project, but since the sponsorship programme started in 2009 the project has:

Supported 279 young people throughout various stages of their education. 272 pupils have attended one of seven secondary schools that we have links with.

92 students have started their two years of A' Level studies.

13 students have started their two year Vocational Training Courses.

28 students have started Certificate and Diploma Courses at College or University.

65 students have started their three year Degree courses at university.

Further to ensuring that these young people have an education, we have also:

Built and furnished 14 classrooms in four primary schools.

Provided 41 water tanks for 6 schools.

Provided a dormitory for a girls' boarding school.

Provided solar power for two schools and a clinic.

Provided water harvesting systems for a primary school, a secondary school and a clinic.

Renovated four teachers' homes at a primary school.

Provided beds for 116 pupils at two secondary boarding schools.

Provided 80 desks and chairs for a boys' secondary school.

Provided 70 desks and chairs for a primary school.

Provided laptops and projectors for a Vocational Training Centre.

Provided laptops and projectors for an Adult Learning Centre.

Provided whiteboards for three secondary schools and a Vocational Training Centre.

Planted more than 800 trees in two primary schools and two secondary schools.

Provided a photocopier, printer, generator and TV/Video player for three schools.

The project has evolved from these successes, and now has three current strands:

Providing basic writing equipment, exercise books and text books for four primary schools: Meserani Juu School, Meserani Chini School, Lesiraa School and Losingira School.

◆Sponsoring an increased number of students from the Meserani District to go through further and higher education, ranging from Vocational Courses right through to A' Level studies and University Degree Courses.

•Our current major focus is the building of a new Meserani Secondary School – our most ambitious project to date. The school opened in January 2024, and we are currently raising funds to provide much needed resources for the teachers and pupils.

Through engaging with the schools and communities identified above, the project aims to:

- Provide the young people with a decent education, thereby giving them an actual chance to make progress in their lives.
- Developing the independence necessary to escape poverty.
- Give the young people actual hope, and ambition.
- Give local communities and families pride in the achievements of their children.

Because the project is run at their own expense by a group of six trustees from Teesside and North Yorkshire, and there are no administrative costs at all, every penny that is raised is spent directly on the project in Tanzania – nothing at all is syphoned off as necessary expenses.

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