

Ways to Help

There are many ways that you could help the work of Village Africa:

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- Make a one off donation
- Fund Raise
- Volunteer
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We look forward to hearing from you.

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'VYAAHADIKANA'

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Village Africa is a charity working in Tanzania, East Africa. It is based in a village called Yamba, high in the West Usambara Mountains in the Tanga region. The aim of the charity is to alleviate poverty. Initially its work is in health and education. Locally it is known by the Kisambaa name 'Vyaadahikana', which means 'It is possible'.

Village Africa has reactivated Yamba Village Health Post (Catholic Church registered). It has done this by sponsoring the salaries of a doctor and a laboratory technician (though the post of Clinical Officer is currently vacant). It has also provided a stock of medicine, medical equipment and cleaning materials.



Village Africa started in May 2006 by a British woman (Caroline Johnston) and a Tanzanian priest (Father Stanislaus Baruti).

Directors have been appointed, and it has a small UK office. The project has nine Tanzanian staff and employs a lot of village casual labour for building projects. It is now funded by donations from both individuals and companies.

Village Africa is assisting two government primary schools (Yamba and Milingano). It is running a volunteer teaching programme to assist with the teaching of English and is providing teaching resources. School renovations are in progress.



Most villagers have no cash income - just the crops they grow. Despite the cold climate several months of the year, many adults and children have more than twenty holes in their clothes, no shoes, no sweaters, no blankets, no beds and no toilets. Some do not eat every day due to a recent crop failure caused by drought.

Water is not piped or treated. There is no electricity. The nearest bus is five hours' walk away. Prior to the start of Village Africa, people walked up to ten hours to get medicine. Sick people and pregnant women were taken on a stretcher carried by six men down the mountain to hospital. Mother and child mortality are high.

The villagers of Yamba and Milingano have a thirst for development and have proved this in practical terms. They have donated land, buildings, building materials, food and hours of casual labour to get the project started and to keep it running. They have spent many months turning the bush into a road which will eventually give vehicular access all the way to Yamba. Village Africa has a four wheel drive vehicle which is used to bring medicine, supplies, volunteers and visitors to the project. It is also used as an ambulance to take sick people to hospital in emergencies.

The villagers are friendly, hospitable and generous. They look after one another. They wear vibrant colours, sing, dance, drum and play the guitar to enjoy life. They are incredibly strong and can carry a 25kg bag of cement up the mountain.

The project has the support of the community, the village committee and government officials. All are assisting in ways that they can and all believe that development is possible ('Vyaadahikana').



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