



AFRICAN IMPACT
FOUNDATION

Our Impact
with local communities: 2020

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Message

from the Director

Dear Friends,

All of us have our own unique story of how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our life, some difficult, some encouraging, and many a mix of the two. What our Foundation has seen through this journey from people is adaptability, compassion, generosity, resilience, and the strength of a passionate team and network. It's made me feel closer to the non-profit movement **#smallbutmighty** all the more!

Our 'A special thanks' page explains more about our journey in 2020 - how we survived and adapted our activities on the ground without African Impact, our sister organisation, who we worked so closely with in the past. What this sudden independence led to, was the realization we must put our energy into a core area of impact. Reflecting on what we have seen and learned over the years, young people stand out as holding the key to unlock the cycle of poverty in families and communities we work with.

We encounter many young people living in poverty who are driven to have a different future. They have ambition, natural talent, and GRIT. One challenge they often have is the lack of support and pathways available for them to succeed. We want to change that pattern so different stories can be told of more young people with jobs, girls doing the jobs they dream about, and entrepreneurs turning their ideas into income.

Through this strange year, it's important we celebrate the survival of the Foundation. Secondly, the incredible resilience of the people and children we work with, who along with so many other challenges, are also navigating a pandemic. Finally, I want to celebrate your involvement as a donor, supporter, team member, or advocate, as you are the ones investing and trusting in us to change people's lives every day.

Thank you for turning up and playing your role in creating brighter futures. I'm excited where the Foundation is heading and how together, we will build pathways out of poverty for the years ahead.

Best wishes,



Michelle Procter



Making a deeper impact

Our focus on Youth

Over the 12 years of the African Impact Foundation's progress, we have seen first-hand how youth face specific challenges, as well as have a window of time to make decisions about their future. This stage in life can either be an opportunity to foster hope and a drive for the future or sadly, when the challenges of poverty get too much they succumb to the many risks for young adults, especially when there is a lack of choices for their future.

The Foundation is at a stage where we want to make a deeper impact to alleviate poverty and make a long term impact. Adapting our efforts, together with our already strong community partnerships and programs, we want to work more closely with young people to encourage ownership for their choices, and provide pathways for a prosperous future.

We want to see young people have access to more opportunities and grow skills to create a prosperous life for themselves, their family and their community.

Through a holistic approach, we are passionate about changing the narrative for youth in vulnerable communities to reach this ultimate goal. As an impact organisation with strong vision and a tonne of passion, we are excited to work with like-minded donors and organisations to bring this vision to life!

We will continue to work with African Impact to enhance activities, where funding can bring additional impact to the amazing efforts of volunteers.



A special thanks

to our impact family

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was an unprecedented year for the African Impact Foundation, for its network of people across Southern and Eastern Africa, and across the globe.

Our Foundation's year began normally - with us, together with African Impact, our sister organisation, driving positive change in the communities we work with. This included some African Impact staff who were significant in the management of activities on the ground.

This meant our local colleagues, became further involved in a range of responsibilities that resulted in the impact celebrated in this report. Like many, we were faced with no office structure and African Impact no longer operating. With the large loss of donations from volunteers on the ground, we set to work on a new sustainability plan to ensure the African Impact Foundation could continue providing support during the pandemic. Where possible, we started COVID-19 prevention activities in the communities we have spent so many years working with.

Thanks to our global network of past volunteers, team members, African Impact staff, and trustees, who all banded together, the African Impact Foundation continued vital work during the lockdown periods. We navigated project closures, the loss of some long-standing community members and so many poverty-related issues, with the ever-present threat of the virus and uncertainty.

We are grateful for our entire ecosystem of people who invest in our impact. Special recognition must be made to the teams both on the ground and in our Cape Town headoffice, who all endured pivotal change and uncertainty, to stand taller, grow as a team and diversify our local wisdom and skills.

We survived the toughest of years, and ended the year with an even stronger sense of who we are and the impact we want to make on the world.





Our Impact with local communities through

EDUCATION



3 new primary school classrooms were built in Livingstone

20 students in Livingstone received bicycles to help them get to school



195 students in Livingstone were registered for school through our Sponsor a Child programme

Sponsor a Child

“Every morning I walk into school the first thing I do is go straight to the new building and smile and say thanks to God for these wonderful people who remembered this vulnerable school. My dream for this school is to fight for it to be modern and among the best schools in Livingstone in terms of infrastructure and academic achievement. Thank you.”

Humphrey Malamo
Libuyu East Community School Principal



“The best thing about going to school is you gain knowledge, and education is very important because it helps us realize ourselves and helps us bring out the potential in our lives.”

Justina

Sponsor a Child Alumni



Our Impact with local communities through

EMPOWERMENT



Employed local tailors from our programmes to make over 850 COVID-19 masks for people in Zanzibar and Livingstone

25 Cape Town youth participated in a holiday sports programme



Relaunched our agro-ecology business training programme, Farmers of the Future, with 12 young adults in South Africa

"I will mentor and monitor their work, just to ensure that their dreams to break the poverty cycle in their respective families and the community at large becomes reality."

Divine Nxumalo
Farmers of the Future Trainer, South Africa



Our Impact with local communities through

HEALTH & NUTRITION



More than 20 hand-washing stations were set up at schools and in communities in Livingstone and Moshi and Zanzibar, Tanzania

25 members of our partner organizations in Cape Town received food parcels



Provided disinfectant packages to 155 community members in Cape Town and Moshi and Zanzibar, Tanzania



Supplied weekly fruit and relaunched the physiotherapy programme at the Langoni Old People's Home in Tanzania



Held COVID-19 training and awareness workshops in Zanzibar



Supported nursery schools in Zanzibar with porridge for their breakfast programme



160 bags of maize were distributed to our Sponsor a Child students and their families in Livingstone





Our Impact with local communities through **GENDER EQUALITY**



48 girls in Cape Town received homework packs to ensure continued learning at home, while schools were closed

Supported remote learning by funding mobile data for online school work and virtual physical education classes



"We believe the African Impact Foundation plays a pivotal role in connecting all individuals from across the globe. We learn from each other, support one another, and the Foundation is in the centre of it all."

Dumisani Ntsodo
Director of Ikasi Soccer School



Our Impact with local communities through **CONSERVATION**

When African Impact had to bring their work to a halt at the start of Covid, we still had funds from volunteers specifically for conservation. Partnering with Umoya Khulala Wildlife centre to identify how to use these funds in most valuable way meant we were able to play a role in the conservation of the endangered pangolin.

Pangolins are threatened by poaching (for their meat and scales, which are used in traditional Chinese medicine) and heavy deforestation of their natural habitats, and are the most trafficked mammals in the world.



Tracked the release of one endangered pangolin back into the wild via satellite in partnership with Umoya Wildlife Rescue in the Greater Kruger Area . This was made possible through funds raised by past conservation volunteers

"Whenever I put on my African Impact t-shirt I feel something. I feel like I'm part of something bigger. Something special. African Impact & the African Impact Foundation have changed my life."

Christopher Collings
Donor



Sharon's story

My name is Sharon Siamani. I was born in Livingstone, Zambia and I have lived all my life in Livingstone.

I joined African Impact in April 2007 as a house keeper. I used to clean and wash Volunteer clothes, three months later, the one who used to help with Kitchen work left Livingstone and our manager then, Davies Muntanga asked me if I could take up the role as Kitchen Assistance. I agreed and started to work in the Kitchen. I worked in the kitchen helping to cook and serving food to Volunteers.

I studied Hotel Management and Catering so, it was easy for me to switch Jobs. I can work in the Kitchen, House-keeping, Restaurant and Reception.

I worked in the Kitchen from July 2007 to the year 2010.

At the beginning of 2010, the Volunteer house shifted from Villa Mbuyoti to Livingstone Backpackers. The owner of the place by then Richard Shepard had his own Kitchen and house keeper staff who continued to work cleaning and cooking for Volunteers. That time, I was asked to be going out with Volunteers helping to interpret, teach Adults, Math and holiday Clubs.

In December 2012, Memory was promoted from a Sponsor a Child Coordinator to Project Coordinator. Racheal our Business manager by then told all African Impact staff to apply for the post if we were interested. I gave it a try and **in January 2013, I got the post as a Sponsor a Child Coordinator.**

I had to apply for the post because I really wanted to work with children. Seeing the Poverty levels, Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in our Community of Livingstone led me to apply for the post. A lot of Children suffer the consequences and feel neglected because of the Poverty Situations. I knew that with the help of the Foundation, a lot of children would be helped and for sure, a lot have been helped. **Thanks so much to the Foundation!**

I have made a strong bond with most of the children, parents and guardians that they are free to share with me a lot of challenges they pass through. I Love my Job and I have learnt a lot working for African Impact and the foundation. I have clocked 14 years with the company and am grateful for all these years.

My Goal is to build a school specifically for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Future.

Thank You,
Sharon.



"The African Impact Foundation is part of who we are. Knowing how challenging the past year has been, we've found keeping our connection to the people we met and the projects we worked on that much more important. We can't wait for the day we can visit again, but for now, our monthly donations keep us connected to the cause."

Stacey & Marty Moyers
Foundation Donors

Thank you

To our donors of 2020,

It's because of you that the African Impact Foundation not only survived this year, but grew a little bigger and is ready to make more impact in 2021. You are a group of people from around the world that care about positive change and have made the generous decision to make an impact. We are so grateful for you.

It was a year like no other, yet our supporters continued to show up in a multitude of ways. Our impact family is stronger than ever and we are thankful to partner with you all on positive change for those who need it most.

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Luigina Sgarro



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