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What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Jane Goodall
African Impact has been the leading provider of award-winning volunteer and experiential internships for over fifteen years. We create transformational journeys and shape global citizens, whilst making progressive change in Africa. Pioneering the responsible volunteer industry in Africa, we work hand-in-hand with local communities and conservation specialists on the ground to discover how we can make a sustainable impact and ensure accurate measurement and analysis.

Our areas of impact are focused around Gender Equality, Education, Wildlife Conservation, Marine Conservation, Medical & Healthcare, Environmental Sustainability, and Sports Development. Our volunteer programs, internships, and study abroad opportunities are offered in over 10 countries throughout Africa – all of which include fully-equipped accommodation and both international and local staff on site providing 24/7 support.

Let us take you #BeyondVolunteering to Africa, a place that connects cultures, mindsets, and ideas. A place that leaves us all awed, inspired, able to do more, discover more, and to make a real impact.

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OUR GLOBAL NETWORK
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Canada

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Norway

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United Kingdom
WHERE WE ARE
IMPACT: GENDER EQUALITY

47% improvement in knowledge of gender-based violence

2,000 boys and girls participated in gender-based violence workshops

910 hours spent on Gender Equality projects in Cape Town

- The Girl Impact initiative in Tanzania doubled in size
- A new Gender Equality internship was launched in St. Lucia, South Africa
- The Wakipa women's group successfully completed their training and established their own catering company
- Boys Club was launched on all Gender Empowerment projects to educate boys about their role in gender equality
- There were no school dropouts due to none of the girls on our girl empowerment project in Zambia falling pregnant

Women and girls in Africa are particularly vulnerable to domestic abuse, HIV, and dropping out of school due to marriage and pregnancy; while boys and men are heavily influenced by practices that lead to violence. Our gender equality projects tackle these disparities so girls, women, and boys can live more informed, safer lives and stats like "57% of girls and women justify wife beating" can change.
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ANNUAL REPORT
A Teacher Training Program was established to help Advanced English Students gain the skills they need to teach.

A preschool was registered as an Early Childhood Development facility with the government and can now receive funding.

Adult English Classes were praised by the Ministry of Education of Zambia for their effect on literacy rates.

Underfunding and a shortage of qualified teachers is causing an education crisis in Africa that is inhibiting literacy rates and preventing millions of people from developing the basic skills they need to participate in society. Our education projects aim to reverse and prevent this by offering support to teachers so they can reach more people and do more to cultivate learning and keep students engaged.
IMPACT:
MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE

5,259 patients seen at clinics in St. Lucia, South Africa
37% improvement on test scores for HIV education
2,000 hours spent on home-based care in Zambia

- The first Washy Washy Week was launched at 4 preschools to teach kids about the importance of basic hygiene
- With the help of volunteers, community health workers went from reaching 3-4 homes a day to 7-9 homes a day
- Volunteers hosted first aid workshops for all the home-based caregivers who work in the communities in Zambia
- 95 clinic transfers for disabled and elderly community members who were unable to get to clinics to receive medical care

Under resourced hospitals and staff shortages mean many rural communities in Africa do not have access to medical care and awareness on issues such as HIV, especially in places like Zululand where HIV rates are extremely high. Our volunteers offer extra support so healthcare workers in these communities can reach and educate more people and provide quality care to the people who can’t access or afford it.
IMPACT:
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Data was collected for 20 lions in Q1 and sent to our lion research partner (LiMF) to assist with lion conservation in South Africa.

One cheetah and five lions were successfully released into the wild on the Big 5 Wildlife Research Program in Rietspruit, South Africa.

Rhinos are critically endangered, but a rhino calf was born in the area our volunteers monitor in the Kruger National Park.

Two new rescued chimps, Grace and Lola, were successfully integrated into the troops at Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage.

Within the last 35 years, national parks and wildlife reserves across Africa have lost 85% of their wildlife. To protect these environments and animals, our volunteers assist with physical conservation work to stabilize and improve habitats, provide photographic ID kits for tracking, participate in data collection that helps assess the health of habitats and monitor wildlife populations, and offer general support to staff.

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My experience with African Impact has been beyond amazing. I have been lucky enough to see and contribute to the conservation of Africa’s most endangered animals such as elephants, rhinos and lions! Their staff was great and was always there for support. It’s so wonderful to be surrounded by like-minded people!

Philippine Dijkstra, 24, Netherlands
Wildlife Photography and Conservation volunteer
IMPACT:
ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Two new environmental projects were launched in St. Lucia, South Africa and Livingstone, Zambia
- A waste committee was launched alongside several organizations in Livingstone to tackle the waste problem
- Our Farmers for the Future initiative in the Greater Kruger was expanded to help the community generate an income from farming
- An Environmental Sustainability Internship was launched in Zambia
- Several structures, including a security wall and three benches were built in Zambia using eco-bricks

Africa is plagued by environmental issues such as plastic waste as a result of poverty, growing populations, and lack of education. Our environmental projects broach these issues and foster environmentally conscious mindsets by building awareness around the threats of waste and promoting cleaner, more sustainable environments and opportunities through initiatives such as eco-bricking.
Kizimkazi Ethical Dolphin Tours was officially launched to provide responsible and sustainable dolphin trips to tourists in Zanzibar.

A new technique for monitoring coral bleaching was successfully introduced on our Dolphin Conservation project in Zanzibar.

Dr. Narriman from the Institute of Marine Sciences in Tanzania gave a speech endorsing the ethical boat driver training.

We partnered with four hotels who will promote the ethical dolphin tours to guests.

The ocean is a source of income for many communities along the coast of Zanzibar. However, education is necessary to protect their livelihoods and ensure long-term sustainability of income generating activities such as dolphin swims, which Zanzibar is famous for. Our projects raise awareness around marine conservation, train boat drivers to be ethical, and gather data to help formulate policies that protect the dolphins and ocean.
Impact: Sports & Development

- Our girls’ rugby team in Zambia had a training session with the Zambian Sevens National Team
- Three communities in Cape Town took part in our annual 7-week Street Sports tournament
- We welcomed Vusa Rugby & Learning Academy as a partner on our sports project in Cape Town
- Our sports project in Cape Town expanded to include rugby coaching sessions in the program

Sport is known for its benefits such as teaching teamwork and discipline, but for kids in disadvantaged communities it can empower and inspire them in truly remarkable ways. Volunteers on our sports projects assist coaches in townships and rural villages with creating programs that develop skills and give kids an opportunity to participate in programs that promote healthier lifestyles through sport.

1,913 hours spent on sports in South Africa and Zambia
10.8% increase in athletic ability in South Africa
100 kids participated in our first interschool competition
IMPACT: OUR FOUNDATION

136 students had their school fees, books, and uniforms sponsored

$229,392 raised through fundraising initiatives

220 children received toothbrushes and toothpaste each term

In 2008, we established a non-profit organization to support our efforts to make progressive change in Africa. The funds raised through the African Impact Foundation together with our volunteers on the ground create a unique synergy that allows us to go beyond what fundraising and volunteering can do alone.

A perfect example of this is our volunteers supporting teachers in rural preschools across Africa by providing one on one assistance during classes to accelerate the childrens’ learning abilities, while the foundation raises funds to improve the schools' infrastructure in order to qualify for government funding.

Together, African Impact and African Impact Foundation have delivered a wide range of education initiatives resulting in elevated school pass rates, acquired skills and training for income generation, a decline in teenage pregnancy, and a decrease in the spread of HIV.
When Audrey found African Impact, she was a student in the Adult Literacy Classes we run in Zambia. She soon carved a new path for herself by becoming a translator and then the liaison for The Girl Impact, a collaborative gender empowerment project between African Impact and the African Impact Foundation which thrives under her guardianship.

Today, she is a beloved and respected member of the African Impact team and uses her education in social work and her own story of determination to help young girls claim their stories and carve their own journeys.

“The experienced one is the best teacher and I want these girls to have a bright future. I believe if a girl is educated, then the whole community is educated,” she said.
YOU CAN START CHANGING OUR WORLD FOR THE BETTER DAILY, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE ACTION.

Nelson Mandela
This award was based on volunteer feedback about the impact and sustainability of our programs, our commitment to safety, community engagement, and overall quality of the experience.

This coveted GoAbroad accolade was awarded to us based on the number of positive reviews we consistently receive from volunteers who have spent time on our projects.

With over 250 independent reviews, our Big 5 Wildlife Research and Conservation Project in the Greater Kruger Area of South Africa was one of GoAbroad’s Top Rated Volunteer Programs.
WHAT’S NEXT

With fifteen years of operating award-winning volunteer programs and experiential internships on the ground in Africa, blending our measurable impacts and leveraging our community partnerships with academia was the natural progression. This lead to African Impact becoming an expert provider when it comes to internships and study abroad programs in Africa.

African Impact takes the classroom to the communities and conservation projects where students and faculty can directly apply their theoretical knowledge, whilst making progressive change in Africa; transforming students into global citizens equipped to meet the demands of tomorrow.
PARTNER: Know a school or university who would be interested in joining our network? Drop us an email at info@africanimpact.com

INTERN: Join one of our projects and apply your theoretical knowledge while gaining experience in your field of study

VOLUNTEER: Join one of our volunteer projects and contribute to long-term, sustainable change in communities across Africa

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