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Sponsorship Opportunities

PEC PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL

WITH AUSTRALIA TANZANIA SOCIETY

Mary, Class 3 at PEC

You can help

BREAK THE POVERTY CYCLE BY SPONSORING
A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Your sponsorship, through Australia Tanzania Society, provides a PEC student with an education, learning materials, school and boarding uniforms and meals. It also provides a safe, clean living environment with reliable electricity and water - everything required for a successful education!



ABOUT PEC

PEC Pre & Primary School's mission is to educate disadvantaged, bright students from the Kilwa District to become leaders in Tanzania - 'Fighting Poverty Through Education'.



PEC is a co-education day and boarding English Medium School, providing high-quality education to 230 students from the Kilwa district, and beyond.

PEC comprises of PEC Pre-primary School and PEC Primary School, and is now offering boarding for less privileged children.

BACKGROUND

Poverty in Tanzania is endemic. 70% of Tanzanians live on less than AU\$2.50 a day.

Tanzania's school system is overstretched and under-resourced, resulting in poor educational outcomes for Tanzanians. Less than one third of Tanzania's children make it to secondary school, so most will never have access to any form of skilled employment.

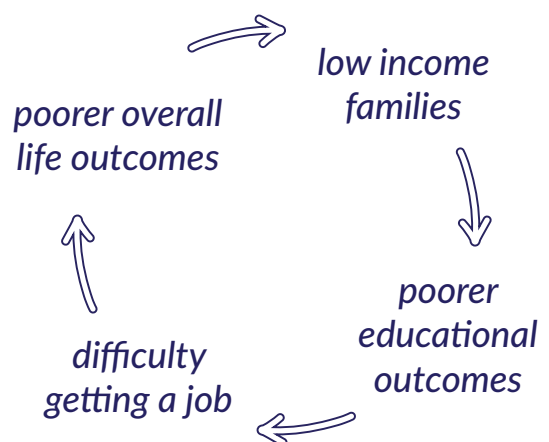
When PEC's founder, Mr Sultan Sultan, arrived in Kilwa he was struck by how socioeconomically disadvantaged the area was.

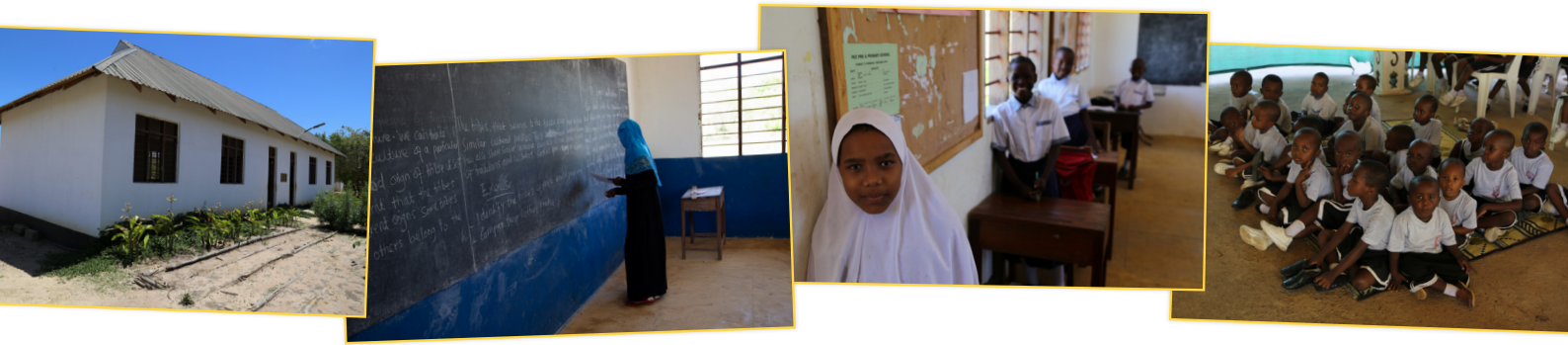
The socioeconomic factors include employment, education and income. These factors relate to and influence one another. For example, your education will impact your employment, your employment will dictate your income and your income will dictate the education you can obtain for your family....a viscous circle.

Not only was the area afflicted by fewer years of formal education, low occupational status and resulting low income (if any), the education provided was of a very poor standard.

Mr Sultan, established PEC to help alleviate some of these issues. The school motto 'Fighting Poverty Through Education' was adopted and acted upon.

PEC commenced in 2012 with just a Pre-school and only 12 students. In the past 8 years, however, PEC has grown to provide schooling for more than 230 students in classes all the way through to grade 7.





PEC TODAY

PEC provides high-quality education to children who, due to poverty and social pressures would otherwise be unlikely to complete their primary schooling. Teaching is undertaken in English, to maximise children's potential to succeed in secondary school and, ultimately, secure skilled employment.

PEC's students are shining examples of what can be achieved when given the opportunity to receive a quality education. Education lifts people out of poverty and creates stable and growing economies. Since inception, PEC students have performed well in National exams and in the past two years have raised the standard even higher.

In 2018, PEC was placed 1st in District and Regional exam results and also best in Coastal Ward areas for mid primary in the National Examination Council of Tanzania exams. In 2019, PEC topped the District, Regional and Zonal levels for for mid-primary.

PEC has become an exceptional institution that regularly ranks in the top 5% nationally.

PEC Scholarship students are chosen because they show academic promise and have a great attitude to work. They are provided with transport, food and a quality education, and many live on campus. PEC does everything possible to ensure their well-being and future success.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The first 8 years of PEC was a period of growth and rapid change. Over the next 10 years PEC will be evolving, consolidating and continuously improving.

PEC will be educating up to 500 students each year, from Pre-primary School to Grade 7. The school will employ more than 50 local staff and provide boarding for up to 60 students.

PEC is working towards becoming a Centre of Excellence for teaching, helping graduates realise their aspirations.

Graduates from PEC will be well educated, respectful, responsible, honest and kind citizens, empowered to move on to the next stage of their education and, ultimately, employment.



SPONSORSHIP

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and handled with the utmost care. 100 cents in every dollar raised in Australia is directed towards PEC and the sponsorship recipient.



Precious, Class 5 at PEC

WHY SPONSOR?

Funded by sponsors, PEC provides scholarships to promising students who would not be able to access quality education because their family is trapped in extreme poverty. Students are encouraged to apply at all year levels – from early primary school to the final years of primary school. PEC provides high-quality education that regularly ranks in the top 5% in Tanzania, so students are equipped with the skills to move on to their next level of education, and ultimately become leaders in their communities. By sponsoring a student you can help break the cycle of poverty for them and their families through the gift of a high quality education!

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

PEC's mission is 'Fighting Poverty Through Education' and to gain access to a PEC Scholarship a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in the specified class at a government school;
- Have not repeated a class while at school;
- Be within the right age range; and
- Pass the poverty criteria established during house visits.

Prospective scholarship recipients are then invited to attend a probation class at PEC. They are expected to attend classes for up to two weeks to ensure that they have the right attitude towards learning and the ability to cope with PEC's curriculum.

At the end of the process, all new students receive their very own PEC uniform, ready to start classes.



SCHOLARSHIP COSTS EXPLAINED

The annual costs of attending PEC as a boarder are US\$900 (AU\$1,300). This covers the costs of boarding, all meals, school fees, school materials, uniforms and events and excursions.

Sponsorship of AU\$1,200 (US\$825) per year is sought for each child to be applied as follows:

A scholarship of US\$675 (AU\$1,000) being 75% of the school fees, including boarding, will be provided to PEC on behalf of the scholarship recipient. The balance of PEC's fees (US\$225) are to be provided by the recipients' families. We believe it important for the family to be fully committed to and financially invested in the child's education, hence the requirement for a contribution towards the fees.

The balance of your sponsorship US\$150 will be placed in a reserve fund. This fund, which the recipients will not be made aware of, is established in case any of the recipients' families are simply unable to find the US\$225 to apply towards the child's education. It must be remembered that the children come from very poor families that may find it impossible to contribute, and some may even be orphans. At the end of the year, any funds not applied to meet this shortfall will be applied to educational needs at PEC as agreed with ATS.

While we encourage you to view child sponsorship as a long-term partnership, your sponsorship of a PEC scholarship is not a contract and we understand if you wish to cancel your sponsorship at any time, for any reason.



Nurfat, Class 5 at PEC

Your Sponsorship

WHAT DO I GET WHEN I SPONSOR A CHILD?

At the start

- You'll receive a welcome pack with your sponsored child's details, photo and information about their community.
- Your sponsored child will send you a letter (within 12 weeks). We'll give you tips and hints for writing back.
- You'll get access to our private closed Facebook group, through which you will see regular photos and videos from your sponsored child and the community.
- We'll send you an annual tax receipt for your sponsorship.

During your sponsorship

- You'll see video and photo updates about your sponsored child.
- Look forward to a response from your sponsored child when you send a letter.
- We'll send you community updates so you can see the progress you're supporting.
- Consider visiting your sponsored child – it's a life-changing experience!
- You'll be kept in the loop with updates about your sponsorship.

At special times of the year

- On special occasions, including birthdays and Christmas, we'll make it easy for you to send a card. (Sponsored children love to hear from their sponsors!)
- Your sponsored child will send you a message at Christmas.
- You'll receive annual progress reports about your sponsored child's health and education and community achievements you've supported.



We love visitors!

WHY VISIT PEC?

Every year we welcome visitors to PEC to see first hand the impact it is having on its students and community. We can offer safe, affordable accommodation for our visitors, and all visitors are encouraged to take part in the day-to-day life at PEC.

ABOUT KILWA

Kilwa Masoko is a port town on the Indian Ocean in southeastern Tanzania. Kilwa Masoko is the current major town of Kilwa District and includes all the hotels in the area as well as a bustling market, beautiful beaches, small fishing communities and is the gateway to the ruins of Kilwa. On nearby Kilwa Kisiwani island, these ancient Swahili ruins were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981.

ACCOMMODATION

We can arrange accommodation with en-suite facilities for visitors who participate in a school-based itinerary. Although accommodation is available on weekends and public holidays, to maximise your visit and truly experience life at PEC we encourage you to arrange your visit during weekdays.

HOW TO MAKE A VISIT

If you are thinking of planning a visit to PEC School, please contact info@asanterafiki.com. It's a good idea to plan 3-6 months in advance.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

PEC School has a zero tolerance policy regarding child abuse and whilst undertaking school-based activities at PEC School you will be accompanied by a staff member at all times. All visitors are required to read our Code of Conduct and Personal Communications Policy and sign a document on arrival to say you have read and agree to abide by them.





ABOUT US

Australia Tanzania Society is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and as a Non-Government Organisation in Tanzania.

AUSTRALIA TANZANIA SOCIETY

Australia Tanzania Society (ATS) is a 100 per cent volunteer organisation. With no administrative costs, every dollar raised goes back to making life better for people in Tanzania. Our funding comes from a variety of sources, including sponsorship from individuals and companies in Australia and Tanzania, and through our annual fundraising events in Perth, Australia.

ATS aims to provide support and capacity build in the areas of health care, education and child protection in Tanzania.

ATS also aims to advance education in Tanzania by:

- Assisting in the provision of facilities and infrastructure for education at schools and educational facilities; and
- Capacity building through training Tanzanian educational professionals
- Helping the most underprivileged and vulnerable members of Tanzanian society, especially orphaned children, through education scholarships.

ATS has completed numerous infrastructure programs, including classroom construction and renovation, as well as provision of water to schools through the drilling of water wells. Additionally, ATS has provided Tanzanian curriculum text books to schools to assist in the delivery of quality education, and has facilitated and funded several professional development courses for Tanzanian teachers.

Since 2004 our flagship project, Rafiki Australia Tanzania, has sent 2 – 3 volunteer surgical teams to Tanzania each year, which have changed the lives of children and adults with conditions such as cleft lip, cleft palate and burns injuries. Rafiki also trains Tanzanian medical professionals and has linked with Muhimbili National Hospital and Muhimbili National University of Health and Allied Services to provide a pathway for Tanzanian Surgeons to obtain their Masters in Plastic Surgery and become fully-trained in plastic and reconstructive surgery. In addition to the surgeries and training, Rafiki also sends donated ambulances and medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in Tanzania.

CONTACT US

For more information about PEC Pre & Primary Sponsorships please get in touch.

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