



AFRICAN IMPACT
FOUNDATION



Our Impact
2019

A portrait of Michelle Procter, the Director, with long dark hair, smiling slightly, against a blurred background of green foliage.

Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

The growth of our Foundation means we continuously increase our impact and the positive effects of our programs. Impact is in our name, so what does it mean to us and all the people involved in our Foundation?

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall

Impact is a long-term change, and this is so relevant to us, as we want to have a long-term effect on the people and the beautiful African environment. We believe in creating opportunities for people to make positive life choices and pathways for themselves – the ripple effect of these choices will in turn impact whole communities. Our conservation programs focus on research and actions that enable people to choose more wisely for our environment as well as themselves.

As you are reading this, you are either involved or interested in getting involved with our Foundation and in turn will play a role in this long-term impact. Whether it is providing better education, creating safe spaces for knowledge sharing and support, or funding equipment that assists us in getting to our goal, it will all contribute to the long-term impact we work towards every day.

We have captured in this little book, what impact means to some of the people involved in our Foundation and a heartfelt thank you to them for sharing this with us. Thank you to everyone involved in our journey, your belief in us and our work means so much.

Here's to an impactful 2020 for all!

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Michelle Procter".

Michelle Procter

Michelle Procter

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A special thanks to the teams on the ground

We would not be able to make the impact that we do without the teams on the ground. African Impact Foundation works side by side with our sister organization, African Impact, to responsibly manage the generous donations received from volunteers and ensure we are positively impacting individuals, families, communities, and wildlife in Southern and Eastern Africa. In return, African Impact brings dedicated volunteers, interns, and staff on the ground, who carry out year-round implementation and sustainability of the projects.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you to our project teams for working tirelessly with passion, perseverance, and enthusiasm. Thank you for believing in the work that you do and for investing in the communities around you. Thank you for making us stronger. Without you, the people in the communities we work with would be living very different lives, and for that, we applaud you.



Our Impact

on education

160

students received a free, quality education in the Sponsor a Child Program

2

classrooms were built in Livingstone, providing a better learning environment for 370 students

212

students had 2 enriching field trips in Cape Town

- In Zambia, students are required to write exams at the end of grade 7 and 9 in order to continue to the next grade. 100% of the students in our Sponsor a Child program passed and were able to begin grade 8 and 10.
- Two high school students traveled to Ghana to participate in the Yale Young African Scholars program, which is a life-changing university foundation course that has the potential to lead to international university placement. This forms part of our Sponsor a Future program, which also offers vocational skills training opportunities.

"It was not until I went to the Yale Young Scholars Program in Ghana did I realize that there is a world out there full of life, new ideas and new opportunities. Education brings out our potential, it builds our character, wakes in us the ability to question and reason, and of course, it gives us an opportunity to choose the right career." ~ Justina, Sponsor A Child Beneficiary & YYAS Participant

- We supported 7 nursery schools in St. Lucia with much-needed school supplies, teacher training, building repairs, and reading clubs. Student test scores increased by an average of 19% – providing great evidence that the students will be more prepared for primary school.





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"To me, simply, impact means to have a positive effect on someone else. But this involves a team of people, who have a shared vision, working together and utilising everyone's skills and knowledge to influence something and drive change."

Rachel Padgett
Project Coordinator, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Our Impact on empowerment

15

participants entered Phase 1 of an entrepreneurial training program, Farmers of the Future

72

adult literacy students progressed to the next level at our Jambiani Educational Centre in Zanzibar

313

students celebrated accomplishments at 2 sports tournaments in Cape Town

- Farmers of the Future is an 18-month agroecology and business training program in the Greater Kruger Area that mentors and empowers local youth with small business and entrepreneurial skill sets so they can start their own businesses while being environmentally responsible.

Taelo was the first participant that joined the program. As an aspiring semi-urban farmer, he worked extremely hard to get the most out of the program. As a young man that joined the program not wanting to speak a word, he now runs the training sessions with some of the new participants and sells out at every farmers' market he attends. He is about to finish the program and there is tremendous confidence and excitement building in him to kick start his own agri-business.

- Not only do the sports tournaments in Cape Town help vulnerable pre-teens develop positive social skills, they also employ 42 local community coaches annually. This opportunity allows individuals to stay active, generate an income, gain experience, and become empowered leaders and role models in their communities.
- A variety of curricula are delivered to our men's groups in Moshi, from gender equality topics to business development. These workshops support the men in the community to feel empowered and allow them to provide for their families.

Hanz, a member of our men's group, started his own mobile nail salon. After attending a session on budgeting, he realized he could save the money he was spending on transport to his appointments by investing in a bicycle. He bought a bicycle, and with the money he was saving, he was able to buy more nail supplies. He is now so busy that our staff can't even get an appointment with him.





"We can see the impact we have on the area and on the local community itself because we are chipping away at the bigger problem, day by day, week by week."

Returning Volunteer
Greater Kruger, South Africa

Our Impact

on gender equality

320

girls in Livingstone received reusable sanitary kits

25

sessions were hosted in Moshi on the serious effects of female genital mutilation

53%

female representation in our Sponsor a Child program

- 76 women and students attended gender-based violence workshops in Livingstone as part of our The Girl Impact (TGI) curriculum. We are over halfway to our fundraising target for building a TGI Community Centre which will expand our workshops to additional community members, allow for more income-generating activities, and create a safe, encouraging space for 350 girls and women.
- One of our women's groups, WAKIPA, was created by 20 women in Moshi and we supported them through business training, gender equality workshops, and women's empowerment opportunities. They started their own successful and sustainable catering business and are now mentoring other men's and girl's groups on entrepreneurship.

Upendo started as one of our adult literacy students and a member of our WAUKI Women's Group. As a star of the class, she was one of 3 students invited to join our special facilitation training. Upon completion of the training, we asked her to intern with us teaching in the nursery program. She was such a pleasure to have on the team, volunteering for extra tasks and going out of her way to help our team. She now has a full-time position on our team as a Project Assistant.

- In Cape Town, we partnered with 8 local gender equality focused organizations to create weekly support groups for young vulnerable mothers and their children, deliver youth self-esteem workshops, job readiness and training sessions, and health promotion classes for elderly women.



THE GIRL IMPACT
health education empowerment



"One person can make a huge difference, because one voice can trigger 10 voices and those 10 voices can trigger hundreds of voices creating an avalanche after that."

Naomi Sequeira
Volunteer, The Girl Impact, Moshi, Tanzania

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give."

Maya Angelou





Our Impact

on health & nutrition

3,000

patients were cared for in St. Lucia through Medical & Home Based Care

37,620

servings of porridge were provided to nursery schools in Zanzibar

24

physiotherapy sessions took place at the Langoni Old Folks Home in Moshi

- In Zanzibar, a lack of proper nutrition often leads to students getting sick and being in such a small space means germs spread quickly. Most toilets are unsanitary and there is limited access to soap and water. In addition to providing students with porridge, we provided 160 students with soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to improve their hygiene.
- 262 community members and students learned about HIV/AIDS prevention at awareness sessions in St. Lucia, while those living with the disease received resources to improve their quality of life.
- 7 residents in need of mobility assistance received walkers and individual exercise programs as part of the physiotherapy program at Langoni Old Folks Home. To help improve residents' health, we have created an emergency medical fund that allows the residents to receive the medication they wouldn't otherwise have access to.
- Existing medical facilities in Livingstone do not meet health care demands. Long distances and waiting times for those in need is often fatal. In partnership with the Zambian Department of Health, we intend to build a three-ward hospital to provide life-saving medical care to 10,000 patients a year.





"To me impact means being a hero. Giving a hope for the future, changing the mindset of the vulnerable child in the community out there."

Memory Mundia
*African Impact Project Coordinator,
Livingstone, Zambia*

Our Impact

on conservation

24

camera traps were purchased in the Greater Kruger Area

10

certified ethical boat drivers in Zanzibar

28

snare traps were removed from the Greater Kruger Area

- Almost 200,000 images were captured by camera traps, which enables us to closely monitor elusive nocturnal and endangered species and learn more about their behavior and ecology in the Greater Kruger Area. Together with our research partners, we are supporting a wider range of species that are often neglected in conservation efforts. Our unexpected capture of images of brown hyena led to the launch of a population project to determine the numbers of this rare species in one of our reserves.
- In partnership with a local high school in the Greater Kruger Area, we engaged 50 students with an agriculture curriculum. We provided lessons on agroecology, sustainable farming, food security, income generation, and English literacy to encourage responsible career choices that will have a positive impact on the natural world around them.
- With the high volume of tourists in Zanzibar, dolphin populations are at risk due to the popularity of boat tours. We monitor tours and collect data to develop practices to protect the dolphins and run workshops with local boat drivers to teach them about sustainable and ethical tours. In addition, over 50 children attended weekly workshops to learn about marine conservation and the importance of keeping their beaches and ocean clean.





"To live amongst and help protect some of the world's most beautiful people, animals and habitats was something I will always be grateful for! An amazing experience."

Steph Karras
Volunteer, Dolphin Conservation, Zanzibar

Audrey's story

When Audrey found African Impact, she was a student in the Adult Literacy Classes in Zambia. After graduating from the Adult Literacy Class, we hired her as a translator, but her passion for girls' education soon found its fit in The Girl Impact project. Her determination and vivacious spirit caught our attention and it was clear she was the perfect role model for the girls of Livingstone.

Now Audrey uses her education in Social Work and her own story of determination to mentor the girls we work with in order to find their voices and realize they can take control of their futures.

"Working with The Girl Impact Project, I see impact everywhere. We are providing the tools for the women, girls, and boys to make a difference from today to tomorrow and changing what we did yesterday for the better." ~ Audrey



Thank you

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to a very important group of people who made this book of impact possible, our donors. Because of you, positive change was made in Africa last year for individuals, families, communities, and wildlife. We look forward to continuing to watch you make an impact alongside us. A special thank you to:

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