

A photograph of a classroom in Kenya. Students are seated at wooden desks, many with blue plastic chairs. They are focused on reading open textbooks. The room has wooden walls and educational posters, including maps, are visible in the background. A large purple and yellow striped banner is overlaid across the center of the image.

# TEAM KENYA SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS



# WHO WE ARE

Team Kenya is a North East based charity which was officially founded in 2008 by Valerie Wilson, a geography teacher and senior manager working in a secondary school in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Valerie has worked with the community in Ndhiwa since 1999, focusing on school partnerships and curriculum exchange. In 2008 Valerie left her job in teaching to establish Team Kenya.

Our mission is to work with partners to educate girls, empower women and transform communities in western Kenya through sustainable development practices and education.

In the UK we partner with local schools and colleges to help raise funding to support Twende Pamoja, our partner organisation in Kenya, so they can deliver their community-led programs in Ndhiwa.





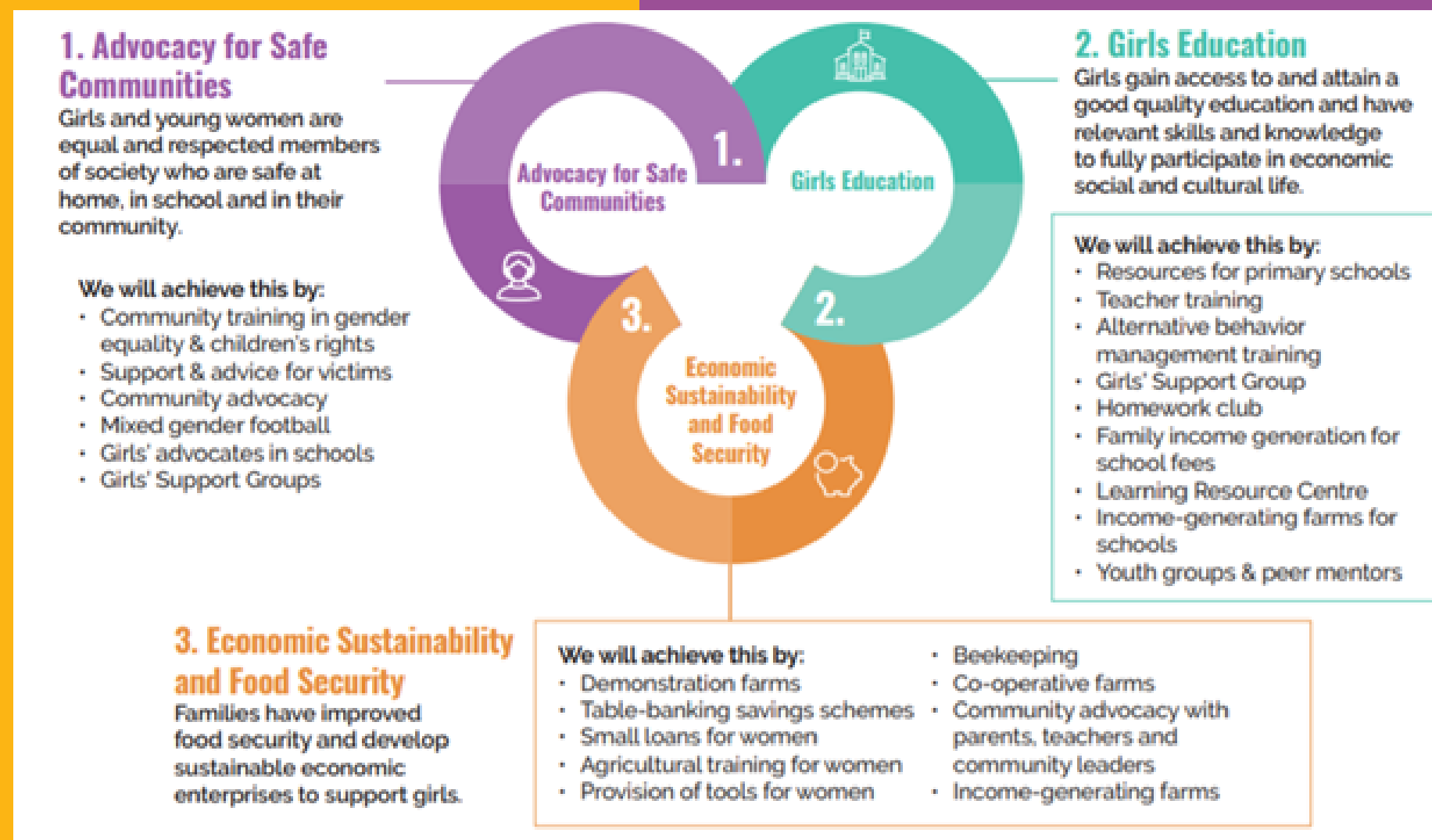
# WHY OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT

In Homa Bay County, 63% of people live in extreme poverty, and in Ndhiwa only 15% of children progress to secondary school, very few of whom are girls. We are passionate about ensuring that girls receive quality education, allowing them to access qualifications that will improve their quality of life, and help transform their communities.

In the UK, we believe it is essential students are educated on global citizenship in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In our experience, schools appreciate help in identifying and developing opportunities to embed this within their curriculum and provide a more diverse education for their students.

# PROGRAMMES IN NDHIWA

## OUR HOLISTIC MODEL



The programmes we support in Ndhiwa have 3 focus areas:

1. Advocacy for safe communities
2. Girls Education
3. Economic sustainability and food security

Since Team Kenya was founded, we have impacted over 60,000 people. We currently support 500 vulnerable girls across 16 partner schools in Ndhiwa by providing them with the resources needed to attend school. We also offer extra tuition in our Learning Resource centre, counselling sessions and girls support groups, as well as safe spaces for those who need it. We use a holistic approach to involve whole communities in education and gender equality.



# SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

## Learn about exciting topics -

We can help provide you with learning resources from the British Council on important topics such as gender equality, climate change, and international development. These can include real-life case studies from Twende Pamoja to help inform course work.

## School trips to Kenya -

Teachers can arrange the fantastic opportunity to visit their partner school in Kenya. This is regularly found to be a highly rewarding experience for staff and students. We have facilitated many successful trips using our accommodation at Karibuni Eco-Cottages.

**Team Kenya has developed partnerships with over 19 schools, colleges and universities in the UK. Many of our partnerships have taken place as part of the British Council connecting classrooms program, which provides lots of different opportunities for your staff and students.**



## Partner with a school in Ndhiwa -

We can partner you with a school in Ndhiwa so you can directly contact them via zoom calls, videos, emails, or letters. You can use your partnership to work together on curriculum activities or joint projects. Connecting students in the UK and Kenya allows them to learn about each other's lives and develop their communication skills.

## Fundraising -

You can raise awareness for Team Kenya and organise fundraising activities to support the schools and community in Ndhiwa, while simultaneously developing your students' creativity, management, and leadership skills.

# TRIPS TO KENYA

Here at Team Kenya we can support you in accessing funding for a grant to be involved in a trip to Ndhiwa. Our previous trips have proven to be greatly successful and had a profound impact on everyone involved.

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## Example: Longbenton School

Taking a group of sixth formers to Ndhiwa is by far the best thing I have done professionally. I saw a massive change in their outlook on life and levels of responsibility even at the planning and fundraising stage. Taking them to meet Kenyan families in their own home and seeing our partner school was humbling and life changing for all of us.

- Kat Lambert, Geography Teacher at Longbenton

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# WHY GET INVOLVED?

We will match your school to one of our schools in Kenya and help you maintain a relationship so both staff and students in the UK and Kenya can benefit in the following ways:

## Staff:

- Collaborate and develop skills on embedding global themes into your curricula
- Equip students with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly global world
- Participate in fully-funded training for leaders and teachers
- Share experiences and learn from partner teachers
- Complete activities with partner schools based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Fantastic opportunity to get your school in the local press
- Take part in a life-changing trip to Kenya



## Students:

- Helps towards gaining qualifications e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award, university credits
- Developing skills; organisation, team building and communication
- Learning new things about yourself; your strengths and your passions
- Gaining work experience and making links with potential employers
- Meeting new people from various backgrounds
- It looks great on your CV and UCAS applications
- Take part in a life-changing trip to Kenya





# GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to find out more about us, or how to get involved, please visit our website:

<https://www.teamkenya.org.uk/>

OR

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By partnering with Team Kenya, schools in the UK broaden and enrich the educational experience for students and provide valuable resources for teachers. In return, we encourage fundraising activities across our partner schools to help support programmes in Ndhiwa so girls can continue to access education and help transform their communities.