



IRENE LEONIDAS AT SEWING SCHOOL

Action in Africa 2025



Summer Newsletter

The Launch of Nyaishozi Single Young Mums Support

Nyaishozi School girls who find themselves pregnant are facing unimaginable challenges. It is not illegal for them to return to school, but the stigma of being a young, single mum is too shameful for them to face returning to full-time education.



Without an education, the future for these young women looks very bleak. To help them and their young families, we have set up a comprehensive support initiative which will fund two young mums through a sewing academy, whilst also providing health care checks, baby welfare education and a small financial support to provide for food. The first two participants on this course are Avirath January and Edina Deogratia, pictured left, waiting to board the coach that will take them to Dar es Salaam and below, at the college. We are so proud of these young women.

support them for six months, also funding the purchase of sewing machines, materials and rent on a small village shop. Financial aid will stop when their business is up and running and they can provide for themselves and their families.



In addition, we are supporting single mothers whose children are a little older. We have partnered with the charity World Villages for Children, a U.K. charity which funds Kiluvya Training College, just outside Dar es Salaam. Kiluvya runs six-month vocational courses for single mothers whose children are old enough to be looked after by a family

member whilst mum is away studying I.T., Solar Electrics and Needlework. To ensure that the children are well looked after, regular health checks are being made, and a small food allowance is provided. The first two participants on this course are Avirath January and Edina Deogratia, pictured left, waiting to board the coach that will take them to Dar es Salaam and below, at the college. We are so proud of these young women.



Avirath and Edina will work with Irene and Alica at the tailoring cooperative, bringing with them their newly learned skillsets.

OUR LATEST SPONSORED STUDENT



The latest addition to the Action in Africa family is Leath Lucas. (Pictured above). She is 6 years old and is one of the 5 new pupils we have taken on to support in Nyaisozi Primary School. Leath was just 4 years old when her father died and she is now living with her mother, who struggles to support her and her siblings. It costs just £40 a year to sponsor a primary school student.

If you would like to sponsor a student, please go to our website www.actioninafrica.org and click on 'Sponsor a Student' for details. Alternatively, please email us at: actioninafrica.ashtead@gmail.com. Your sponsorship is of huge importance to us. If a child's education is paid for, that incoming money releases funds for us to support other projects.

DID YOU KNOW

25%

Of 15 – 19 year old Tanzanian girls drop out of school to give birth, effectively leaving formal education altogether.

(National Institute of Health)

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A brilliant time was had by all who attended our annual Quiz Night at St Michael's Hall. (Pictured left). It was full to the rafters of quizzers, keen to win, but after intense competition, it was Stranger Things who took the brainbox crown. A staggering £1,660 was raised! Every penny will go towards our Clean Water for Schools Campaign, to construct a rainwater harvest tank at Ihembe Secondary School. A big thank you to all who attended.

Other Fantastic News

Adam Brooks does it again!



Running the London Marathon once is no mean feat, but twice? A lot has changed for Adam Brooks since he ran this iconic race for Action in Africa in 2015. (Pictured above with his medal).



Adam with his little girl during the London Marathon 2025

Our Marathon Man raises over £7000! Thank-you Adam!

Adam is now married with a young family. He is also Deputy Head of St Andrew's Catholic School, Leatherhead. Consequently, finding time to train has been a challenge, but he did it!



Pictured above with his medal, Adam has raised enough funds to construct a rainwater harvest tank at Kajunguti Secondary School. As each tank costs £5,800 to construct, this is a huge achievement! Any leftover funds will go towards projects undertaken when the school visits Nyaisozi in 2027. Congratulations Adam! Thank you!