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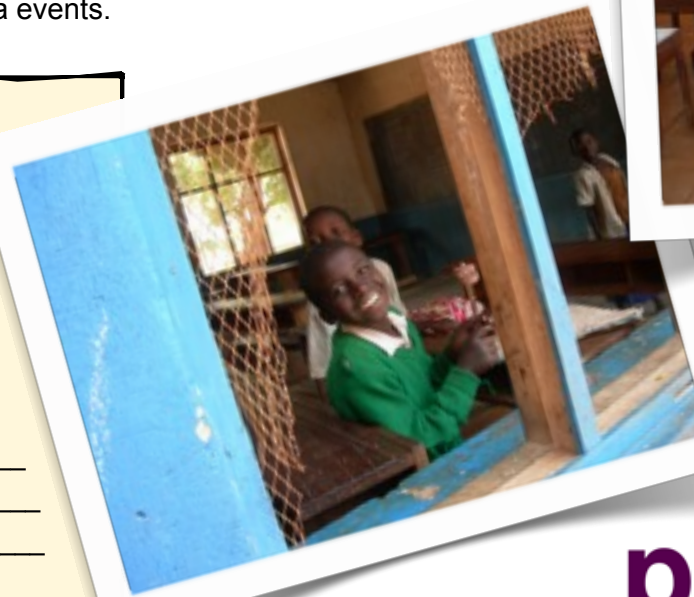
Hoja holds numerous events and creates platforms so that important issues can be raised and discussed in the local community.

There are two Hoja **Performance Groups** who travel to villages in the local community, raising awareness and knowledge of issues such as HIV/Aids, malaria, and gender rights.

They perform songs and dances to create a safe space for people to discuss topics which they might otherwise find socially uncomfortable. Debate is often very lively and enjoyable for all.

Hoja has set up numerous **Libraries**, stocking magazines on youth and gender issues, and sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as general books and textbooks for school students. Many texts available are suitable for those without much reading experience.

Sports Competitions are held every year and used as an opportunity to hold seminars and festivals promoting health issues, educating and raising the self-esteem of young people who might not otherwise attend Hoja events.



I would like to support the Hoja Project! I would like to:

- make a donation of £_____ as a one-off payment. I enclose a cheque made payable to Hoja Project UK.
- make a donation of £_____ as a regular monthly payment through my bank account. Please send me the necessary forms by post.
- Please tick this box for GiftAid if you are a UK taxpayer and would like Hoja to reclaim income tax on this and future donations. This is currently worth 28p extra to us for every £1 you donate, meaning a £10 donation becomes £12.80. Please remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations.

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- Please tick this box if you would like to receive Hoja updates by email.

Please send the completed form (and payment if appropriate) to Hoja Project UK, 7 Manor Mansions, Belsize Park Gardens, London NW3 4NB. If you have further questions or would like to help us in another way, email uk@hojaproject.org.



a community health and education project
working in the Songea region of Tanzania

Set up in 2005 by a small group of UK and Tanzanian friends, The Hoja Project works in 6 villages of Tanga Ward, one of the poorest areas of rural Tanzania.

Our programmes are diverse, but the overarching aim is to provide people with the means to leave behind the life of deprivation and poverty into which they are born.



Although primary education is compulsory in Tanzania, this has stretched the system, and quality of teaching has decreased as a result.


Hoja runs summer tuition courses for pupils who hope to pass their exams and go on to secondary school. The villages do not have electricity, and it is too expensive (not to mention dangerous) for many pupils to study by kerosene lamp in the evenings.

Even if they pass their primary school exams, most students cannot afford to pay the fees to go to secondary school. Many boys expect to work in the main local industry of charcoal production, a job with long term health risks. Girls without an education have few opportunities.

However, this does not stop children in Tanga Ward from having dreams and aspirations of becoming doctors, nurses, lawyers and teachers.

Hoja runs a **Sponsorship Programme**, paying 4 years' worth of fees (about £70 per year) so that academically bright but financially poor students have a chance to fulfil these aspirations.

With the help of another charity called COCO, we have also converted an old building into a **Vocational Training Centre**, which teaches local students trades such as building, carpentry and tailoring.



This man set up this shop, selling very smelly fish and other goods, with financial help from Hoja.

Hoja has helped to set up a number of Income Generation Projects in the local community.

This is a very popular programme, helping individuals or small groups of people on their way to financial independence.

This is particularly important for women, who gain more respect and status in their community and in their own homes.

Sadly it is common practice for men to expect sexual favours from dependent women, putting their sexual health at risk to issues such as HIV.

Financial independence goes a long way to making women less vulnerable to domestic and sexual abuse.

There are a number of ways you can help the Hoja Project.

Would you like to:

- Become a **Friend of Hoja** and donate regularly? This would be most helpful as we do not receive regular funding from large donor organisations.
- Support one of the programmes described in this flyer? Make a donation and we will allocate it to the relevant programme.
- Help in any other way? We always appreciate help from people with useful skills or connections. If you are serious about following up your offer, we would love to hear from you!

Please use the form overleaf to support us.

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