

RIGHT TO PLAY IN TANZANIA



Tanzania is a country well known for its exciting safaris around its regions of wilderness. However, it is also a country that faces many issues. Tanzania is one of the countries in the world in which early marriage is still a current practice – two out of five girls are forced into marriage before the age of 18, leading to an increase of illegal abortions. In Dar-es-Salaam, being the major economic city in Tanzania, the high prevalence of HIV amongst women and men aged 15 to 40 is 6.9%. According to the Human Development Report, 28.1% of the population lives under the poverty line (2013).



Right to Play works in three areas in Tanzania: Dar-es-Salaam, Morogoro, and Mara. With our sports projects, we are aiming to increase the life skills and the knowledge of children and youth on health (i.e: sexual reproductive system), gender equality and children’s rights. We are also aiming to improve the quality of education through sport and play.

In Dar-es-Salaam, teachers are being trained to organize sports and play activities with the kids in schools. These activities are well appreciated by the kids and give a motivational reason to go to school more. The teachers end the games with a brief discussion which allows the children to

look back at what they have done, how they can connect the games with their daily lives and how it is possible to use the things they have learnt in their everyday lives. We term this process as the Reflect, Connect, Apply approach (RCA). This method helps to teach life skills to the children and provides insight for a positive change of behavior of the children and their surroundings.

The Play for the Advancement of Quality Education (PAQE) program in Tanzania has seen so much progress in terms of improvement of education, community interest and policy support. For instance 630 teachers attended the provided training in play based learning so far. Government has played a major role to ensure that the teachers can attend the training and they provide support and guidance to the training sessions.

2014 NUMBERS

- Child reach: 57,039
- Female participation: 50%
- Active Coaches: 1,240
- Female Coaches: 47%
- Play Days & Special Events: 29
- Participation in Play Days & Special Events: 27,787
- Rehabilitated Play Spaces: 5

