



## Mikono Salama (Safe Hands) Programme

**Project goal:** to build and equip hand washing stations in schools in Babati, Tanzania and provide awareness training to support long term behavioural change in order to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

### OUR IMPACT

**The simple act of washing hands with soap and water can have a huge impact on health and survival.** Through our Water, Sanitation & Hygiene programme we have already provided 5,700 people with secure access to water and 4,200 school children with access to improved handwashing facilities.

This project protects children and their families from **the immediate and long-term health risks of poor hand hygiene** by combining small scale low-cost infrastructure improvements with a community-wide and peer-led awareness raising programme. We are taking three simple steps to achieve these aims:

#### 1. Constructing simple handwashing stations across schools and communities.

These are made by local welders and builders, supporting the local economy at a time of great uncertainty. Handwashing stations in the community have been situated in public places such as clinics, markets and village offices in consultation with our Tanzanian delivery partner and with the local leadership who will take responsibility for the ongoing management and maintenance of the stands. Handwashing stations in schools are going to be more vital than ever once schools re-open in July. These basic but effective models can be replicated quickly at key points across the school sites, especially outside toilet blocks and kitchens.

2. **Supplying starter packs of locally made soap.** Liquid soap is being sourced from our Women's Enterprise Groups. These women set up their soap-making businesses following training and microloans support from us back in 2013. Small businesses like these enable women to become active economic participants and decision makers and to create a supplementary income source for their families.



*Multi-user hand washing stations for schools allow up to 8 children to wash their hands at the same time (photo from UaCP)*

3. **Raising awareness.** As part of our new partnership with Tanzanian NGO Unlock a Child's Potential, we will be improving and scaling up our existing WASH in Schools programme to embed handwashing activities into the school routine at critical points in the day. This programme has a proven track record in achieving long-term behavioural change because it involves the entire community and local educational leadership as well as Regional level trainers funded by central government in support of the national targets for WASH. Selected teachers are supported to deliver a 12 month curriculum and set up student led "WASH Clubs" to ensure long-term sustainability.

**ABOUT US:** LTT believes in the power of communities in Manyara Region to bring about positive change for themselves, despite the challenges and hardships they face. Our holistic approach to poverty alleviation combines interventions in Education, WASH and Livelihoods to unlock the potential within the community to achieve their goals.

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