

AFRICA SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Three Year Strategic Plan



“bega kwa bega”

2015-2017

a message from the executive director



Dear Friends,

Bega kwa bega is an old Swahili saying that literally means “shoulder to shoulder” and is symbolic of partnership and collaboration. ASAP’s model for community school development in rural Tanzania is predicated on the concept of bega kwa bega, and we owe our success to it. Since 2008, we have built community schools for over 1,000 children in partnership with local communities. These schools are locally owned and, through the community partnership, we ensure they will be sustainable long after our work in the village is complete. Our school-building model is scalable and replicable and is now ready to be widely implemented in new areas of Tanzania. This plan spells out how **we will develop schools that serve 8,400 by the end of 2017**. I hope you will be inspired to partner with ASAP to expand classroom access and improve the quality of learning for thousands of Tanzanian children, and provide a safety net for girls who face a dismal future without access to education.

Susan Bachar
Executive Director

the three year plan

Between 2015-2017 the Africa School Assistance Project (ASAP) will build or refurbish 15 schools that provide access to quality public primary and secondary education for at least 8,400 school children in rural northern Tanzania. ASAP will place a special emphasis on helping girls to complete their secondary level education by building dormitories and other facilities that support their needs.

This summary of the Plan is broken into three sections: 1) Location, 2) Project Descriptions, and 3) Project Schedule.

location

ASAP will spend the coming three years building schools in the Misungwi District of northern Tanzania. The district is outside the city of Mwanza on Lake Victoria. While stunningly beautiful, this largely rural district is very poor and has areas of great need for improved education. ASAP is currently working in the Idetemya Ward of the Misungwi District and has strong partnerships with the government of Misungwi.

project descriptions

community schools

Our strategy is to improve or build community schools throughout the district for the purpose of raising the educational standards from pre-primary to secondary (O) level. We have a holistic approach to school development and seek to provide each school with the facilities needed to best serve the students and teachers, including: classrooms, teacher's housing, water systems, toilets, solar power, science labs and other learning improvement resources.

Each school will require varying levels of support from ASAP. For example, one village may have no school at all and will need everything to develop a full facility. Others may only need one or a few additional facilities to make it complete. Some may simply be in need of repairs or learning resources (i.e. books). As a result, each project timeline and budget will vary but will be commensurate with the needs of the community.

girls' dormitories

In addition to developing schools, ASAP is committed to building dormitories and other support services for girls in rural communities to complete their secondary education. These facilities offer shelter, security and sustenance for girls who would otherwise have only a 5% chance of completing secondary school because of traditional customs and sexual violence.

project schedule

The following is the project schedule for 3 years of school development in the Misungwi District.

2015: complete 5 schools + 1 girls dormitory

Complete work at Idetemya Secondary School and Chole Primary School (begun in 2014), plus building/rehabilitating 3 new schools in the Idetemya Ward.

2016: complete 5 new schools + 1 girls dormitory

Building/rehabilitating 5 new schools and 1 girls dormitory in Misungwi District.

2017: complete 5 new schools + 1 girls dormitory

Building/rehabilitating 5 new schools and 1 girls dormitory in Misungwi District.

about ASAP

ASAP is a registered 501(c)3 in the U.S. and a Registered NGO in Tanzania. Our website is www.AfricaSchoolAssistanceProject.org. To learn more about us, please go to our website, click "About" and then "Policies & Documents" for a downloadable copy of "Our Model for Sustainable School Development."

If you are interested in learning more about partnering with ASAP to implement this 3 Year Strategic Plan, or would like a more detailed version of the Plan including staff, budgets and partnership structure, please contact Executive Director Susan Bachar at Susan@AfricaSchoolAssistanceProject.org or 303-881-3081.