Impact report
A summary of our achievements in 2017
Why we do our work

Communities in rural Tanzania face a variety of challenges every day. We work with them to improve quality of services, increase inclusion and collaboration, and encourage social action. Bringing together community members with Tanzanian and international youth volunteers and local project partners, our programmes harness the energy and motivation of empowered people to create meaningful impact.

We believe that sustainable solutions require an approach which addresses social, environmental and economic needs. This requires flexibility, innovation and the passion to be a catalyst for change.

Why young people?

Young people are one of the most important resources in the world today, yet they are often undervalued, underestimated, and underemployed. We hope to change that.

We want to show that young people are ready to take ownership of global issues, to plan for the future and to make a positive impact on their world. They are full of creativity and determination, which motivates their peers and wider communities to change behaviour. We feel strongly that, given the chance, young people can be leaders at the heart of global development.

Young people have the energy to do things and they are very creative and innovative. If young people are trusted to take the lead they can contribute a lot in the sustainable development of the community and the whole country in general.

Adam Msangi, ICS Livelihoods Team Leader

Raleigh Tanzania’s 2020 goals

**Youth in civil society:** support and train 7,600 young people to be leaders and partners in development

**Livelihoods:** support and train 5,200 young people to achieve sustained, safe, dignified and fair work

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH):** to increase long-lasting access to and use of safe water, sanitation & hygiene facilities for 35,000 people

**Natural resource management (NRM):** to increase resilience in 24 communities through the sustainable management of natural resources

The Global Goals

Raleigh’s work contributes to eight of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development
Young people in Tanzania want their voices to be heard. They aspire to be involved in decision-making processes and to contribute to the socio-economic development of their country. They have the commitment, creativity, and passion to make real change, but often lack the skills, knowledge and opportunities this requires. This is particularly challenging for women and young people living in rural communities.

Raleigh Tanzania works to create an environment that values and supports youth civic participation, regardless of background or gender: where poverty and education levels don’t hold them back; where culture and traditions are celebrated but not limiting; and where young people feel empowered engage in decision making processes and hold those with decision making power to account.

93% of volunteers felt that our programme had a positive impact on their leadership and team working skills
97% of volunteers felt that Raleigh made a positive impact on their personal and professional development
99% of volunteers felt that Raleigh made a positive impact on their awareness of global issues
806 volunteers completed a placement with Raleigh Tanzania in 2017 (50% of them from Tanzania)

Raleigh has opened my eyes... and is a definite stepping stone to what I want to do in the future. I have gained so much more confidence and I now feel more comfortable sharing my views on development issues.

Kelvin Castory, Y4GG Volunteer

Youth in Civil Society
Raleigh Tanzania Society

Now comprising over 1,200 members, the Raleigh Tanzania Society (RTS) has developed a structure that will support their development over the coming years. The RTS is a platform for creating lasting change through practical delivery of community projects, and engaging youth and key stakeholders from all sectors.

Across the world, National Societies are connected through Raleigh’s ‘Global Alliance for Youth Framework’. This is a formidable network of engaged and passionate people, committed to creating a sustainable future. The Raleigh Tanzania Society plays a key role in this global movement.

In 2017, through the delivery of the OAK Foundation funded Youth for Green Growth (Y4GG) project, RTS members developed skills in stakeholder and decision-maker engagement, campaigning, and project delivery that created further ambition to make change. Through a series of consultations with Raleigh Tanzania staff and external agency support, the RTS ran its own national and local elections to create a leadership committee, and drew up a draft strategy and constitution. This enabled society zones across the country to deliver widespread success with the #50milliontrees campaign.

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Raleigh Tanzania Society Member

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At Chimlata Primary School, there were only basic latrines and not enough for all 556 pupils at the school. There were no handwashing facilities, or soap, so the children were at high risk of disease. Disease can spread quickly among pupils, resulting in absence from class.

Raleigh volunteers worked with the community of Chimlata and the Kongwa District Council to build much needed sanitation blocks with gender-specific latrines, girls’ menstrual hygiene rooms, handwashing facilities and disabled toilets. They also ran awareness-raising and educational sessions at the school and in the community to share knowledge of effective sanitation and improve hygiene practices such as handwashing and food handling. This included setting up a SWASH club whose core membership of forty pupils will act as ambassadors for continuing education and behaviour change among their peers.

“Before the project, pupils were worried about their toilets at school to the extent that some were not using them, and sometimes not attending school. But pupils now have hope and are happy to be at school. Previously, children in the community were not paying much attention to sanitation issues at home. But now they are clearing yards, cleaning toilets, washing dirty plates and washing their hands just like they’ve learnt to.”

Jonas Chiloreti, Mnase Sub-Village Chairman, Chimlata
Forest and woodland occupy more than 40% of the total land area of mainland Tanzania and provide a vital resource to both humans and wildlife. In addition to being home to many different species, the forests are essential to the country’s water supply system and provide shelter, food and livelihoods to millions of people. Demands on the forest, however, are causing deforestation at an alarming rate with Tanzania losing between 300,000 and 400,000 hectares of forest each year - more than twice the global average. 

2017 saw the continuation of Raleigh Tanzania’s Natural Resource Management (NRM) programme, delivered in conjunction with the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) in the Mufindi District of Tanzania. This programme focuses on tackling a key cause of deforestation in rural Tanzania - the high dependency or rural populations on natural forests for fuel and shelter and income generation through charcoal and timber production.

Working alongside local communities and TFCG, Raleigh volunteers worked in four villages to create tree nurseries that will offer a sustainable alternative to harvesting natural forest over the long-term. Having created nursery beds and seedling tubes, Raleigh volunteers then transplanted over 370,000 seedlings for planting in village-owned land. It is anticipated that these newly planted trees will cover approximately 685 acres of land, offering the community a sustainable income source.

Volunteers also conducted environmental education sessions in each village primary school. They raised awareness of the importance of protecting Tanzania’s natural forests and how sustainable forestry can benefit both people and the natural landscape.
Working with Raleigh has had a significant impact in the villages where TFCG work. In addition to the resources provided, volunteers help to increase knowledge around deforestation issues and they increase local motivation to plant trees in a more effective, sustainable way by following the tree nursery format. This project has helped to raise awareness about the importance of the natural forest, biodiversity and the importance of managing the forests in a way which is sustainable. In the future, the tree nurseries will benefit local livelihoods and enable the village to earn an income without causing further deforestation.

Adam Mgovano, TFCG Field Officer
The programme is helping people, especially youth, to change their mindset and has given them confidence and knowledge to use the resource they already have in the village to change their lives through business knowledge and joining VICOBAs.

Adelaide Dallu, Entrepreneur Mentor

I really wanted the chance to be educated on how to set up an enterprise. It is one thing to have money to start a business, but if you don’t know what to do with it, there is a high chance of it failing. I hope to become a successful businesswoman. The money I make from sustainable charcoal will be used to expand other business ventures, such as selling samosas in my village, and clothes and shoes in Kilosa. I also wish to plant trees for timber so I can develop that business one day.

Zaituni Mohamed, Entrepreneur Graduate

In action: Youth for Sustainable Livelihoods

While agricultural production is often central to livelihoods in rural Tanzania, the income generated can often be insufficient to meet people’s basic needs and is unpredictable due to external influences such as the weather and market prices. A single livelihood reliant on agriculture may not be feasible for most youths. Young entrepreneurs use the training they receive from Raleigh volunteers and project partners to diversify their livelihoods practices to be less reliant on singular agricultural activities.

Adelaide Dallu, Entrepreneur Mentor

In action: Developing and Inspiring Resilient Youth Entrepreneurs (D.A.I.R.Y.e)

Raleigh worked in partnership with Heifer International on the East African Dairy Development (EADD) programme, which is designed to boost the milk yields and income of small-scale farmers in Tanzania.

Majaliwa Kikwete is 18 years old and lives in the village of Udumuka in the Iringa Region of Tanzania. Following training, he set up his own milk-selling enterprise. He came up with this idea as his family already kept four cows and he wanted to expand on this. His dream is to solve certain health problems within his village associated with a lack of milk. He states, “I want to help my society. Those who drink more milk will have improved health.” He feels that the people of Udumuka will also be able to benefit from easy access to milk for cooking purposes.

Having successfully completed the Raleigh Entrepreneur Course, Majaliwa was able to access capital to establish his milk business. He hopes that in 5 to 10 years’ time his business will have expanded enough so that he can employ his friends and neighbours.

Raleigh gave me training and advice for my business to be viable and profitable enough so that it would have a future to expand. They have taught me the importance of helping to improve my village through the implementation of small enterprise. My business will hopefully help families benefit by improving their health and furthermore, it will help improve Udumuka’s economy.

Majaliwa Kikwete, Entrepreneur Graduate

Rehema Kimwaga, Entrepreneur Graduate

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In Action: Youth for Sustainable Livelihoods (Y4SL)

Entrepreneurs Dorothy and Agnes worked in partnership together to create their own gas-bottle supply business.

“We were both already using bottled gas for cooking, but exchanging an empty canister for a new one involves a round trip to Iringa of almost 100 miles. Although there is a good road for most of the way, each return journey takes over four hours on a bus, costing 15,000 Tanzanian shillings each time. Each bottle lasts about two months and the nearest supplier is in Iringa, so there are only about 150 families in the area who have switched to gas, as we learned from the market research Raleigh supported us to carry out.

We also discovered that many people are afraid to use gas because they imagine explosions or fires arising from their lack of knowledge on how it can be used safely.”

Agnes and Dorothy quickly decided they could overcome many residents’ unnecessary fear of gas by offering to visit people in their homes free of charge to explain how strong and safe the bottles are, and to demonstrate how clean gas cooking is compared to wood or charcoal. They demonstrated how to disconnect an empty bottle and reconnect the new one simply and safely.

As more and more villagers follow Agnes and Dorothy’s example and switch to gas for their cooking, they will benefit from saving on household expenditure, clean and efficient fuel, reduced exposure to the health risks of wood and charcoal fires, and less cleaning up household mess. Their business has gone from strength to strength as more people move to gas and employ their services.
Thank you!

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