

Save the Rain

SAVE A RAINDROP. SAVE A LIFE.

WHO BENEFITS FROM YOUR EFFORTS

Save the Rain focuses its efforts in Tanzania, a country in East Africa on the Indian Ocean. To the north are Uganda and Kenya; to the west, Burundi, Rwanda, and Congo; and to the south, Mozambique, Zambia, and Malawi. Its area is three times that of New Mexico. Tanzania contains three of Africa's best-known lakes—Victoria in the north, Tanganyika in the west, and Nyasa in the south. Mount Kilimanjaro in the north, 19,340 ft (5,895 m), is the highest point on the continent. The island of Zanzibar is separated from the mainland by a 22-mile channel. Tanzania is known for its beautiful parks, expansive lakes, and the soaring Mount Kilimanjaro-- the highest mountain in Africa. Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa and is home to over 46 million people. Despite recent growth in its economy, Tanzania remains one of the world's poorest countries. Most of the country is too dry and scarce of water to support agriculture. It is one of many nations facing a water crisis. Although water issues affect the majority of the country, the problem is especially severe in northern Tanzania. In northern Tanzania, water and sanitation systems in schools are either highly overburdened or non-existent. The region's lack



of clean water, hygiene, and sanitation at schools is increasingly causing students to miss class or altogether abandon their education. Women and children spend up to four hours per day collecting water from sources likely to make them sick; in fact, roughly 200,000 children die each year after contracting waterborne diseases. And all that time women and children spend collecting water could be spent doing other work, attending school, or caring for families in other ways.

GET YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVED TO SPONSOR A CHILD, A SCHOOL, A VILLAGE

The “Get Involved” page of our website will help you launch campaigns, track your progress and keep you connected to those who are supporting you and participating. Starting a campaign is easy with our tools and allows you to invite those who are close to you to join your efforts to bring people in Tanzania clean drinking water. Remember it only costs \$15 to bring someone clean water for the rest of their life and the life of their future offspring. 100% of money raised goes towards Save the Rain projects.

Here are some ideas of different campaigns that have been done.

- 1. Rain run - Choose a date and a route, make up some pledge forms, and advertise with posters. Have participants gather donations or pledges using their pledge forms.**
- 2. Bake sale - Bake some cookies, cakes or brownies and sell them!**
- 3. Sell handmade Tanzanian jewelry and Save the Rain swag: Ask us about items that you are able to sell. If you think they would sell well at your school or perhaps a local store let us know and we will send the items to you. We will also pay for shipping! All we ask is that you return the items that you are unable to sell.**
- 4. Coin Drive - have different classes at school compete to see who can collect the most coins for the cause and save the rain, one drop at a time!**
- 5. Raffles and auctions: Sell tickets and keep ticket stubs. On the date of the draw, have someone close his or her eyes and pick a ticket stub from all the ones that were sold. Do this publicly. The winner receives a prize. Get donations for people to bid on.**
- 6. Spaghetti Dinner: Prepare a dinner for students or community members and charge a fee.**
- 7. Hold a Rain Dance: Charge an entrance fee but be sure to explain to people what their cover charge is going towards. Get some good music and let the fun begin.**
- 8. Plant Trees: Ask a nursery for seedling donations and then get people to sponsor a tree. Check out The Forever Forest Campaign.**
- 9. Pledges: Gather pledges to have dance-a-thons, rock-a-thons, or any other type of endurance contest you can think of.**