



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TRAVEL...

Planeterra's range of projects throughout the world encompasses health programs, micro-enterprise development, social programs, education initiatives, environmental conservation, and community infrastructure improvements.

All projects have the central goal of helping local people achieve a sustainable way of life in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Travelers have the opportunity to visit many of our projects through our Volunteers.

AFRICA



Kenya Community Tourism Project

Location: Kowour Village, Kenya

This cross-cultural experience enables travellers to take part in the daily lives of the villagers, and gain a deeper understanding of life in rural Kenya while providing economic benefit to over 20 families.



Limuru Children's Center

Location: Limuru, Kenya

This centre provides many abused, abandoned, poor and sick children with the basic necessities of life, as well as creating a caring environment to help them reach their full potential.



Mpanga Primary School

Location: Lushoto, Tanzania

By working with the local community to improve the school and its environment, we hope to provide more students with an opportunity to continue their education and benefit from community-based tourism.



Mwandi Community Farm

Location: Livingstone, Zambia

The Mwandi community has been granted a plot of land by the government that is being developed into a farm to provide food for the local home-based care initiative.



Red Hill Pre-School

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Through this initiative, children in the poverty-stricken Red Hill Township are able to attend school 5 days a week and are provided with two meals each day and educational activities.



Shalati Pre-School

Location: Mnisi, South Africa

The Shalati Pre-School aims to provide children, many of whom are orphaned or unable to afford tuition, with the opportunity to begin their education, and become involved in organized activities during their formative years.

ANTARCTICA AND THE ARCTIC



Polar Bear Research

Location: Svalbard, Arctic

Developed out of worldwide concern for the polar bears population, this scientific research project was developed to identify the effects of exposure to pollutants and climate change on the health of polar bears in the Arctic.



Save the Albatross

Location: South Georgia, Antarctica

This program focuses on conservation of albatross species through research on trends in threatened populations, interactions between albatrosses and fisheries, and the development of sea-bird safe fishing practices in the Southern Ocean.

ASIA



Bal Prakash Children's Center

Location: Ajmer, India

Bal Prakash is a program that helps at-risk children in Ajmer, India. This centre is aimed at providing the children with an education, and the skills needed to help them develop into self-sufficient adults with a bright future.



New Delhi Streetkids Project

Location: New Delhi, India

Give a child who once lived and worked on the streets of Delhi the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. Your support will provide scholarships with vocational training in trade schools, universities and jobs placements based on the area each child's individual interest.



Tibet Eye Camp

Location: Tibet

Tibet has one of the highest rates of blindness in the world. Each year we sponsor a microsurgical eye camp in a rural region of Tibet and have helped restore sight to hundreds of people with a simple 15-minute cataract surgery.

LATIN AMERICA



Amazon Community School

Location: Amazon, Ecuador

With little opportunity for children in this remote Amazon community to study past secondary school, we have developed a brand new scholarship fund that will enable youth to follow their chosen career path, providing them with better opportunities for the future.



Bolivia Health Program

Location: Sucre, Bolivia

This five-year initiative will help reduce Bolivia's under-five mortality rate by providing outreach services to 846 communities, and improving children's healthcare in local health clinics.



Brazil Community Reforestation Program

Location: Sao Paulo State, Brazil

This program is providing once landless people and local community groups with the skills to grow their own food and reforest their lands. Through access to training workshops and seedlings, this program will result in increased food production, create natural barriers on their lands and provide shade and fodder for livestock and other animals.



Brazil Favela Project

Location: Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Located in the midst of the world's biggest shantytown, on the high slopes surrounding Rio de Janeiro is a community-run centre where over 50 children are provided with educational activities, nutritious meals and health care.



Children's Sea Bus

Location: Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos

By purchasing a boat specifically designed to provide children with educational day tours, it will enable the children of Santa Cruz Island to experience the beauty of the islands, promote environmental education in the community and help to develop a new generation of conservationists.



Cuba Schoolyard Project

Location: Trinidad & Baracoa, Cuba

We give elementary school students the opportunity to create a natural green space on their school grounds where they decide what to incorporate into their green space including native plants, fruit trees, organic vegetables, medicinal plants and composting.



Cuzco Kids Project

Location: Cuzco, Peru

Once considered the heart of the Inca Empire, Cuzco is now a tourism Mecca where you will see children either working or begging on the streets. We have purchased a permanent home that will give these children the opportunity to learn valuable skills, break the cycle of poverty and create a brighter future. Help us continue to support programs at their new home.



Ecuador Community Tourism Project

Location: Otavalo, Ecuador

Working with local farmers and artisans, we are developing a community-based tourism program where travellers will have the opportunity to enjoy a home stay and experience the daily life of a local family, in program that benefits both travellers and hosts alike.



Guatemala Scholarship Fund

Location: Antigua, Guatemala

We improve the lives of children who come from poor coffee growing families by providing meaningful educational opportunities. By contributing to our tourism scholarship fund you can help youth in Guatemala gain the skills and confidence needed to work in tourism and to increase their self-sufficiency.



Rio Muchacho Environmental School

Location: Bahia, Ecuador

The only school of its kind in Ecuador, this school prepares children for future employment and teaches them how to responsibly manage the natural resources that they will be entrusted with. Help us to promote the importance of environmental education in Ecuador.



Sea Turtle Conservation Project

Location: Playa Matapalo, Costa Rica

This science-based conservation program protects female sea turtles, nests and hatchings against poachers and predators by protecting them in a turtle hatchery before releasing them into the ocean. Help us be a leader in protecting sea turtles in Costa Rica.



Water for Guatemala

Location: Jalapa, Guatemala

In a place where women must walk up to 10 km a day to find water in the dry season, we support a project that drills wells and provides access to clean water for over 30 communities.



Women's Micro-credit Project

Location: La Ceiba, Honduras

In response to the devastating effect of Hurricane Mitch, we empower women with skills and short-term loans to start their own businesses giving them the ability to provide for their families and end the cycle of poverty. Each donation of just \$50 will provide one loan and can change a life forever.



Women's Weaving Co-op

Location: Sacred Valley, Peru

Despite close vicinity to Cuzco and Machu Picchu, very few communities from the surrounding countryside benefit from tourism. Your support will help improve lives in this community of women weavers and Inca Trail Porters by giving them the opportunity to benefit from tourism and to provide for themselves and their families.