

## Makunduchi – Mzuri Kaja Village

The area in which these projects reside is a sizeable village of approximately 4,000 people called Mzuri Kaja, which is found within the region of Makunduchi. Most of the villagers are involved with either fishing or agriculture in order to make a living, and this kind of lifestyle seems to go hand in hand with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and community spirit.



Presently there are three specific schools in which volunteers will be able to work in however, these schools are very large with a minimum of 700 students attending each so there are many opportunities for volunteers to make a difference. Kusini and Kiongoni Schools have both Primary school and Secondary school students which means ages can range from 6yrs to 18yrs hopefully providing the perfect opportunity for all volunteers. All three schools are within fairly easy walking distance of the volunteers' accommodation, ranging from a 10 minute to a 25 minute walk. Afternoon projects will be easily available due to the pleasant community environment within Mzuri Kaja, so such things as sports coaching for the children of the village and Adult English classes will be warmly welcomed.

There is also a hospital approximately 10-15 minutes walk away from the volunteer needed. As anywhere, help is happily received and this will undoubtedly mean that any medical interns, doctors or nurses will be sincerely welcomed to work at the establishment.



There are number of activities for the volunteers to do during their spare time, with one beach only

10-15 minutes walk away from the village and another about half an hour away. There are a number of local bars around Mzuri Kaja and Makunduchi and with such friendly locals; volunteers will undoubtedly be invited to join in with more traditional ways of passing the time. For example, every year in July a festival named Mwaka Kogwa takes place. During this festival, ritual combat is performed in order to dispel all the locals' anger and misunderstandings of the past year so they can start afresh for the next. A very exciting event for all involved, combatants and spectators. Of course it must be understood that Mzuri Kaja is still a small, rural village and may not cater for certain things of which volunteers would be used to. Stone Town is approximately an hour and a half drive away and here you can find larger bars, international restaurants and even a nightclub which may suit volunteers more for relaxation at the weekends.