About the Eco-Schools Programme in Tanzania

**Duration:** Funding for Phase 2 has been committed for 3 years from April 2017 – March 2020.

**Location:** Phase 2 is being implemented in 44 schools in 4 Districts in Morogoro and Iringa Regions (Mvomero, Morogoro Rural, Kilosa and Mufindi). The schools have been selected due to their proximity to the high biodiversity forests of the Eastern Arc Mountains. Engendering environmental stewardship amongst children and youth in these communities is vital for the conservation of these globally unique mountain forests.

**Partnership:** The programme is implemented through a partnership between TFCG, the Danish Outdoor Council (DOC) and, in Uganda, the Conservation Efforts for Community Development (CECOD).

**Funding:** The programme is financed by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

**Activities**

The programme is implementing the following activities:

- Increasing awareness and support for children’s right to a quality education with a focus on girls;
- Increasing the capacity of schools, teachers and district staff to deliver quality ESD;
- Supporting schools to follow the Seven Steps framework and to be awarded a green flag;
- Promoting ESD at national level.

The programme is promoting the Investigation, Vision, Action and Change (IVAC) educational methodology.

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About the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group

TFCG is a national non-governmental organization established in 1985.

**Mission:** To conserve and restore the biodiversity of globally important forests in Tanzania for the benefit of the present and future generations.

**Vision:** We envisage a world in which Tanzanians and the rest of humanity are enjoying the diverse benefits from well conserved, high biodiversity forests.

TFCG is the Eco-Schools National Operator for mainland Tanzania and is the Associate Member of the Foundation for Environmental Education for Tanzania.

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The Eco-School Seven Steps framework is a series of measures which a school must follow in order to maximise the success of their Eco-School ambitions. Involving students, teachers and the community at large, the Seven Steps framework aims to embed sustainability into a school.

Through the eco-schools programme in Tanzania TFCG has provided training and back-stopping to teachers, students, community leaders and local government to follow the Seven Steps framework.

Schools that complete the Seven Steps may be eligible for a Green Flag award. The International Green Flag is an acknowledged symbol for environmental excellence developed and owned by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).

The Tanzanian programme is designed to bring additional benefits to schools particularly in terms of reducing drop-out rates and improving academic performance, particularly amongst girls.