



Mateka Primary School

Mateka village,
Tanzania



Mateka village has a population of 2,600 people. They speak Matengo and Swahili.



The families' main source of livelihood is agriculture, growing crops such as maize, beans and millet. Most of these crops are cultivated using hand tools.



The big challenge: family resources

- 537 students.
- 7 grades.
- 9 staff members.
- 8 classrooms.
- Daily hot lunch program.
- School garden.

To attend school, children need books and school uniforms. Many children end up staying home from school to help their parents earn money for basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. Living in extreme poverty means that, for some families, helping at home is more valuable than education.



Mateka Primary School's needs:



Desks: Each class has an average of 65 students! On average, three students share one desk. Such crowded conditions make it difficult to focus on the teachers' lessons.



Textbooks: Mateka lacks enough books and reading materials for each student to have equal access. This makes it challenging for them to study outside of class hours. When textbooks are out of date, teachers cannot teach the current federal curriculum. Students may fall behind on their exams.



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