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Get all of your holiday shopping done at once with GSC. There are a variety of tax deductible gift options available.  CLICK ON THE TITLES BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING OPTIONS. FOR A FULL LIST OF GIFT OPTIONS, [FOLLOW THIS LINK.](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUU0RbG7WxNeafpMYN/) |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  |  | [**Youth HIV/AIDS and Health Education**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUORnbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  A gift of HIV/AIDS and health education will provide essential education for youth so they will be equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent HIV/AIDS. Gifts are available from $10 for education materials for school peer educators to $500 to fund an entire peer education training workshop for 20 students. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Hafirs - Rainwater Collection Tanks for Home Garden Irrigation**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUWpnbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  A gift of a hafir creates a home water source to reduce the need for women and children to haul water long distances. This 12 m3 trench is lined and covered with plastic to decrease evaporation and filtration. Surrounded by a natural jatropha tree or acacia thorn fence to keep animals and small children out, a hafir can hold 12,000 liters of water and only costs 1/50th of other conventional options! During the rains, the tank collects and stores rainwater that can then be used for various tasks during the dry season, such as watering home gardens. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Home Garden for an Orphanage**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUORsbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  A gift of a home garden is a way for orphanages to supply nutritious and organic meals for children in a self-reliant way and also provides children with training on important income-generating life skills. Give a gift of seeds for the garden ($20), garden tools ($100) or an entire home garden ($200). | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Improved Fruit and Vegetable Drying to Reduce 50% Losses**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUWtLbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  A gift of a Food Drying Training Package will help rural communities work together to dry their excess fruits and green garden products for later use in the dry season, or for sale to augment incomes. Typical on-farm losses from field to mouth exceed 50% due to the lack of food preservation knowledge and methods. Furthermore, these on-farm losses contribute to the significant and common vitamin A deficiencies found in mothers’ and children’s diets, especially during the dry season. GSC’s training package includes alternative low-cost drying structures, education about appropriate drying methods, and information sessions on how to reconstitute the dried foods for preparation and use in cooking. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | Global Service Corps 3543 18th Street, Suite 14 San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 551-0000 [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org)    [Check out our website for more information on GSC programs!](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanCcQabUUXcbG7WxNeafpMYN/) | | | | | |

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Over the last few months in Tanzania, in collaboration with Partners for Development, GSC’s work in food security and nutrition has seen several exciting new developments as a result of the newly launched USDA project. The USDA Jatropha and Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative (JANI) Project seeks to increase Jatropha cultivation while improving food security and nutrition for Jatropha farmer households. As part of this project, GSC is spearheading the development of sustainable home gardens, rural poultry vaccinations, nutrition and HIV trainings and water catchment systems. These new developments are providing additional rural development training opportunities for GSC volunteers. Updates on the catchment systems, poultry vaccinations, and volunteer opportunities are reported below. |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  |  | [**Water Catchment System Project**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanADGabUCCqbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  GSC has pioneered the introduction of plastic-lined trenches called hafirs, which are designed to collect rain water run-off from roofs and nearby catchment areas. These hafirs provide access to water near houses, making it readily available for home and garden use, even where water is scarce. The first six hafirs were dug in Lashaine village using materials donated by two local hardware stores.The hafirs are easily replicated due to their simplicity and low-cost, making them an attractive option for these communities. They will enable kitchen gardens even in the driest of communities, especially after the long 2009 drought ends and will save local women and children the drudgery of going some distance to collect water for the household. Local communities provided overwhelmingly positive feedback on this project. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**The Rural Poultry Vaccination (or, “Catch-A-Chicken”) Project**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanADGabUCCObG7WxNeafpMYN/)  A poultry vaccination initiative has also been met with much enthusiasm, dramatically reducing the number of chickens lost to disease. The highly contagious Newcastle Disease plagues domestic birds in areas all over the world, and many Tanzanian families suffer from the severe loss of income and potential nutrition. GSC has provided training for 28 community vaccinators in 6 villages, and is preparing for the 2nd vaccination campaign in Olkereyan village where healthy flocks are already seeing a steady increase in numbers. Community Vaccinators assisted by GSC volunteers will collect data during the 2nd vaccination campaign for each household to determine the total number of chickens, the number consumed, the number sold, and the number of deaths since the last vaccination to confirm the vaccine’s continued positive impact. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Expanded Volunteer Opportunities**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanADGabUCCZbG7WxNeafpMYN/)  Two new long-term volunteers have joined the GSC Tanzania team through New Zealand’s Voluntary Service Abroad: one community development Masters degree-holder, and one experienced agricultural volunteer. The specialized skills they bring play a key role in engaging shorter-term volunteers and assisting in project fieldwork. GSC-TZ recently hosted 13 international agriculture volunteers, 4 international HIV/AIDS and nutrition volunteers, and 6 local Tanzania college interns who worked as apprentices alongside our staff. These volunteer participants have taken on village garden trainings, rural poultry vaccination training, and HIV/AIDS prevention and nutrition training. Community interest in international volunteers has enhanced the local turnout at rural trainings. Volunteers have also aided with expanded public exposure by distributing over 2,000 handouts at the weekend-long TASO NaneNane Fair in August. Liaisons under development with US universities and land-grant colleges are providing additional opportunities for long-term volunteers and fellows to work with GSC and local partners on the JANI project. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT GSC ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND MYSPACE! WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINIONS ON OUR PROGRAMS, YOUR IDEAS AND CURRENT EVENTS.  [Click Here to connect with GSC on Facebook!](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanADGabUCEabG7WxNeafpMYN/) | | | | | |

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GSC has been contracted to provide food security support and HIV/AIDS education in Northern Tanzania rural areas where some of the most underserved Tanzanian population resides. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to extend our outreach and community service building on the work we have been doing in East Africa for many years. The GSC HIV/AIDS education work includes trainings in HIV/AIDS prevention and care, nutrition and food preservation education. The GSC sustainable agriculture activities include trainings in biointensive agriculture, improved animal husbandry and appropriate irrigation techniques as well as providing rural poultry vaccinations.   Volunteers interested in participating in this rural training work will have opportunities to spend time and do training work in both Arusha and rural areas. Participants will be based at homestays in Arusha and will have opportunities to experience a tenting “safari” to remote rural areas. GSC staff and volunteers will be accommodated in tents at a base camp during the days of field training. At the end of each training week volunteers will return to their Arusha homestays for the weekends. Most GSC participants who have stayed in rural areas providing trainings to these populations indicate that this was one of the highlights of their volunteer experience. Training opportunities closer to town are also available for volunteers if these rural assignments are not of interest. (For more information on this program, see story below.)   |  | | --- | | [Click here to view GSC Tanzania Service-Learning Programs](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/Tanzania-service-learning-programs) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **GSC Welcomes New Partnership with USDA and Partners for Development** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | In early 2009 GSC signed a three-year contract with Partners for Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that is now providing expanded sustainable agriculture and HIV/AIDS education volunteer and internship opportunities. The new USDA contract will enable GSC Tanzania to expand local organic gardening and rural poultry projects along with NGO partners into a regional program bringing food security to over 2,000 smallholder farmers in Tanzania on both a subsistence and commercial basis. The GSC expanded Food Security Program will also provide critical nutrition education and support resources for families caring for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS.   Managed by Erwin Kinsey, Tanzania Country Director for GSC, the USDA program uses proven methods to empower rural producer groups by increasing the use of sustainable agriculture, poultry and kitchen gardens. In select communities, this also involves organizing village-level collection/buying/ selling points, ensuring quality produce through a participatory guarantee system of certification, encouraging rural poultry markets, conducting practical research and sharing knowledge of nutrition, food preservation and appropriate irrigation skills with participant farm families. The expanded Food Security Program in Tanzania increases GSC’s longstanding commitment to HIV/AIDS prevention and education by providing critical resources for communities caring for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS.   |  | | --- | | [Click here for more information about GSC Tanzania Food Security Program](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/tanzania-agriculture-and-food/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **GSC Represented at International Conferences in DC** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | GSC Founder and Executive Director, Rick Lathrop recently returned from Washington, D.C. where he participated in the 2009 Global Health Council Conference and the 2009 International Agriculture and Rural Development Conference. Besides learning about latest international health and agriculture news and practices, Rick presented information at both conferences about the GSC community service volunteer and internship programs. These two conferences focused on information technology in international health and international food security, areas in which GSC is centrally involved.   |  | | --- | | [Click Here to View GSC International Health Programs in Thailand](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/thailand-international-health/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Get a Head Start for Fall or Winter** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | If you didn’t get to travel abroad this summer, consider volunteering on a GSC service-learning program this fall or winter. Bypass tourist season and spend your semester, J-Term or holiday break in Tanzania, Thailand, or Cambodia. Now is the time to consider one of our programs and get a head-start on the application process. Gain experience as an intern or earn academic credit as a student in International Health, HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention, Sustainable Agriculture, English Education, Buddhist Immersion, or Orphan Care. All GSC service-learning programs provide in-depth cultural immersion through host family accommodation, orientation and technical training, local staff counterpart assistance, field trips to historic places of interest and opportunities to train community members. We want to ensure that you not only visit these countries but also take a piece of it back with you. Become a part of a new community and help them make a difference in their daily lives while making new relationships and memories that will last forever!   If you are looking for something less intensive and very affordable, embellish your ordinary travel plans with one of our Volunteer Vacation packages in Thailand or Tanzania. Whether you are traveling independently or with a group, Global Service Corps can accommodate you. We also provide fundraising toolkits to assist with your financial needs. Before you know it, you will be enjoying the experience of a lifetime!   |  | | --- | | [Click here to view GSC Volunteer Vacations Packages](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/volunteer-vacations/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **2009 Schedule** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Join us in Tanzania, Thailand or Cambodia! Stay tuned for the 2010 Schedule coming soon!   |  | | --- | | [Click here to view our 2009 Schedule](http://globalservicecorps.org/site/dates-and-rates/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | Global Service Corps 3543 18th Street #14 San Francisco, CA 94110  phone 415.551.0000  [Visit Us on the Web](http://www.globalservicecorps.org) | | | | | |

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