# **BG** Tanzania - contributing to society

BG Tanzania is committed to contributing to local and national development: working with stakeholders and local communities to minimise impacts and enhance benefits to society.

In addition to the local employment and economic benefits our investment is creating we have an active programme of social investment in place focusing on the themes of education, support for employment and livelihoods, and marine conservation.

We believe these themes most closely match our own business priorities with the development needs of our host communities and the people of Tanzania.

## 2012 Highlights

- ✓ Nearly \$500k spent on support for higher education and vocational training in 2012 with key Tanzanian institutions.
- ✓ Launch of a 3-year, \$1m flagship project in partnership with VSO and VETA to enhance employment through vocational training in Mtwara
- ✓ Road safety and awareness programme commenced in Mtwara, with over 600 motorcycle riders receiving training to date
- ✓ Entry level projects with the Mnazi Bay Ruvuma Estuary Marine Park - a good basis for long-term marine conservation support in Southern Tanzania
- ✓ Support for education in Mtwara, including provision of over 600 school desks sourced from a local technical training institution
- ✓ Strong employee support for our donations programme, encouraged by the BG Tanzania matched giving scheme

## **Support for Higher Education**



BG Tanzania, through the **British Council**, has funded two scholarships for Tanzanian students to study for MSc degrees in geosciences, petroleum or mechanical engineering disciplines in UK universities. This programme will be continued in coming years, supporting the development of a cadre of

highly qualified scientists and engineers. The first two students commence their studies at the Universities of Newcastle and Dundee in September 2012.

BG has donated education and technical equipment to the University of Dar Es Salaam's Department of Geology and the University of Dodoma's Department Of Petroleum and Energy Engineering. We are also funding four scholarships for Tanzania students wishing to study to Masters or PhD level at the Nelson Mandela Arusha Institute of Science and Technology. This support provides a strong basis for ongoing relationships with these three key institutions as we progress our business.

Going forward, we intend to significantly increase our investment in higher education and vocational training, targeting \$5m over the next 3 years as we prepare for a potential LNG development. As part of this, we are in discussions with the **African Development Bank** to lead an oil and gas sector pilot project as part of the AfDB's multimillion dollar higher education programme.

# **Vocational Training in Mtwara**

In July 2012, BG Tanzania launched a project in partnership with the **Vocational Education Training Authority** (VETA) and international development charity **Voluntary Services Overseas** (VSO) to improve the employability of young people in Mtwara region, with a focus on the oil and gas industry and related services. The three-year, \$1.05m project will improve vocational training skills and employability of local people by:

- Raising VETA Mtwara standards for craftsmanship skills in line with internationally recognized levels in 8 areas: English language, food preparation, plumbing, welding, carpentry, motor vehicle, electrical installation and maintenance;
- Promoting VETA Mtwara as a centre of excellence for training vocational trainers in disciplines relevant to the oil and gas industry and providing training support to other regions.

It is expected to benefit at least 280 students, who will earn internationally recognized certificates in their respective trades by 2014. Seven qualified VSO professional volunteers, one for each of the trades identified above, will coach VETA trainers on a one-on-one basis to qualify as UK University accredited and certified tutors.

English training has been provided by the British Council and Leicester College from the UK will provide quality assurance and support the international accreditation process.



#### **Community road safety**

BG Tanzania, in partnership with the Tanzania National Institute of Transport (NIT), funded a road safety training campaign for motorcyclists in Mtwara with the aim to reduce the significant numbers of road accidents in the Mtwara area. Over 63% of road accidents are caused by motorcycles within the municipality. The BG/NIT training program, designed in consultation with the Mtwara Regional Traffic Authorities, has benefited over 600 motorcyclists from the local community by increasing awareness of road safety.



The initial training program will now be expanded to provide road safety awareness and training in primary schools and other educational institutions around Mtwara.

#### Marine conservation and coastal livelihoods

BG Tanzania has provided support for the **Mnazi Bay Ruvuma Estuary Marine Park** (MBREMP), which is located south of Mtwara Town adjacent to Block 1. We have donated a glass bottom boat to the Park to enhance income generating capabilities, and have provided support for development programmes such as replacement of illegal fishing nets and Park monitoring.

BG is in discussion with the **Aga Khan Foundation** in Tanzania to develop a long-term integrated livelihoods and conservation programme for MBREMP from 2013. It is intended that this will serve as the basis for future development support to coastal communities, as well as for conservation, as we progress our plans to develop an LNG project on the coast of Southern Tanzania.



### Charitable donations and sponsorship

BG Tanzania's portfolio of charitable giving continues to grow, focusing on our theme areas. In 2012, we have funded the distribution of 600 school desks to **Mtwara Rural District** primary schools, where the District Education Department

estimates there is a shortfall of over 10,000 desks. The desks were supplied by a local training college, thereby providing a much-need opportunity for students to gain practical experience in their training.



Through **READ International**, BG is supporting the distribution of secondary school books in Mtwara Region, as well as library renovations in schools in Mtwara and Dar Es Salaam. BG is also funding **Neema Crafts**, which provides livelihoods opportunities for disabled and other vulnerable groups in Tanzania.

BG Tanzania is sponsor of a number of events and initiatives, including the **Young Scientists Tanzania** exhibition in Dar Es Salaam (Sept 2012) and **Charity Goat Races**, also in Dar Es Salaam; and the **Makuya Festival** in Mtwara, promoting the culture of the region.

# **BG Tanzania Matched Giving Scheme**

The BG Tanzania Matched Giving Scheme was launched in November 2011 to encourage and support BG Tanzania staff and contractors interested in raising funding through personal participation in support of the work of local charities and other institutions in Mtwara and Dar Es Salaam. The scheme, which has a \$30,000 per year fund, has already added \$5,000 to the \$25,000 raised by staff and contractors in Mtwara by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to support **St Mary's Clinic** with the purchase of an incinerator and generator.

