



# **Mnyigumba Secondary School Girls Dormitory Iringa, Tanzania**

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## Layout of Dormitory And Adjoining Toilet



Female students at rural Mnyigumba Secondary School face many challenges to remain in school. Students travel up to 16 kilometres to school or find living arrangements nearby with little adult supervision. In 2015, factors such as these contributed to high dropout (17.4%), truancy (3.9%) and pregnancy (6%) rates. The parents and local leaders desired a dormitory create a safe supportive environment to encourage young women to complete their education.

A Peace Corps Partnership Grant from Let Girls Learn and World Connect provided 50% and the local community contributed the other 50% of 57 million Tanzanian Shillings (~26,000 USD) total project budget. This collaboration allowed the dormitory, that will house 56 girls, to be completed in just 10 months.



The female students who will be moving into the completed dormitory in July 2017 will have a safe environment to live and study in. They will not have to make long commutes to and from school or be forced to live in nearby rental houses that have poor facilities and supervision. They will have increased time for study and less opportunity to engage in risky activities that might lead to pregnancy and truancy. The community celebrated the Opening in April 2017.





Mr. Sengerema, Counterpart and  
Outstanding Project Manager



Madam Mville, Headmistress;  
Speech at Opening Ceremony

