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Q&A PRESENTATION



KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Community

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location
of the project

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Location

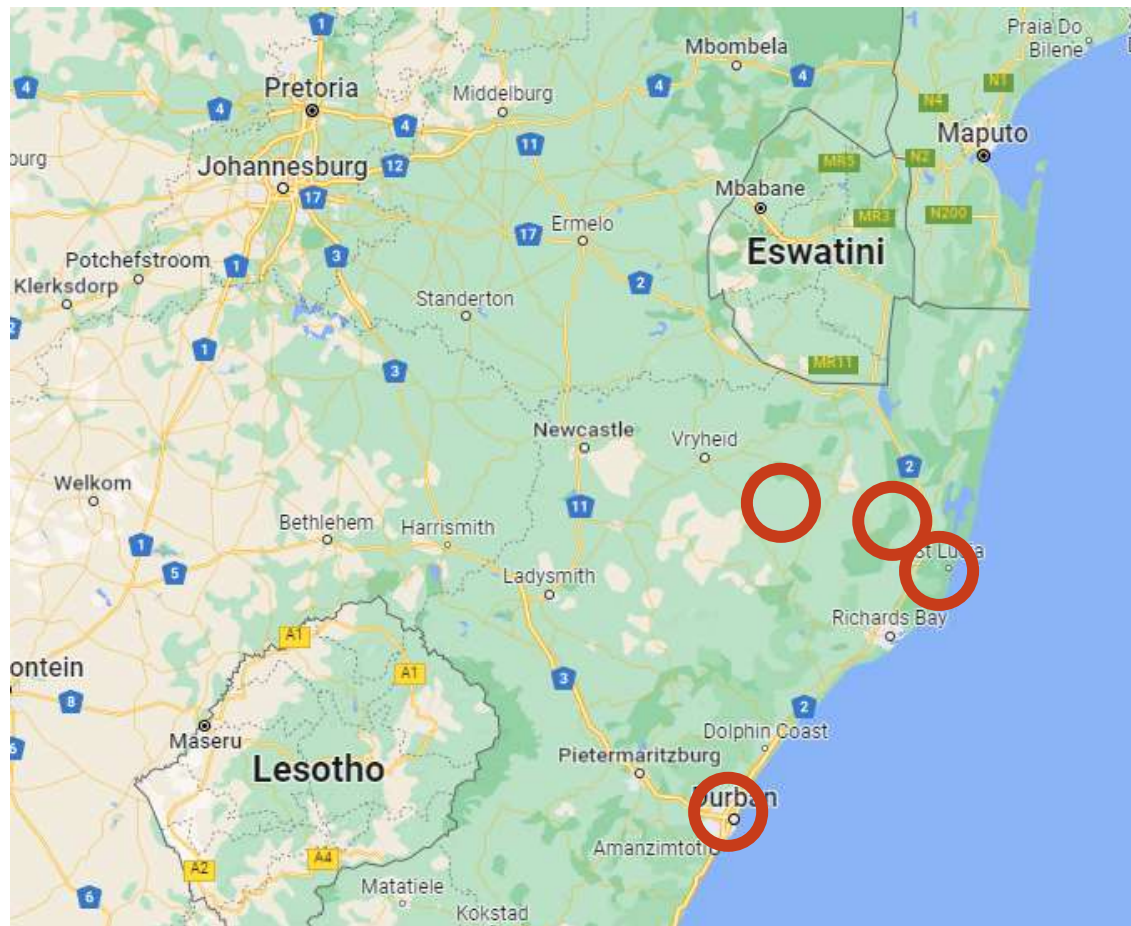


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Project- Location

- Staying in three locations on the Northeastern Coast
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve, Hlomo Hlomo and St Lucia



BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Bonamanzi Game Reserve

Bonamanzi Game Reserve is a magnificent 10,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 4 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Your Wildlife and Community Programme

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and the conservation team. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project.

- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development



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Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long-term conservation

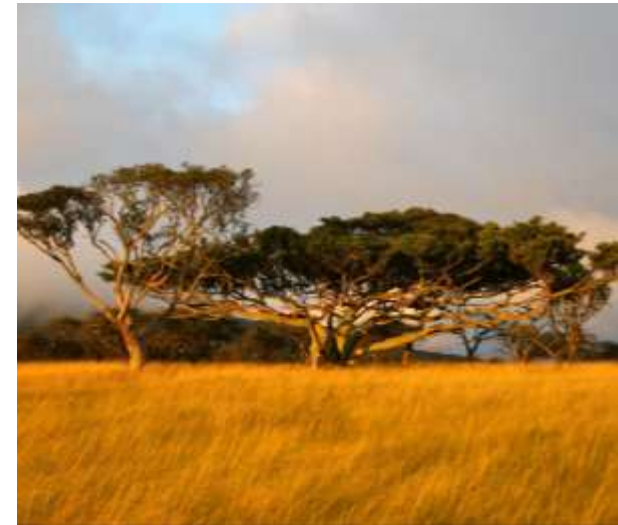
Positive impact supporting not-for-profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Project Rhino



Hlomo Hlomo

Hlomo Hlomo is another privately owned Game Reserve, 8000 hectares in size which boasts a rich and diverse range of fauna, flora, and spacious landscapes. The reserve offers various hikes and trails with stunning views, with the opportunity to spot nyalas, as well as vultures and bateleurs soaring overhead.



Your Wildlife & Community Programme

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and conservation team. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project at Hlomo Hlomo.

- Sunset bush walk
- Wild dog monitoring
- Full day game drive - big five area
- Black rhino monitoring
- K9 anti-poaching demonstration
- Discussion on realities of rewilding community land
- Talk on illegal wildlife trafficking
- Visit a local rural school with Project Rhino



ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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St Lucia Wetlands

St. Lucia is situated on the northern side of the estuary, the largest in Southern Africa and is totally surrounded by the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park and World Heritage Site. The area is famous for its wetlands and is a fantastic opportunity to witness crocodiles and hippos in their natural environment.



ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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Your Conservation Programme – St Lucia

Whilst at St Lucia you will get the opportunity to take part in some amazing activities but also time to relax in the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

- Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Visit to the Crocodile Centre



ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE



St Lucia



ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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St Lucia's Hippos



In South Africa, intrepid naturalist Steve Backshall goes in search of the only wild animal that fills him with fear and known for their lethal aggression - the hippo.

- [Episode 1](#): The intrepid naturalist sets his sights on Africa's most deadly animal - the hippo.
- [Episode 2](#): Steve visits St. Lucia, a town where hippos roam the streets freely at night.
 - At 13:58mins see Peter Calverley from Zingela Safari and River Company - another of our projects in KwaZulu-Natal





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

Bundu Camp – Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. You will be accommodated in twin rooms, 2 rooms share bathroom facilities of shower, toilet and basin.

All guests will eat together in the communal dining room or outside in the covered dining area. On one evening a Potjie competition will be held so everyone gets involved!

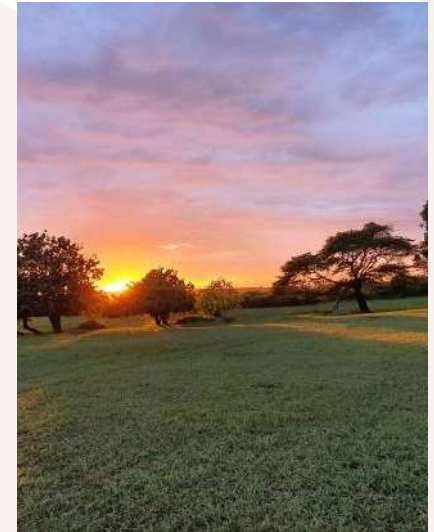
There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.



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Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi



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Hlomo Hlomo

In keeping with a Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.

There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.



Shonalanga Accommodation – St Lucia

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia.

You will be accommodated in twin rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are no facilities for washing clothes at the accommodation but there are launderettes nearby which are not expensive.

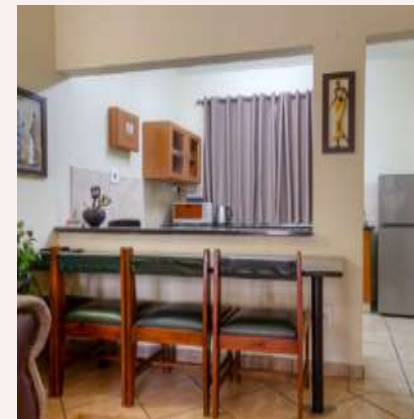
The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding area.



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Shonalanga Accommodation – St Lucia



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Food at the project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff with the exception of 1 lunch and 1 dinner in St Lucia

Breakfasts will consist of toast and cereals; lunch may include pasta, wraps, burgers, stir fry; dinners include meat, fish and vegetables with rice, potatoes or pasta.

On weekends a braai (BBQ) is often organised.

Dietary Requirements

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.



Sample Menu

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Scrambled eggs, savoury beans or mince or bacon toast (jam, peanut butter)	Yoghurts, muesli, cereal, fruit	Pancakes, banana, fruit	Oatmeal porridge, fruit, toast & jam	French toast (Eggy bread)
Quiche & salad	Macaroni cheese	Soup & homemade bread	Hotdogs	Braai broodjies (tomato, cheese, onion toasties on open fire)
Nachos (vegan or mince)	Beef stew & rice	Braai (barbeque) with salad	Chicken ala King & rice	Chickpea curry mild

We must know of any dietary requirements and allergies at least 6 weeks before departure.



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PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details

Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	14/06/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	22:25	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:25 + 1 Day
FA669	15/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	13:30	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	14:40

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 20kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x33x23cm

Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs.

Meet GAP representative by the statue in the arrivals hall who will assist with your transfer.

Durban Airport

Meet and Greet at Durban Arrivals Hall

Transfer to Bonamanzi Game Reserve



Cabin Baggage



Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)
No larger than 56x36x23cm

Hold Baggage



One piece maximum 20kg

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

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Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
FA417	27/06/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	14:40	Johannesburg (JNB)	15:50
VS450	27/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:30 + 1 Day

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Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 20kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x33x23cm

Return Journey

Transfer from St Lucia Game Reserve.
Check in at the FlySafair check-in desk.



Group Web Page & Travel Documents

FAQs and House Rules

📄 Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to Download

📄 Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to Download



<https://gapafricaprojects.com/26-4695/>

Student - Frequently Asked Questions

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Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and House Rules:

As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Timeliness and Curfew: I commit to respecting designated timings, including early mornings and curfew times.
2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural standards set by my institution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture.
3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow participants.
4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any buildings or vehicles, utilising only designated smoking areas for such activities.
5. Alcohol Policy: I agree to comply with my institution's alcohol policy and ensure that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming intoxicated during any activities.
6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited.
7. Community Interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food directly to individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of dependency.
8. Health and Dietary Needs: I will inform Gap Africa Projects of any medical conditions, mental health concerns, or dietary restrictions at least six weeks before travel.
9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am a picky/fussy eater.
10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip.

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Recommended Kit List and
other Useful Information

Suggested kit list

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (Winter months) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle even in summer
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (Winter only) / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (Winter only)
- Daypack rucksack
- Swimwear
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Good torch

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn

First Aid Kit

It is strongly advisable that you pack your own mini first-aid kit of everyday essentials. This should include:

- Paracetamol / Ibuprofen (or equivalent)
- Antihistamines (eases a reaction to any bites or stings)
- Antiseptic cream (e.g. Savlon/Germolene/Sudocrem)
- Bite and sting cream
- Plasters
- Imodium (anti-diarrheal medication)
- Dioralyte (fast-acting oral rehydration treatment designed to replace fluids and body salts (electrolytes) lost during diarrhoea or vomiting)
- Tick remover



Practical Advice

Power / Electricity

It is important that you take the right travel adapter so you can charge your phone and other devices whilst away.



Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated and have packed an insulated water bottle. We recommend taking concentrated squash as the water will taste different from home.



Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for Covid 19, theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip.



<https://www.true Traveller.com/?tag=4480>

Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport – remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport needs to be valid for at least 30 days beyond your intended stay and have at least two blank pages.

Stay safe overseas – KBYG

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office offers 'Know Before You Go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad>

Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British Passport holders, all other nationalities should check the requirements via the website below, if required a visa can be obtained from the South African High Commission.

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

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Climate

Bonamanzi

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
23° 15°	22° 16°	22° 15°	19° 15°	20° 15°	22° 14°	23° 15°
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Climate

Hlomo Hlomo

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
21° 9°	21° 10°	20° 9°	18° 9°	18° 8°	21° 8°	21° 9°
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
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Climate

St Lucia

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
22° 16°	23° 17°	22° 16°	22° 16°	20° 15°	20° 15°	22° 15°

Currency & Credit Cards

The currency for South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). Foreign exchange may be arranged at the airport or in major centres. It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use credit cards.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in main towns, although local communities only take cash.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for Gap Africa Project travellers:



<https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq>

Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the rangers and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation for the staff at the reserve when you leave; any amount is always appreciated.

On day trips/excursions it is also a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the guide.

A 10% tip is normal for any café/restaurant when eating out.

Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is generally good at Bonamanzi and Hlomo Hlomo, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage. Coverage is very good in St Lucia.

Some Wi-Fi is provided free of charge at the accommodation. Internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

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Benefits of an eSIM


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- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa
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- Immediate Delivery

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Enjoy dual SIMs
Enjoy the flexibility of our digital eSIM while keeping the option to use your original SIM as usual whenever you need it.

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Trip Clothing

Online shop available for trip clothing:

GAP Trip Hoodie

GAP Africa Polo Shirts

GAP Africa Caps

GAP Africa Beenie

GAP Africa 500ml Bottle



<https://hyvfsu-vu.myshopify.com/>



SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A - Half Chest	49	51	56	61	65	69	73	78	83
B - Body Length	64	67	70	73	76	79	82	86	90
C - Sleeve Length	57.5	59	60.5	62	63.5	65	66.5	68.5	70.5

All garment measurements are shown in centimetres (cm). Garment sizes are approximate and for guidance only.

SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest Size	34 inch	36 inch	40 inch	44 inch	48 inch	52 inch	56 inch	60 inch	64 inch



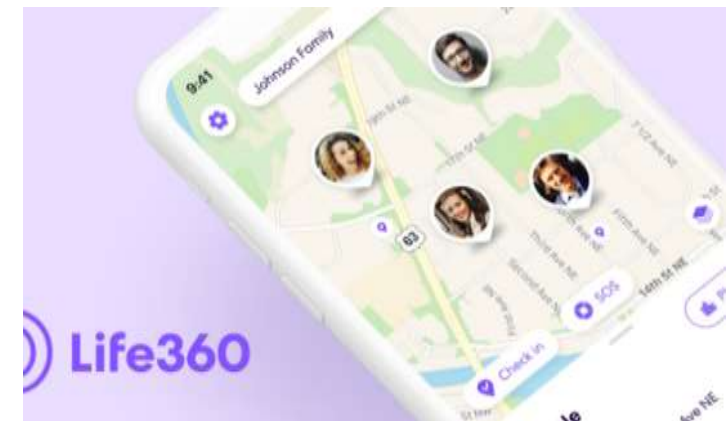
Useful Apps for Next of Kin

We recommend that Next of Kin also download and set up the following app, we have found this to be useful in knowing where are students whilst on the trip!

Flightrader24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel.

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.

Merlin Bird App



COMMUNITY DONATION BAGS

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Community GAP Donation Bags

- Reading books and activity books
- Stationery – pencil cases, pens, crayons, colouring pencils, chalk, plain and coloured paper
- Skipping ropes
- Jigsaws, puzzles, playing cards and games
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, deflated balls, bibs, socks etc)
- Mini fishing nets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes and facecloths
- Towels
- Recyclable pads for Move Africa donation
- Period pants
- New reading glasses – for the 'Right to sight' campaign
- Sleeping bags



Follow instructions from your college about bringing in one good quality item from the list.

Your tutor can request a donation bag from GAP Africa Projects if space is limited.



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