

Classroom activities

USPG Harvest cross-curricular classroom activities for primary schools

Activity 5: The Tanzanian Flag

Curriculum links: Geography, Maths, ICT, History, Science

Background notes: A national symbol and pride for the country, the flag of Tanzania carries a special meaning for all Tanzanian people. The Tanzania flag was adopted officially in the year of independence of the country on 30 June 1964.



Description: Rectangular in shape, the Tanzanian flag has five stripes, which are diagonal to each other. There are four colours in the flag—green, yellow, black and blue. The majority of the flag is covered by green and blue, forming two triangles at the top and bottom of the flag respectively. The black diagonal stripe is in the centre bordered by two thin yellow stripes.

Symbolism: Each colour in the Tanzanian flag has a special significance and meaning attached to it. Green represents the bountiful nature and the agricultural activity in Tanzania. Blue represents the Indian Ocean, which forms the coastline. The thick black stripe in the centre implies the people of Tanzania, while the two thin yellow strips are representative of the country's mineral wealth.

Team activity: Divide into two teams. The first team has a copy of the flag. The second team has a blank paper flag, paint (see flag for colours), paintbrushes and a ruler. The first team gives instructions for how to draw and colour the flag of Tanzania. The second group are not allowed to see the image of the flag but must re-create it using the materials provided and following the first team's instructions.