

## Achievements

- We are proud of what we have achieved, here are just a few of them:
- Reaching out to over 8,000 children
- Programmes in Peru, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Vietnam and Tanzania
- Over 30 volunteers working towards the greater goal

## Funding

Nothing can function without money, unfortunately. We keep our costs down as low as possible to give maximum benefit to our programmes. We are proud to say that overall we have spent under £50k in our last year.

We continually seek external funding, as without this funding we could not do what we do. We hold fundraising events which are all related to our cause, which include Swimming the English Channel in a relay team, or being sponsored for a local swimming race, or even a triathlon.

Our supporters and volunteers are the backbone of SwimTayka, and we continue to look for support from individuals, trusts and foundations, and other donors who fund our work.

A diverse and sustainable funding source will help us to grow and save more children from accidental drowning around the world.

SwimTayka is the charity that connects people together to help save more people from accidental drowning around the world.

SwimTayka, a charity registered in England and Wales (1176079)

<https://SwimTayka.org>



# SWIM TAYKA

Teaching the life skills of swimming and water stewardship

## What We Do

We provide free swimming lessons and environmental education about clean water stewardship to underprivileged children who live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans.

## How Does SwimTayka Work?

SwimTayka connects organisations in low resource waterside communities with volunteer swimming instructors and environmental educators from around the world, in order to develop and promote free swimming and environmental lessons for children. Volunteer programmes run from one week up to two months and include instruction in basic water safety, swimming, first aid and clean water education.



## Mission

It is our mission to give disadvantaged communities around the world access to swimming teachers who can not only provide the life skills of swimming, but create a legacy for today's children, who will grow up to teach the next generation.

Combining swimming with clean water education, we are nurturing a generation of world citizens who will act as environmental stewards who love, care for and respect the life-giving rivers, lakes and oceans along which they live.

## Vision

Our vision is that no child be denied access to swimming lessons because of their economic status.

We envisage a world where children grow up with respect for their environment and understand how their rivers, lakes and oceans are sources of wholesome food, provide their livelihoods and play an important part in maintaining a healthy life free from waterborne illnesses.

# SwimTayka Wants To Teach Children Worldwide How To Swim And Care For The Water

Drowning is a silent epidemic that claims an estimated 360,000 lives every year, many of them children. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. These are wasted lives and preventable deaths.



There are approximately  
**42**  
**DROWNING DEATHS EVERY HOUR,**  
everyday

## DID YOU KNOW?\*

- Globally, drowning claims more than 360,000 lives every year
- One person loses their life by drowning every 90 seconds
- Children aged 1 to 4 are most at risk.
- Over half the people who drown are under 25
- Most drownings occur in low- and middle-income countries.
- These losses of life are largely preventable.

\*World Health Organization

## Where we work

We work in counties that need teachers and education, working closely with NGO's and Charities that already have an established relationship with the community.

You may have been on holiday to beautiful beaches, swum in the clear turquoise waters, snorkelling or diving from boats but what you don't realise is that many of the local people cannot swim. They play in the waters every day, they have the confidence in the water, but they don't know how to swim or survive.

Working with communities that live along the earth's open water: rivers, lakes and oceans no matter where they are, we provide the children with free swimming lessons, drowning prevention education and education in clean water stewardship.

## Our Approach

- Connecting passionate people with existing NGO's and Charities
- Dealing with the issues at a local level
- Creating partnerships - which work
- Leaving a legacy of confident swimmers and clean water stewards
- Encouraging established teaching methods around drowning prevention and swimming teaching
- Teach the teacher and develop sustainability.

## Our Solutions

The practical solutions we have developed include:

- Connecting together qualified instructors to teach swimming
- A water education programme that is easy to follow and teach
- Free education lessons for children in low-income communities
- Connecting Swimming professional with existing NGO's and Charities
- Building safety values
- Developing a five-year plan