

we children can do anything!

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The last ice on Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa, is melting, as a result of the climate crisis. By making the tough 5600m climb to the summit, the Plant-for-the-Planet team hope to draw attention to this concerning reality.

With support from the mountain guides from Tanzania Experience, the team started the first leg of the journey, a 2670m hike, on the 7th of July. The team faced many challenges during the climb. Each day it was critical that they drink a minimum of 3-5 litres of water, in order to sustain their fitness for the trek. After leaving the clouds behind them at around 4000m, they started to experience constant headaches from the high altitude. Nevertheless the team were determined to reach the top and see the last ice of Kilimanjaro.

After the second day the team were beyond mobile phone range and were unable to send any news of their ascent. After much suspense we finally received news on the 11th of July: They had made it! All the children had reached the summit and Felix had planted the Plant-for-the-Planet flag on the summit himself. This flag was to demonstrate to all children that they can do anything!



While the kids were on their way to the summit, the support team back in Germany were busy facing a new problem. The original plan was for the Kenyan Company to pick the team up in Tanzania and drive them over the border into Kenya. However, we soon learnt that the Kenyan company was not allowed to transport tourists within Tanzania. Consequently an alternative needed to be found, and quickly. After several unsuccessful calls to bus companies in Tanzania (many of which had sadly gone bankrupt), our partners from Rhino Watch Lodge were finally able to organise a bus for us.

All together the experience in Kilimanjaro was fantastic. We hope that many more people are now aware of the alarming situation in Africa and are compelled to take action. When there is no ice left, the name Kilimanjaro (Kilima meaning Mountain and njaro meaning snow or glacier) will be a lie. Instead the name Kilimanjangwa (meaning desert) will sadly be more appropriate.

You can follow our journey through Africa via our blog. <http://blog.plant-for-the-planet.org/>

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