

Travel-Related Nonprofits Suffered In 2020—Here's How You Can Help

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Micato Safaris sends one child to school for each safari it sells. People can also make donations through the AmericaShare program.

Sometimes the best holiday gifts cannot be wrapped, and this year, travelers are looking for meaningful ways to support those in need even if they choose to stay home. Instead of giving physical presents, many may find a donation gift to be even more satisfying.

Just like so many businesses that suffered from lost income due to the Covid-19 pandemic, nonprofit organizations have had their budgets slashed and important charitable work halted. They need extra support to catch up to where they were as well as to restart operations when the time is right.

There are many worthy causes doing meaningful work for the greater good around the world. These are some of the travel-related nonprofit organizations that offer creative solutions for what to buy that hard-to-shop-for traveler. Giving more than a physical gift this year may be the best way to spread some holiday cheer both near and far from home.

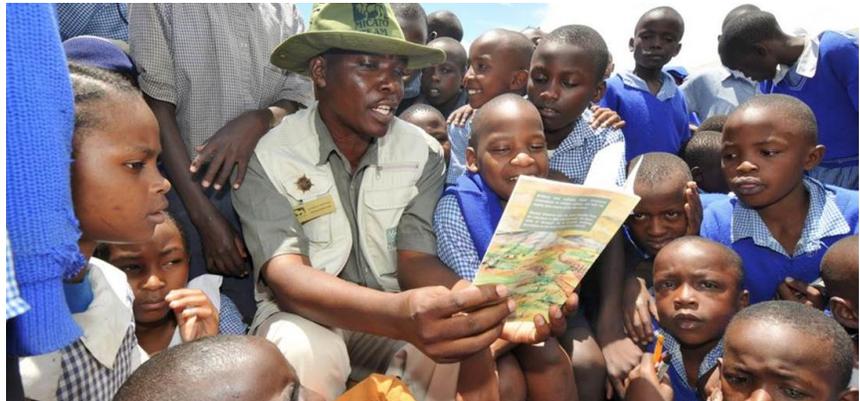


People can support AmericaShare programs without traveling on safari with Micato through online donations.

Micato Safaris and AmericaShare

For every safari sold by [Micato Safaris](#), the tour operator puts one child living in Nairobi's Mukuru slums through school. Known as the [One for One Commitment](#), this humanitarian effort was curtailed this year, but Micato hasn't stopped its efforts as it continues to support Mukuru's Harambee Community Centre via its library and computer lab, basketball court, and other resources.

Despite primary education being free in Kenya, families still must pay for essentials like books and supplies, which can be expensive. This prohibits many kids from attending school. Through its [AmericaShare](#) program, students received smartphones and data services so they could continue to learn even when schools were closed. Micato also partnered with [Huru International](#) to distribute cloth masks within the Mukuru slum where social distancing is a challenge.



A safari director reads to kids in the Mukuru Slum. Micato Safaris guests can visit the slum before or after their safari if they wish.

Despite [East Africa re-opening for business and the return of safari travel with precautions](#), those that choose to postpone a trip can still help. Scholarships for students are down, but at-home travelers can [sponsor a student](#) and support a child's education each year while receiving letters and photo update from them during their studies.