

Tools Wanted

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We send tools to create livelihoods

This leaflet gives guidance on the tools we can and can't use

Giving communities tools to build a future for themselves

Yes, please ✓

Whilst this list doesn't include everything, we hope that it will give you an idea of the tools that we accept.

Agricultural tools – forks, spades, hoes, garden rakes, hand forks and trowels, loppers, secateurs, hand shears, cultivators, sickles, shovels, axes, bow saws

Builders' tools – levels, sledgehammers, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures, hacksaws and blades, utility knife blades

Carpenters' tools – sliding bevels, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, rasps, all types of hammers, utility knives, all types of planes and saws, rules, screwdrivers, squares, vices, sharpening stones, screws, nails, bolts, Workmate benches (in good condition)

Electricians' tools – hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering irons, volt meters and multimeters, wire strippers

Mechanics' tools – allen keys, cold chisels, files, vices, gauges, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, oil cans

Plumbers' tools – basin or tap wrenches, wire brushes, breast drills and bits, various grips, hacksaws, screwdrivers

Garage workshop – hydraulic jacks, axle stands, battery chargers, large engineering vices, crowbars

Power tools – hand and bench drills, sanders, planers, jigsaws, circular saws, bandsaws, chop saws, lathes, rotovators, welding machines, generators, bench grinders, angle grinders, routers

Sewing machines – manual, electric, treadle, and industrial

Knitting machines – machine and hand wool, needles, patterns

Haberdashery – needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls (minimum one metre), buttons, zips, tapes

Fully working IT equipment – desktop computers and laptops running at least Microsoft Windows 7, cables

Bibles – in modern English (not KJV)

No, thank you X

It's not about what we want, but about what people can use.



What may be useful to us may not be useful to recipients in our partner countries. If we say we can't take something, we don't mean to be ungrateful; we're simply being honest. This is not an exhaustive list, but reflects the main things that we are regularly offered by well-meaning supporters.

Please contact us using the details on the back if you are unsure.

All broken tools – we can sharpen and remove surface rust, but we can't repair tools or take tools with woodworm

Ladders and step ladders

Lawn rakes and long-handled shears, hedge trimmers, electric trimmers, lawn edging tools

Electric and hand lawnmowers

Printers, scanners, and typewriters

Disability aids – walking frames, wheelchairs, medicine and glasses

Clothes and shoes

Bikes – for men, women and children

Books

Embroidery materials, curtains and weaving materials

If in doubt, please ask

We do get requests for large items such as **welding machines, generators, compressors, and other industrial tools**. If you have any of these items, or similar, please get in touch with us.

Sometimes, people donate tools that are not suitable to send to Africa, either due to their age or because they simply would not be used. We also have some tools that are donated in such quantities that we cannot use all of them. On these occasions we will attempt to sell them to raise vital funds for our work.

Our priority is to keep people safe

We cannot accept any tools that do not have all their safety shields and other safety features intact and unbroken. We will not send any equipment that endangers life.

To find your nearest volunteer collector or Refurbishment Centre, please give us a call on 01473 210220 or visit our website twam.uk/donatetools.

We'd love to stay in touch

We would like to send you our quarterly magazine and other mailings and/or our monthly e-newsletter by email. If you'd like to receive them, please fill in your information below or go to twam.uk/stayintouch.

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Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

If you consent to us contacting you for this purpose, please tick to say how you would like to be contacted:

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