

Tools with a Mission: Tools wanted (from their website)

Yes please

Agricultural tools: Fork, spade, hoe, garden rake, hand fork and trowel, lopper, secateurs and hand shears

Builders' tools: Spade, shovel, 3ft spirit level, axe, crowbar, fork, sledgehammer, bow saw, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures, hacksaws and Stanley and hacksaw blades

Carpenters' tools: Bevel, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, all types of files and hammers, Stanley knife, all types of planes and saws, pliers, rules, all types of saws and screwdrivers, squares plus screws, nails and bolts

Electricians' tools: Allen keys, hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter

Motor mechanics' tools: Allen keys, cold chisels, breast drill and bits, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, tyre pressure gauge

Plumbers' tools: Basin or tap wrench, wire brush, breast drill and bits, various grips and saws, screwdriver, oil can etc

Garage workshop: Hydraulic jack, axle stands, battery charger, ramps and large engineers vice

Power tools: Hand and bench drills, sander, planer, jigsaw, circular, band and chop saws, lathe, cultivator, rotavator, welding machine and generator

Sewing machines: manual, electric, treadle and industrial

Knitting machines: machine and hand wool, needles and patterns

Haberdashery: needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls, buttons, zips, tapes

Fully working IT equipment: Desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7, tablets, networking switch routers and cable

Bibles: in modern English

Items NOT wanted:

No thank you

It's not about what we want, it's 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're not being ungrateful, we're just being honest.

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

Ladders and step ladders

Lawn rakes/long-handled shears

Electric and hand lawnmowers

Printers, scanners, typewriters

Disability aids: walking frames, wheelchairs, medicines and glasses

Clothes and shoes

Bikes: men's, women's and children's

Books

Embroidery materials, curtains and weaving materials

Cooking pots, pans and kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery, household appliances and musical instruments

This isn't an exhaustive list, just the main things we're offered by well-meaning supporters on a regular basis

Please note:

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