



# INTERNATIONAL ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY

Around 1 in 20,000 people in the world have albinism.

In Tanzania, there is a high concentration of people with albinism, with about 1 out of every 1,400 people living with this condition. In Tanzania, there is a lack of proper knowledge about albinism, and children with albinism are especially vulnerable to ignorance. There have been over 170 attacks on people with albinism Tanzania alone. According to the United Nations, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the difficult situation faced by persons with albinism around the world.

## So, what is albinism?

Albinism is an inherited genetic (non-contagious) condition that reduces the amount of melanin pigment formed in the skin, hair and/or eyes. People may experience varying degrees of absence of color in the hair, skin, and/or eyes as well as vision problems. SJB and STA are proud to continue our twinning relationship with Zeru Zeru Inc. and minister to those affected by injustice.

June 13th is International Albinism Awareness Day.

The United Nations has declared the celebration theme this year to be #Made To Shine! Along with your family and friends, join people around the globe in learning more about albinism and the injustice many face due to ignorance. Educate yourself and those around you to stop prejudice against people with albinism now! To learn more about the current state of the issue, we encourage you to read the latest [statement from the UN](#) pertaining to people with albinism and International Albinism Awareness Day.

You can also join the world in an [albinism celebration](#) either [online](#) or via [Facebook](#)!