



# Transforming education and livelihoods

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## Who we are

### Build Africa is an award winning charity with 35 years of experience working in international development.

Our Education programme supports rural Kenyan and Ugandan children throughout their entire learning journey, from pre-primary and primary education to secondary school and into the working world. Our Livelihoods programme compliments this by working with adults to make sure they can earn a decent living, feed their families and support their children's education.

- Our vision is to see people in Africa leading fulfilling, happy lives.
- Our mission is to partner with African communities to create lasting educational and livelihoods opportunities.

## What we do

### Education

We have four main approaches that help children get a great education:

- We are **laying the foundations for learning**, working with the whole community to improve the school-readiness of girls and boys. We are changing parental attitudes to early learning and teacher attitudes to punishment, and increasing the resources available for young children to give them the best start possible at school.
- We are **maximising learning** by improving the quality of teaching; increasing access to clean water and food; increasing the engagement of parents in the education of their children; improving the management and governance of schools; providing more books and equipment; and creating a conducive environment for both genders to learn in.



#### Noel's life skills training

*"Ever since I attended these trainings, my life has changed. I understand different types of life skills. I am learning to take my education more seriously."*

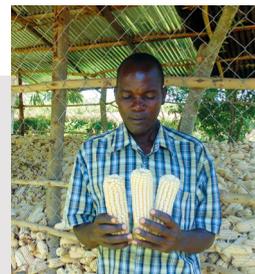
Noel, 14, Kahara Primary School, Uganda

- We are **including girls** to ensure they have equal access to education (by working with parents and community members); giving girls more say in the decisions that affect their education; establishing clubs that address issues such as abuse, pregnancy and the pressure to marry early; removing barriers (by helping them manage their periods, for example), introducing teaching styles that are sensitive to girls' needs, and giving girls positive role models.
- We are **preparing for continuous learning**, so that that more children progress to secondary school and into the workplace by improving vocational skills; ensuring parents and communities support the post-primary education of their children and ensuring children are receiving a good quality of education.

### Livelihoods

We have three main approaches that help every member of the community lead a fulfilling, happy life and every parent provide for their family and support their children at school:

- We are **supporting financial services and business development**, providing people with the opportunity to save and access credit through savings and loans groups, and giving them the skills and knowledge they need to get their business up and running and diversify their sources of income. We will also support them as they develop their businesses.
- We are **boosting harvests and increasing access to markets** by looking at new ways for farmers to increase the value of their produce; by training them in methods to help improve productivity, and by exploring opportunities to provide access to wider markets with better prices.
- Finally, we are **helping communities withstand environmental and economic shocks and stresses** by encouraging alternative incomes, water and land management, and conservation.



#### Christopher's growing maize business

*"I have been growing maize but had always underestimated the potential of collective marketing. By training us on how to harvest, dry and store maize, Build Africa has increased the returns we are getting."*

Christopher, VSLA member, Bukedea, Uganda

## How you can help

We have an ambitious goal. By 2018 we want to improve the quality of education and the livelihoods of more than a million people in rural Africa. It is only with the dedication and commitment of our supporters that we can reach this goal and provide the skills, knowledge and opportunities that the remote, under-resourced and overlooked communities we work with so desperately need.

### Support our projects and you will be making positive change possible today:

- make a donation, or set up a Direct Debit, and you can help us find long-term solutions to poverty, allowing children and their families to live happier, healthier and more productive lives
- sponsor our work through a child ambassador - [build-africa.org/sponsor-child](http://build-africa.org/sponsor-child)
- make a long-lasting impact by leaving a gift to Build Africa in your will - [build-africa.org/leave-a-gift](http://build-africa.org/leave-a-gift)

Or simply talk to us about how else you can help.

Thank you for your support.

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