

How you helped us create change in 2015

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Together, we make a great team

Your support in 2015 helped us do something special.

We worked together with children, teachers and parents to improve access to important early education in Uganda, and helped subsistence farmers grow their crops to not just provide for their families, but create a stable income as well.

Our work with vulnerable girls in Kwale, Kenya, also saw young women begin to feel safer, and communities work together to support their education. There's countless success stories from 2015, but we know none of them would have happened without the support of people like you.

Thank you.

In this issue:

How your money helps

Read about how your donations support our poverty-fighting projects in rural Kenya and Uganda.

Our success stories

We help children learn, and parents earn, so that together we can break the cycle of inequality.

Contact us

All our details if you want to get in touch.

How your money helps...

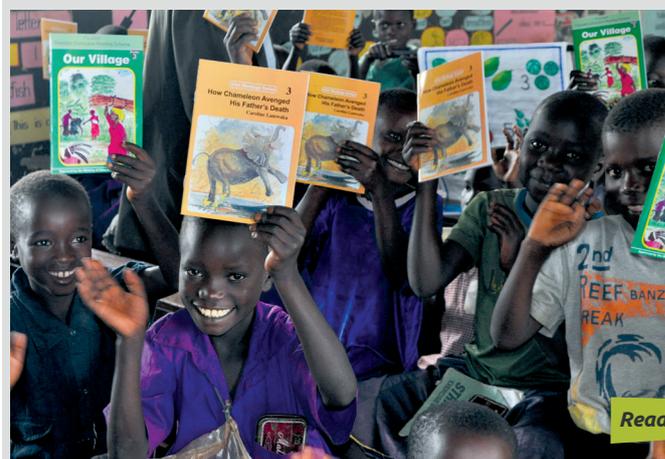


An early start

Our work to support young learners in Uganda saw the establishment of **45 mobile libraries in 15 schools** - each one fully stocked with the right literacy and numeracy books for vital pre-school education.

We also formed **36 parent clubs**, equipping parents who often didn't go to school themselves with the skills to nurture their children's learning at home.

Photos: Kizibu Junior Primary School, Kiryandongo, Uganda



Read on...

The seeds of change

Our Farmers' Network Project in Kenya helped create and connect **71 savings and loans groups**, enabling farmers to share knowledge, invest in their livelihoods and improve food security. We helped train **148 farmers in poultry keeping, 88 farmers in bee keeping and 40 farmers in dairy farming.**

Photos: Makongo Farmers' Network Demonstration Farm, Makongo, Kenya



Growing confident

83% of disadvantaged girls we worked with in coastal Kenya now demonstrate a **higher level of self-worth**, while **91%** now see themselves as a **positive role model.**

Photos: Fahamuni Primary School, Kwale, Kenya



Child protection

Our gender rights work with communities in Kwale, Kenya means that **63% of parents now know when, where and how to report child welfare concerns.**

Photos: Community training, Kwale, Kenya



Keeping safe

We're helping keep girls safe, too. **92%** of those we worked with on our Wasichana Project in Kenya now say they **feel better protected from violence** and abuse in their community.

Photos: Girls from Kwale Village, Kwale, Kenya



Teacher training

In Uganda, we teamed up with teacher networking group STIR to train **75 teachers at 15 schools to become 'Changemakers'** – giving them the tools to boost education in their communities.





Emmanuel from Kamuge Olinga Primary School, Uganda

Don't just take our word for it...

Read success stories
from the people
you helped us
support in 2015.

*"Build Africa supported our school this year by providing water tanks so we can harvest rain water. **We now have water for drinking, bathing and cleaning the classroom.** My hygiene is improved. I can wash my hands after visiting the toilet and before eating, which protects me from illness and disease.*

"I am also very happy for the girls, since they no longer have to miss lessons during their period. They can now keep clean during lessons, and this has made them compete with the boys."

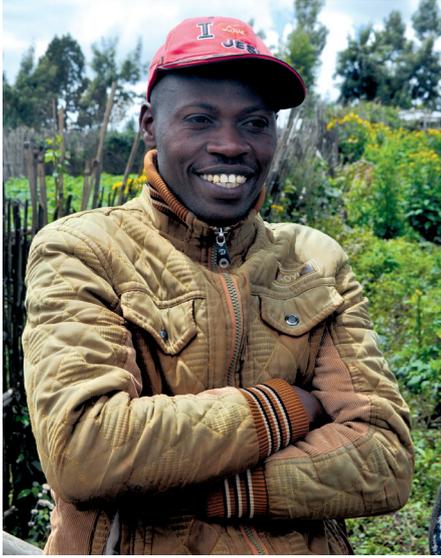
Emmanuel from Kamuge Olinga Primary School, Uganda. (See above picture)



"This year I joined a Build Africa girls' club in Kwale. I was happy to join the club and it has changed me and encouraged me to remain at school. In the club we have learned life skills, and been trained to be aware of the risks that make girls in my community to drop out of school. I have been inspired to stay at school and not to drop off like my older sisters. We are encouraged to be role models to other girls in the school.

"I have also noticed that the boys have changed and now respect the girls, they no longer bully us and laugh at us. The community is also appreciating girls' education, which was not common in my village. I am happy that now I can achieve my life dream of becoming a teacher."

Mgaza from Kalalani Primary School, Kenya



More success stories...

"I am very pleased with the changes that I have seen since Build Africa trained our village savings and loans group. We used to be unable to grow our income, but now I have seen my savings grow, and through loans I have started owning property – which was a dream back then. I now have a piece of land and cow, which are major assets in my community. I was also recent married.

"I am a better dairy farmer since I attended the training which taught me how to make cow feed. I can make quality feed and I am able to increase my profits from selling milk."

Samuel from Elburgon, Kenya

"This year Build Africa has helped us attend farming training at Baraka college, which has been very helpful in my farming career. I am now energized and have embarked on serious chicken farming. I am hopeful that by the end of next year I will have more than 2,000 birds.

"By selling more eggs I have been able to support my children who are in school and also provide for my family's needs."

David from Kagumu, Kenya



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