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# Habari



## Meeting our commitments to deliver life-changing projects

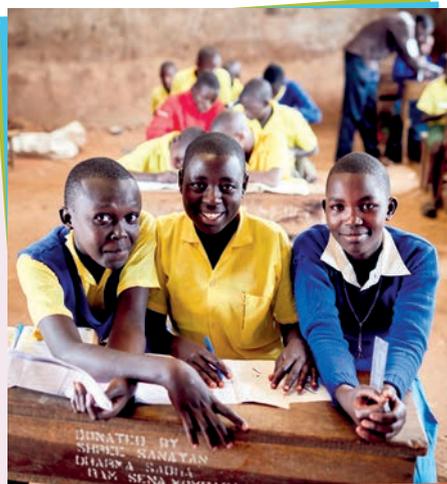
Your generous donations in 2016 enabled us to keep our promises to the children, teachers and parents that we're here to help.

We had successes last year and we're very proud of the fact that we supported almost 300 schools across Kenya and Uganda, impacting the lives of roughly 100,000 children, as well as several thousand teaching staff, parents and community members.

We faced challenges too. One of which, the falling value of the pound, made it more expensive for us to deliver our work in Kenya and Uganda. Despite this, we're as committed as ever to our mission helping rural communities change their lives and overcome the poverty they still encounter.

With your continued support we can make this a reality in 2017 and beyond.

**Thank you.**



## Also inside:

**Keeping children safe** – Read how we're tackling the every day health risks posed to children in rural Uganda by inadequate sanitation facilities at school.

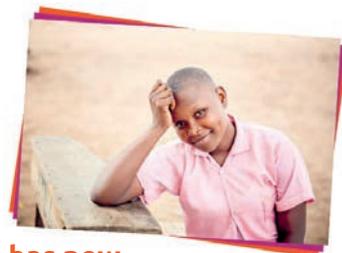
**Hear from who we're helping** – Read personal stories from some of the people we're helping.

**Fundraising challenge events** – We've got over 20 events to help you fundraise for Build Africa in 2017.

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## Appeal update

**Our BBC Radio 4 appeal has now raised a staggering £80,346.56!**



The campaign, which aired on 9 October 2016 and was fronted by BBC Woman's Hour presenter Jane Garvey, highlighted how a lack of sanitary protection was forcing many girls in rural Africa to miss out on school, and the important work Build Africa is undertaking to support them.

We have been absolutely amazed by the response from both our existing supporters and from Radio 4 listeners – this has been one of our most successful fundraising campaigns ever!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the appeal. We're overwhelmed by your generosity. Because of your support Build Africa can continue to knock down the barriers that prevent children in rural Africa from receiving a quality education.

**You can still listen to our appeal online. Go to [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) and search for 'Build Africa appeal'.**

We'll be catching up with Anna, who featured in the appeal, and other girls we're working with very soon. We look forward to sharing how your support has been put into action in the next edition of Habari.



## Keeping children safe

Pupils from Kawojan Primary School drinking water from the new tank

Last year on World Water Day we wrote to you about the health risks posed to children in rural Uganda by inadequate sanitation facilities at school.

**It is shocking that every day, 900 children die unnecessarily from illnesses caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation.\***



Girls in the new washroom at Kabwangasi Demonstration Primary School

Build Africa has been tackling these issues in 31 schools in Eastern Uganda and thanks to the support of our generous donors we're proud to share that 30,817 children now have access to clean water, hand washing facilities and child-friendly toilets that have a provision for children with disabilities.

We've also conducted life-skills training to educate children on the importance of good hygiene practices. Part of this work was to teach children to make soap. Hand-washing with soap is proven to reduce cases of diarrhoea (the second leading cause of death for children under five) by an incredible 50%.\*\*

### What we achieved:

- boreholes constructed at 14 schools and water committees trained to maintain the new boreholes
- 2 x 10,000l water tanks installed at six schools
- 8 water tanks rehabilitated
- 5 door latrines with hand washing facilities constructed at 29 schools
- washrooms built at 29 schools
- health clubs formed at 31 schools
- 37,125 pupils trained on best practice for personal hygiene, including making soap and low cost sanitary pads
- school management committees, teachers and parents trained to contribute to the improvement of the school environment and support changes

With access to safe drinking water on the school grounds, inclusive, child-friendly sanitation facilities and hygiene education pupils stay healthy, and healthy children can go to school and receive the education they are entitled to.

\* <http://www.wateraid.org/uk/what-we-do/the-crisis>

\*\* [http://www.unicef.org/wash/index\\_hygiene.html](http://www.unicef.org/wash/index_hygiene.html)



*"I used to miss class 3-5 days in the month while in my monthly period because there were no facilities like washroom and water to clean up.*

*The school learning environment has since 2015 improved, with the provision of a borehole and life skills training to pupils, unlike before when children could walk a distance of 2 km in search for water, only 10 latrine stances was in use and no hygiene like handwashing was practiced.*

*We the girls are comfortable in school and never miss any lessons because we don't have to walk a long distance to look for water now. The knowledge learnt through training and club activities are put in practice. All girls wash hands after visiting the latrine, the compound and classrooms are kept clean. We thank Build Africa for the good working in our school that has made teachers and parents more supportive to us by providing the materials to promote good sanitation and hygiene."*

**Annet, a member of the Health Club at Kawojan Primary School**

*"We are very happy for the project that brought us a borehole and sanitation facilities. We are able to access safe and clean water within the school unlike before when students could walk a distance of 2 kilometres to get water from the swamp which was shared by animals.*

*This could affect learning since children and teachers were falling sick of diseases like diarrhoea, typhoid and a lot of time was spent walking to get water hence missing classes and causing poor performance.*

*In 2013 our school almost closed due to inadequate sanitation facilities. There were only 5 latrine stances shared by a population of 1,370 teachers and pupils. The situation has since improved and children including teachers are enjoying learning. We now have more latrine stances and a borehole that provides water for drinking, cooking, cleaning the latrines, handwashing. Teachers are more supportive in educating children on hygiene and sanitation issues. The school administration is supportive and allocates budget to meet needs in the school like soap, pads, basins."*

**Mula Samson, senior Education Assistant at Nanoko Primary School**



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### **A special thank you**

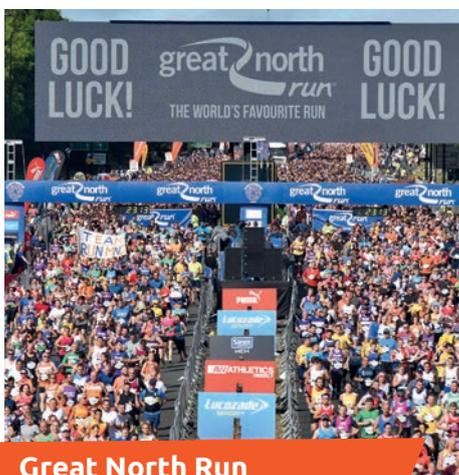
Build Africa received £207,612 of vital funding from the Big Lottery Fund in 2016 to help us support the learning of young pupils through our Improving Learning and Education Attainment in Primary (ILEAP) project in Eastern Uganda.

With this funding, Build Africa is working with more than 38,000 children in 40 primary schools to ensure they have the fundamental reading and writing skills that underpin all learning and will enable them to get the most from their education.

# Our challenge events

Two feet or two wheels; however you like your challenges, we have guaranteed places in over 20 different events for you to put yourself to the test and be a champion for change in 2017.

If you're interested in taking part in any events for Build Africa, visit [build-africa.org/events](http://build-africa.org/events) or email [events@build-africa.org.uk](mailto:events@build-africa.org.uk)



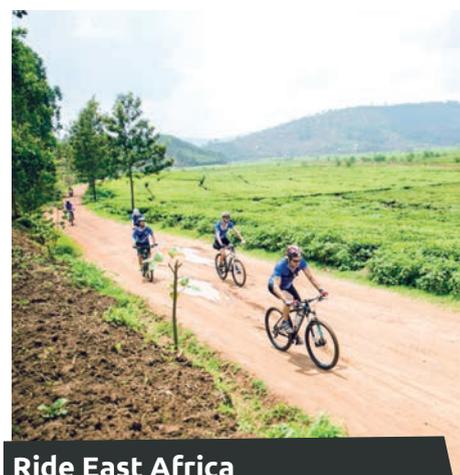
**Great North Run**  
Sunday 10 September 2017

Join the largest half marathon in the world for 13.1 miles through the Newcastle city centre to South Shields.



**Royal Parks Half Marathon**  
Sunday 8 October 2017

Take in the capital's world-famous landmarks and four of London's eight Royal Parks - Hyde Park, The Green Park, St James's Park and Kensington Gardens - in this stunning central London half marathon.



**Ride East Africa**  
18 November - 2 December 2017

Experience some of Africa's most epic and beguiling landscapes on this exhilarating cycle challenge from Africa's highest mountain to the volcanoes that separate Rwanda from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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