



Build Africa

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Improved schools will give children like Denis
the chance of a better future

Build a School 2009 in Uganda and Kenya

This year Build Africa will improve the quality of education in 49 primary schools across Kenya and Uganda through the 'Build a School' project.

Construct a school

Twenty six schools will be transformed, providing a safe and comfortable learning environment. This includes the construction of 55 classrooms, nine classroom renovations, 73 toilets, 14 teachers' offices and the provision of 1,281 desks.

Support a school

As well as the 26 schools above, Build Africa will support a further 23 schools (that have recently benefited from the construction of new classrooms) to develop teaching, learning and management to ensure children receive a good education. This includes teacher training, provision of text books and science kits, training of the school management, sport and play opportunities

Community-led

Community involvement is at the heart of our approach. At each of the 49 schools Build Africa works with parents and the wider community to identify the school needs and planning and maintenance. The community will also take responsibility for monitoring teaching standards, enrolment, attendance and performance of their children.

How schools are developed through Build Africa

- Remote schools that receive little or no support from the government are prioritised.
- Build Africa supports and trains the teachers, parents, community leaders and district education office to collect and analyse performance data and assesses the infrastructure and how the school is resourced. A three-year plan is produced by the community, with our support and training, to prioritise developments and identify activities that will have the greatest impact.

- An annual school review monitors how the school is performing, taking into account the quality of teaching, effectiveness of the school management and involvement of parents.

The impact of the Build a School project includes:

- improving the quality of education by equipping children with the knowledge and skills they need for improved health, and opportunities to run a business or further studies
- significantly increasing the number of children attending school
- strengthening the management capacity of the school and teachers' performance to develop education standards for the future
- multiplier effect amongst neighbouring schools who copy this model of school development.

Additional benefits of the Build a School programme include:

- gender equality being integrated into everything we do. This includes a focus within teacher training, parent meetings and in the development of the school. We are also promoting the right of girls to get an education through radio broadcasts
- protecting a child's health with the focus on HIV prevention. This includes training peer educators and running health clubs in all schools.



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Pupils at one of the schools we are supporting



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