

BUILDING FUTURES

MANACA SCHOOL PROJECT



WHAT IS BUILDING FUTURES?

We're an NGO based in Lusaka, Zambia and we have a passion for improving the lives of underprivileged children.

Children are, after all, the future and a good education prepares them for it in many ways.

Around Zambia, community schools provide education for those who, for a variety of reasons, don't have access to state education. A large part of our work is refurbishing these schools - giving them a makeover. Schools that are likely to be underfunded and oversubscribed. Buildings are often in poor condition and the school might lack basic teaching resources and equipment such as books or pens.

We also love to interact with the kids, inspire them and have fun! We do so much more

than just build things.

Our approach is to be holistic and sustainable. When we work in a community we involve the whole community and try to understand their needs and problems before we dive in. We also like to make changes that have a lasting effect.

We visit a potential school many times before the project starts to meet the staff, community and pupils, to make plans and take measurements.

Our team is made up of Zambians, international volunteers and anyone else who shares our passion. As a small and dynamic team we love bringing a fresh approach to charity. Using social media and online videos allows us to spread the good news of our work far and wide and reach



supporters all over the world. It also allows us to thank those same supporters by giving their generosity the exposure it deserves.

Our support comes from donations of both money and building materials. We also undertake commercial building projects to raise funds. As a small organisation, we have few overheads and donations are used very efficiently.

Our next project is Manaca Community School near Lusaka. Could you help us to build better futures for these children?

MANACA SCHOOL

Manaca is a community school on the outskirts of Lusaka in the Lusaka West area. It was started by its dedicated principal and founder who provided the chicken house on her property to help educate local children who were unable to attend the crowded government school nearby.

In spite of its humble beginnings the school has grown to cater for almost 300 local children who come from up to 5km away to receive lessons in all of the standard school subjects. Staffed by 5 teachers, the school offers a very high standard of education with the majority of students in each class achieving sufficiently to move on to the next grade each year.

Unfortunately, the school is badly in need of some



renovation. The floor is falling apart and the roof and windows leak meaning that during the rainy season water comes in, disrupting lessons. With around 50 children in any of the classrooms at one time, they are extremely cramped with up to 5 children occupying a desk made for 2.

Many of the desks are in poor condition and the school has a general shortage of teaching resources and basic equipment such as textbooks,

exercise books and pens. The teachers informed us that many children struggle to concentrate, often arriving hungry at school. With many maize farmers in the area we saw the perfect opportunity to bring the community together to instigate a feeding programme.

Lastly, the pit-toilets that currently serve the school are almost full meaning there is a pressing need for a new sanitation solution.

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THE PRESENT

THE FUTURE

Pit toilet almost full

Open windows let in rain

Leaking roof

Ground muddy during rainy season

Floor cracked and broken

Classrooms small and overcrowded

Staff toilet and shower broken and unusable

New toilet block with staff facilities

New glass windows

New concrete floor

New roofing sheets

Colourful paint

Entrance covers to keep rain out

Raised entrance to prevent mud indoors

Additional classroom for future expansion

Whole school extended by 50%

MANACA IN PICTURES



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

DONATE TOOLS OR MATERIALS

1

Help us by contributing the tools and materials we need for the project.

DONATE FUNDS

2

Help us by contributing money to buy building materials, school equipment and over other costs.

VOLUNTEER

3

Join us during the make-over and get your hands dirty!

By choosing to support this project you'll be ensuring better education, and therefore a better future, for the 300 kids currently attending Manaca School and the hundreds or thousands of others who will attend it in future years. It's a lasting legacy for the children of Lusaka West.

On the left are a few of the ways you can help us but we're certainly open to ideas. If you can think of another way to get involved, please get in touch. Our contact details are on the back page of this brochure - you can email, phone or find us on facebook.

We believe in thanking any individual or organisation that helps us by giving their good deed plenty of exposure. If you or your company would benefit from some good

publicity, we'd like to give you lots of it.

We'll display your logo prominently on any marketing material we produce, including this brochure. This might include posters, flyers and desk calendars. We'll also put your logo on our website.

We're planning to make a reality TV-style series of videos about the makeover and your organisation could feature prominently. We'll be circulating the videos far and wide on the internet and have plans to approach Zambian TV companies.

There will also be tonnes of photos! Why not come down for a photo shoot and make yourself a part of this exciting event.

WHAT WE NEED

These are some of the building materials and other items we're looking to obtain for the project:

- Cement
- River Sand
- Building Sand
- Building stones
- Blocks
- Flat Stones
- Plaster
- Force Wire
- Door Frames x 6 large and 5 toilet (Steel)
- Window frames
- Red Bricks (windows)
- Glass
- Roofing sheets
- Pipes/Beams
- Timber
- Doors (Mukwa) - main building
- Doors (Flash) - toilets
- Wood preservative
- Blackboards
- Notice boards
- Padlocks
- Self Tapping screws
- Nails - steel & wire
- Roofing nails
- Wires
- Paint
- Air vents
- Toilet pans
- Baisins
- Taps
- Pipes
- Tiles (office floor and toilet)
- Tilefix
- Filler
- Shower head + pipes
- Swings, roundabouts, seesaws, slides, climbing frames

THANKS FOR READING

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our project and we hope you are excited about it as we are.

If you need any more information or clarification, or would like to meet with us, please don't hesitate to get in contact using any of the details on the back of this brochure.

Thank you again and we hope to see you soon.

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HOW WE CAN HELP YOU



We'll shout about your support to our large following on facebook.



Be part of our reality-TV style video series.



Bring your team down to feature in our Manaca photo-shoots.

THANK YOU



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