ANNUAL REVIEW 2016-17
IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA

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2016-17 saw new challenges for Link which were met with great success, such as the landmark completion of our Girls’ Education Challenge project in rural Ethiopia. Our focus on school improvement continues, and in Malawi we are developing tools to standardise a country-wide approach. We continue to enable communities to support schools and learning. In Ghana, we helped out of school children return to mainstream education and in Uganda learning improved through teaching in the local language, Lugungu. We also prepared to launch a new partnership with the government of Rwanda, reaching new communities.

I thank Link’s staff for their dedication and expertise, the trustees for their guidance, our government partners and schools, and the individuals, companies, trusts and major donors who support us to improve the life-chances of some of the most vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Alasdair Beaton
Chair of Trustees

Education & Poverty

420 million people worldwide would be lifted out of poverty with a secondary education.*

Each extra year of schooling increases an individual’s earnings by up to 10%.*

A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to live past the age of five.*

If all mothers completed primary education, maternal deaths would be reduced by two-thirds, saving 189,000 lives.*

Over 120,000 community members involved in school improvement plans

*Global Partnership for Education
Theory of Change

Planning, leadership, supervision and data management → Strengthening school management

Accountability, advocacy, participation and governance → Promoting community engagement

Capacity building, sustainable material development, mentoring and support → Building teaching quality

Support for the vulnerable → Challenging inequalities

Safer, child-friendly spaces → Improved learning environments

Improved Learning
Link Community Development works to transform education for children and communities through innovative, low-cost and replicable models. We work directly with government staff, district education officers, communities and schools for more effective teaching, improved school management and increased community engagement.

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OUR IMPACT

MALAWI

- After working with us, 85% of Headteachers said their school has an effective improvement plan, up from 23%, and 86% of community members thought the local community is effectively involved in school management compared to just 22% before.*

- Community engagement approaches rolled out across the country to get more parents involved in reading with their children as part of the National Reading Programme.*

UGANDA

- Literacy levels improved through School Performance Review, teacher training and mentoring, and involving communities in school planning.

- Children were taught through letter sounds achieving transformational improvement in reading and writing.

WE WORKED WITH APPROX. 389,000 CHILDREN ACROSS 5,865 SCHOOLS

*Link Midline Report
**ETHIOPIA**

- 20,250 books distributed to aid literacy.*

- Girls’ education project saw 197% increase in literacy and 301% increase in numeracy.*

*Link Endline Report

**GHANA**

- 1,590 children re-integrated into school after dropping out.

‘Now the community believes that the female students’ problem is not lack of capacity, but opportunity.’

- Teacher, Ethiopia
Rwanda

This year we laid the groundwork to launch our partnership with the Ministry of Education in Rwanda to support its school improvement planning cycle. We will start in 2017-18 by working with 28 schools in the Nyaruguru district.

Thank you

None of this would be possible without our supporters, large and small. Every single penny helps to transform lives in sub-Saharan Africa. We would particularly like to thank the following major donors.
Financial Overview

Income 2016-2017

- £406K
- £35K
- £1143K
- £90K
- £15K

Expenditure 2016-2017

- £284K
- £68K
- £1211K
- £35K

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98p of every £1 is spent directly on our life-changing programmes

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