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Build It has been working in Zambia since 2007, and it is led and managed by highly experienced Zambian and international professionals.

We understand the Zambian context. We have established effective partnerships and networks. We know how to get things done. Our carefully considered approach focuses on genuinely sustainable and measured impact on the lives of some of Zambia’s poorest and yet brightest young minds.

‘As a trustee, I know that Build It is a professionally run charity that is focused on making a tangible impact. Build It make a big difference to the lives of some of the world’s poorest people.’

Andrew Sentance, Senior Economic Adviser at PwC, former external member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England from 2006 to 2011, and Build It Trustee and supporter

did you know? In Zambia...

80% have no regular income

Source: World Bank 2017
In order to achieve our goal we need to raise £9m from 2017-2021

We could sit back and admire our achievements but we realise that standing still is not an option. We have a model that is proven but we are only scratching the surface in terms of meeting the needs.

Build It’s dream is an Africa in which everyone has the opportunity to work and thrive. We know that this won’t happen unless its people have the education, skills and support to benefit from opportunities that a growing continent provides.

Having laid the foundations for growth, we want to take a bold leap forward. We are compelled to step up our response by the stark need and the enthusiasm of the communities, trainees, staff, board members and supporters. Between 2017 and 2021 our aim is to double our investment in Zambia. We have earned the right to be ambitious.

64% live below the poverty line
Source: World Bank 2017
65% are under the age of 24 years

Source: UNICEF 2017
For the majority, life is a daily struggle for survival, characterised by limited access to the basic services that we take for granted; education, health and basic sanitation.

Many of Zambia’s children and young people are being forgotten. They are falling through the cracks of the education system and without qualifications or useful skills, their prospects are extremely limited.

The Zambian Government has demonstrated its commitment to provide qualified teachers and clinical staff where we have built classrooms and health facilities.

‘Build It’s on the job training combined with basic entrepreneurial skills creates a skilled, enlightened and economically empowered youth who can impact positively on national development...’

His Excellency Muyeba Chikonde Head of Mission at the Zambian High Commission in London, pictured with Andrew Jowett, CEO

Zambia.

30% don’t complete primary education

Source: UNICEF 2017
My life has completely changed.

James Simpungwe was trained as a builder and helped build Kabaka’s first school.

‘Our life was very tough and we all depended on farming. Sometimes our children could only have one meal a day. My life has completely changed since then. We are saving to build a house. Build It gave us knowledge and skills that no one can take away, I am now a professional builder...’
I now have a bank account and am able to save...

Miriam was desperate to move on from living on just £10 each month, and a hand-to-month existence. She trained with Build It at Kawama where she helped to build the secondary school. Track forward to now and you will discover a confident woman who co-owns a construction company that is winning contracts. She no longer worries about paying her children’s school fees, as the monthly family income now averages £200.
Kabaka was a rural community with a make shift thatched school and 1 teacher. In 2013 Build It transformed the community, building a new 3 classroom school, latrines, a teacher’s house and providing access to clean water. The number of pupils doubled and they now have 6 trained teachers, whilst the community of 3000 is thriving with an orchard, shops, a bus service and a football team.
With our approach now tested and refined, and our impact well-documented, we want to take a bold leap into the future.

By 2021 we want to double our investment in Zambia to increase the number of young people we train to 460 annually.

Some of Build It’s achievements.

- We have completed 41 community projects including primary and secondary schools and health clinics
- We have trained 640 unemployed young men and women
- Build It graduates dramatically increase their lifetime earnings by more than 100%*

*Based on 2017 Impact Study

Education and training are the keys to unlocking endless opportunities.

Skills and knowledge are the foundations upon which we all build careers, families and communities, our confidence and even our identities. And yet, millions of young people around the world are denied access to even the most basic schooling or skills training.

Build It trains builders, carpenters, painters and more. We have pioneered a simple and highly effective model which is enabling hundreds of unemployed young people to learn essential building skills, and at the same time help to build vital schools and clinics for thousands of children. An increasing number of construction skills trainees are graduating from our Centre for Excellence in Lusaka.
We need to raise £9m over the next four years. We already have £2.25m secured.

‘As a founding donor and member of the appeal committee and having seen the work for myself, I know that with Build It International we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to create something significant for generations to come.’

Stephen Gosztony

Join us to build brighter futures.

We need more people to come forward to help us achieve our vision: to join with us and help over 150,000 people on their journey out of poverty. We know that together, individuals can make an amazing difference. This is your opportunity to change the lives of the next generation in Zambia.

Naming opportunities are available to say thank you to our supporters for their generosity. Our capital building projects and training courses offer opportunities for you to name a building, training course, or scholarship.

Thousands of young people and their communities in Zambia are enjoying brighter futures thanks to Build It’s work since 2007.

Please help us to reach another 150,000 people by 2021.
It will cost **£9 million** over 5 years to train **500%** more young builders of which **£3.5 million** is to fund building costs. We have already secured **25%** towards our target*.

*January 2018

Here’s how you can help.

**£1 million**

Will fund the completion of the Centre for Excellence to include:
- Further Learning Plazas,
- Multi-function hall,
- Graduate Resource Centre, and offices to deliver 25,000 person training days each year by 2021.

**£450,000**

Women into Work

Will train **300** women, at a cost of £1,500 per person, with a trade – to earn a living for ever!

**£150,000**

Will fund a Community School to include:
- 3 classrooms,
- latrines and a staff house.

**£80,000**

Learning Plaza

A bespoke learning space at the Centre for Excellence for training, teaching, bricklaying and other trade skills to groups of 20 trainees at a time.

**£45,000**

Solar power at the Centre for Excellence site

To fund the Generation of electricity for the whole Centre for Excellence site to demonstrate potential, save costs and improve reliability.

**£30,000**

Painting, bricklaying or carpentry scholarships for 20 young people

Will fund a full cohort of 20 unemployed young men & women to complete our Training into Work programme and gain a skill for life.

**£26,000**

Sponsor a new skills course

To fund the design, set up and pilot one of our new training courses – either plastering, plumbing or tiling.

**£22,000**

School latrines (loos)

To fund clean water and toilet facilities for a school or health clinic.

**£12,000**

Will sponsor a Trainer for a year

To fund the cost of a trainer for a year and includes Justus, Daniel and BuildIt’s expanding training team.

These are indicative costs only as prices will vary depending on exchange rates and local materials.