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ACE Africa Vision

Communities which have the capacity and will to provide a sustainable, supportive and caring environment in which children can develop to their full potential.

Values

- Every child has a right to love, shelter, food, health, education, freedom of thought and expression and to realize their full potential
- Children should as far as possible, and where appropriate, be cared for and supported within their own communities in a culturally relevant manner
- People and children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS have a right to live a full life, free from discrimination, isolation and fear
- Long term commitment to specific communities
- Communities and local and government partners are responsible for and able to fully participate and collaborate in the sustained provision of welfare services



Abbreviations

AIDS Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome , **ARV** Anti Retroviral Treatment, **CSW** Commercial Sex Worker, **CT** Counselling and Testing, **CtC** Child to Child Health Education, **CBO** Community Based Organisation, **HIV** Human Immunodeficiency Virus , **IGA** Income Generating Activity, **NGO** Non Governmental Organisation, **OVC** Orphans and Vulnerable Children, **STI** Sexually Transmitted Infection, **PLWA** People Living with HIV and AIDS

ACE Africa Mission

ACE Africa promotes sustainable development in rural communities in Africa to improve livelihoods and help alleviate poverty. ACE Africa works in areas where HIV is prevalent and there are high numbers of orphans and vulnerable children. The long term approach involves the commitment and participation of each community, partners and local government to achieve self-sufficiency in food and economic security, rights protection, health, and education.

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“There is transparency in the way ACE Africa carries out its activities compared with other organizations. It involves the community and its leaders without favouring any party. It trains the community members in lifelong skills.”

Stella Kibwana, HIV and AIDS Coordinator, CACC, Arusha Region, Tanzania

ACE Africa Profile 2011

ACE Africa was established in response to the overwhelming impact of HIV and AIDS on rural communities, the increasing number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the lack of community resources to support them.

ACE Africa works at the grassroots in remote, rural areas of Kenya and Tanzania where poverty and HIV and AIDS are rife. Research led, the programme addresses the short term emergency needs and longer term social, cultural and

economic issues that impact the lives of children, particularly those affected by HIV and AIDS. Ultimately, comprehensive and community led support systems are developed and sustained without needing support from ACE Africa in the future. Focusing on four thematic areas, the long term programme is designed to be scaled up in other areas of Africa.

ACE Africa comprises **ACE Africa (UK)** and **ACE Africa (USA)** which provide funds and technical support to the implementing partners, **ACE Africa (Kenya)** and **ACE Africa (Tanzania)**.

2011 Total Beneficiaries

Direct: 244,739 Indirect: 489,478

At an average cost of £3.50 per direct beneficiary

2003 - 2011 Cumulative Total Beneficiaries:

Direct: 493,861 Indirect: 987,722

Beneficiaries

People Living with HIV and AIDS, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Guardians, Young people and Community Support Groups

Partners Government: 60
Private and NGOs: 120

Staff Total: 43

Volunteers

Community Volunteers: 3,303

2011 Expenditure

£632,000



"We really appreciate how your research team works. But more so, the experience during our visits to your projects shows why ACE is a leading organisation. The projects are not only transforming lives, but the beneficiaries themselves are the change agents."

Misganaw Eticha, Executive Director, Stand for Vulnerable, Ethiopia

ACE Africa Kenya 2011



Bungoma, Western Province, Kenya

Project stage: Year 8

Staff: 25 Office Volunteers: 9 Community Volunteers: 1,726 Community Support Groups: 68
Direct Beneficiaries: 169,912 (83,764 OVC, 22,683 PLWA, 63,465 others)
Indirect Beneficiaries: 339,824

Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries September 2003 – December 2011: 390,502

Siaya, Nyanza Province, Kenya

Project stage: Year 6

Staff: 9 Office Volunteers: 7 Community Volunteers: 990 Community Support Groups: 38
Direct Beneficiaries: 54,412 (22,859 OVC, 20,673 PLWA and 10,880 others)
Indirect Beneficiaries: 108,804

Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries September 2006 – December 2011: 69,444

Message from ACE Africa Executive Director **Augustine Wasonga**

This year has been a tough year in Kenya. The country faced the worst drought in over two decades along with a rapid decline in the Kenyan Shilling which contributed to inflation rates of over 25% and dramatic price increases in all commodities. Rising inflation has meant that it has been very difficult to keep salaries in pace with Kenyan prices, and ACE Africa is very conscious of the importance of retaining its dedicated team of staff, who have been patient.

Inflation has also had a direct impact on our programming and the lives of our beneficiaries, as crop production has faltered, funds for basic household needs have diminished and the demand for more direct aid has increased. However, due to strong collaboration of community groups and partners, the reach of ACE Africa continued to increase.

2011 saw the beginning of a three year relationship with the Stars Foundation after receiving the Stars Foundation 2010 Africa and Middle East Award in the category of health. Their grant has benefited our Child Welfare and Counselling programmes this year and we are very grateful for their support. ACE Africa continued to

share its programme with more partners locally and internationally and was invited to South Sudan to train community members in agriculture and nutrition as part of our Community Livelihoods Initiative sharing. We were also invited to train teachers in the Child to Child methodology in Uganda by SEK Education Trust and to give research and programming training to Stand for Vulnerable (SVO) in Ethiopia, courtesy of Duke University. We have also built new partnerships and strengthened old ones with Child to Child, Childline Kenya, Girl Child Network, KANCO, and Western Province Child Protection Network among others.

The ACE Africa (Kenya) fundraising evening was held in Kisumu in April 2011 with individuals, companies and NGO partners attending; the evening raised KShs. 265,000 (£2,208) and increased awareness of the work of ACE Africa in the region.

As our core programming grant with Comic Relief drew to an end in June 2011, we received a further grant to conduct an External Evaluation across all our sites, useful research to inform future programmes. We were also delighted to have confirmation of the continuation of the Duke University Positive Outcomes for Orphans Research Study for a further 5 years. Confirmed funding from our long term donors The Egmont Trust, JJ and Ashden Charitable Trusts and Vital Charitable Trust has provided much needed continued support to enable our programmes here to grow and benefit more vulnerable families.

Augustine Wasonga, Executive Director & Founder

ACE Africa Tanzania 2011

Arusha, Tanzania

Project stage: Year 3

Staff: 9 Office Volunteers: 1

Community Volunteers: 587

Community Support Groups: 25

Direct Beneficiaries: 20,425

(8,579 OVC, 7,762 PLWA, 4,084 Others)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 40,850

Cumulative Total Direct Beneficiaries

September July 2008 – December 2011: 33,915



Message from Founder and TZ Director **Joanna Waddington**

This year, whilst we have had to weather the declining economic climate, high inflation rates and continued drought, the ACE Africa (TZ) programme has continued to grow from strength to strength.

In 2011, due to high local demand, our programme has expanded into two neighbouring wards in the Arusha region. This is testimony to the increasing commitment and participation of community members and government partners. Relationships with local government have also been strengthened with their increased visits to project sites and acknowledgement at the district level of our contribution towards improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

Whilst the drought has impacted on regular crop production, the introduction of alternative farming techniques has been positively accepted and replicated e.g. sack and tyre gardens at community and demonstration gardens. In addition, training in group management and budgeting has enabled some community groups to access locally devolved funds to implement their activities. Our partnerships both

locally and internationally have increased as our visibility and reputation here in Tanzania has grown. A representative from ACE Africa (TZ) was invited to attend an International Conference in Dar es Salaam organised by Save the Children on Gender Based Violence and Child protection.

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Hazel Taylor from the Vitol Charitable Foundation and also to join her in a visit to Mwanza to learn and share experiences with their partner organisations in the region. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our donors and partners including the Egmont Trust, Vitol Charitable Foundation, JJ and Ashden Charitable Trust, Destiny of A Child, the Child to Child Trust, Child Reach International and our many other individual and corporate supporters locally and internationally. We very much look forward to working together on exciting new opportunities to extend our work to reach more vulnerable people in the region in the future.

Joanna Waddington,
ACE Africa CEO & Founder

ACE Africa UK 2011

Message from ACE Africa UK Director **Samantha Kite**

2011 was a very challenging year for ACE Africa (UK) due to the tough economic climate which continues to impact charitable giving. Despite this, ACE Africa (UK) has secured new institutional grants, increased our trust fund support and seen a small increase in unrestricted income.

ACE Africa (UK) launched the ACE Ambassador programme which encourages supporters to become actively involved in fundraising and promoting the work of ACE Africa in their work, home and school communities. Many new ambassadors provided wonderful auction and raffle prizes at our annual gala dinner ranging from a unique helicopter trip to a luxury holiday in Thailand. This year's Olympic-themed dinner 'Going for Gold' was compèred by Paddy O'Connell and featured a team of sports personalities in an entertaining spoof of 'It's a Question of Sport', with teams headed up by Andrew Castle and Darren Gough. The sell-out event raised over £55,000, providing a significant boost to our unrestricted funds. Other fundraising events included our annual Quiz Night in June, involving nearly 30 teams and raising an impressive £7,500 and the British 10k London Run where our 20 runners collectively raised almost £10,000.

This year we were delighted to welcome Lizzy Epsley to the UK team as our Fundraising Officer. After visiting our programmes in Kenya and Tanzania for a month to see the work of ACE Africa first hand, she has greatly assisted us in our grant applications and donor relations. Our part time Finance Officer Philips Obi left us to continue his studies and we were joined by Ade Ajibade who took on his role.

We have improved ACE's social networking and communications by increasing our Twitter followers from

30 last year to 300 this year, and with regular updates on Facebook, Wikipedia and our website news channels, our profile continues to grow. This year, the ACE Africa UK Board of Trustees saw several changes, with Ben Morton stepping down after many years as Chairman, and Mike Hammond being welcomed in as our new Chairman at the beginning of the year. Other new board members included Chad Lion-Cachet, Derek Walmsley and John Collenette. Huge thanks to Lockton Companies for providing our pro-bono offices and to all our volunteers and individual supporters, who help us keep our administration costs low and contribute towards our events. A huge thank you to you all for your continued support.

Samantha Kite
ACE Africa UK Director



“During our day with ACE Africa we visited both projects and beneficiaries supported by the charity. It has been a great experience for both of us and we look forward to supporting future ACE events.”

UK Supporter Events 2011

London 10k Run – The London 10k Run is always a popular event with ACE Africa supporters and last year a team of 20 donned their trainers and took to the streets, raising a fantastic £10,000 between them. Runners of all abilities, from the super speedy to the more relaxed runner enjoyed the route, the last six miles of the marathon. A brilliant way to soak up the summer atmosphere and crowds of supporters without actually having to run a full 26 miles! If you think you may be interested in taking part in the run this year, Sunday 8th July 2012, please do take a look at our website for further details.



Family Fundraising – Long-time supporters of ACE Africa, the Howards got the whole family involved in a variety of fundraising activities. Lynne Howard has been busy raising money by making her delicious homemade marmalade and salad dressings, which she sells to friends. In addition she organised a tennis lunch in aid of ACE Africa, and between the two fantastic efforts she managed to raise £2,000 to support our programmes. Jenny Howard ran a stall at her childrens school fete, raising over £1,000. Jenny's husband, Phil Howard, owner and chef at the acclaimed restaurant The Square encouraged colleague James Forsyth to run in the London Marathon, raising over £2,000. This year Phil will be taking on the London Marathon himself! The Daniels and Dwyer families also continue their tireless efforts to raise funds and awareness of ACE Africa's work.

Other Fundraising Challenges – Caroline Lane and Daniel Smith braved the rain and took part in the Coast to Coast Challenge, cycling 140 miles and raising over £750. The ACE Africa Liverpool University Society have organised a range of fundraisers over the past year including a Santa Run, cake sale and screening of a film 'A Small Act'. Please let us know if you would like to fundraise for ACE Africa!

Kilimanjaro Climbers – Trekking to the summit of Africa's highest mountain remains a popular choice of fundraising challenges with ACE Africa supporters. Within the last year several supporters have climbed Kili and raised funds for ACE. Recently, John Munday and James Courtney scaled Kili's heights and raised over £4,000. Whilst they were in Tanzania, they took the opportunity to spend an afternoon visiting the Arusha project sites with ACE Africa staff Anthon and George. We are thrilled to be partnering again with 'Destiny of a Child' on 'Climbing for Children and Building for Change' in January 2013. Contact us to find out more about taking part in our Kilimanjaro summit trek or a join a team of volunteers building classrooms at schools near Arusha, Tanzania



Schools support – UK Director, Samantha Kite, was invited by Headmistress, Kate Prest, to give a talk to the children at The Merlin School, Putney about the work of ACE Africa. All of the children had drawn beautiful envelopes for the Harvest Festival with donations for ACE Africa. At the end of the assembly, ACE was presented with a cheque for £1,857.90. A big thank you to all the children, parents and staff at The Merlin School, and also to Max Rogers and Tower House School, Putney for their tremendous fundraising efforts.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two highly valued members of ACE Africa staff, who very sadly passed away at the beginning of 2012. Both Abraham and Betty were dedicated members of the ACE Africa team since 2005. They are hugely missed by their colleagues, partners and friends. Our thoughts continue to be with the young families they left behind and their relations.



Abraham Nakhisa

Abraham, or Abra, as he was affectionately known was the Administrative and Logistics Officer in Bungoma, Kenya Head Office. He worked closely on a daily basis with Executive Director Augustine Wasonga, the management team and the staff. He will be remembered fondly by all his colleagues, for his cheerful personality, generosity and honesty. He was deeply dedicated to ACE Africa and was efficient and reliable. His support of the vulnerable extended beyond work as he helped many others in the Bungoma community where he was born and brought up.

Abra died in tragic circumstances on 2nd February 2012 and leaves behind a young widow who is expecting their second child and Faith, their four year old daughter. ACE Africa has established a trust to ensure his family will be provided for in the future.

Betty Agolla

Betty Agolla was our Child Welfare Officer in Bungoma who sadly passed away on 11th March 2012. She had battled with tuberculosis for some time and ultimately lost the fight. Betty was passionate about children and the work of ACE Africa. Starting her career with ACE Africa in the Finance Department, she moved to the Child Welfare Department in 2010. Betty was a hard working and dedicated member of the team who was fastidious about her work and her appearance!

She leaves behind her husband, two sons aged 9 years and 7 years and a two week old baby girl. ACE Africa will ensure they get the appropriate care and support they need in the future. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends.

Thematic Area One Community Livelihoods

The ACE Africa Community Livelihoods Initiative is a 'whole community' approach towards improving and sustaining food, nutrition and economic security in resource poor areas. ACE Africa creates nutritional awareness, conducts training and further value-added skills development with community groups, schools and individuals to engage the entire community in food production and economic enterprises.

1. AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION

INPUTS

- Training individuals, children and groups in sustainable, organic methods of farming
- Training community agriculture and nutrition mentors
- Providing start-up seeds, tools and technical support

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ In 2011, 3,547 community members were trained by ACE Africa on sustainable farming practices and they established 2,909 gardens supporting 17,451 people with regular nutritious food
- ✓ 5,331 community members trained by other members of their community, 75% of whom have established their own kitchen gardens and are supporting 23,988 people with regular nutritious food

IMPACT

- ✓ Since 2004, a total of 14,275 community members have been trained in Agriculture and Nutrition, 82% of whom have acquired these skills by learning from ACE trainees. Their 7,502 kitchen gardens have benefitted 194,499 children and their families with a variety of nutritious food.

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- All trainees with active kitchen gardens are producing at least 5 vegetable varieties
- 40% of trainees have diversified their food sources leading to increased household food and economic security
- 62% of trainees are selling surplus crops to support OVC

"Community volunteers trained by ACE are instrumental in bringing change, especially in sustainable organic agriculture. They are more than willing to volunteer their services to train others in the community."

John Wandeti, Nalondo, Bungoma

Adoption, scale up and sustainability: The direct training and long term approach promotes the cost-effective sharing of skills with thousands of other households who benefit from improved livelihoods through peer learning.



£23 - ACE Africa trains 1 community member in Agriculture and Nutrition and provides start-up seeds. He or she establishes 1 household garden



ACE trainee trains 5 neighbours and provides them with start-up seeds from his seed bank. They establish 5 individual gardens providing food to 25 household members



Each community trainee, trains 2 neighbours and provides them with start up seeds from their seed banks. They establish 10 individual gardens providing food to 50 household members.

"The Agriculture and Nutrition training has helped us to know how to manage pests and disease using organic farming techniques, now we can harvest more food from our gardens to feed our children"

Idaya Ally, Trainee, Kimnyaki, Arusha

The number of people with improved food security and REGULARLY accessing nutritious food in ACE Africa project sites has increased from 1,077 in 2004 to 54,928 in 2011



Initiatives (CLI)

ACE Africa works with the most vulnerable people in communities - 80% of group members are women, 80% of whom are widows and 60% HIV positive

2. INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

INPUTS

- Training community groups in business skills & project management
- Training groups in nutrition based income generating activities including the production of flour, soya products, fish farms, poultry and dairy goat rearing, environmentally friendly rocket stoves and horticulture
- Providing start-up materials and technical support

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ In 2011, 109 Community Groups comprising 2,739 members were involved in Income Generating Activities supporting 31,139 children and vulnerable people

IMPACT

- ✓ Since 2004, a total of 14,275 community members have been trained in Agriculture and Nutrition, 82% of whom have acquired these skills by learning from ACE trainees. Their 7,502 kitchen gardens have benefitted 194,499 children and their families with a variety of nutritious food.

“The ACE Africa supported Soya project has enabled us to foster unity in the group, generate more income and support OVC”

Edna Loishie Engurdunoto Women Group, Kimnyaki, Arusha



IMPROVED HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC SECURITY

Since 2004, through horticultural and income generating activities, 11,339 households have increased their income from less than \$1 a day to an average of \$2.5 a day enabling 68,031 household members to better access food, medication, education and basic needs

IMPROVED COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ABILITY TO SUPPORT OTHERS

Community ability to support their own households and other vulnerable children in the community has increased from 770 people in 2005 to 68,031 in 2011

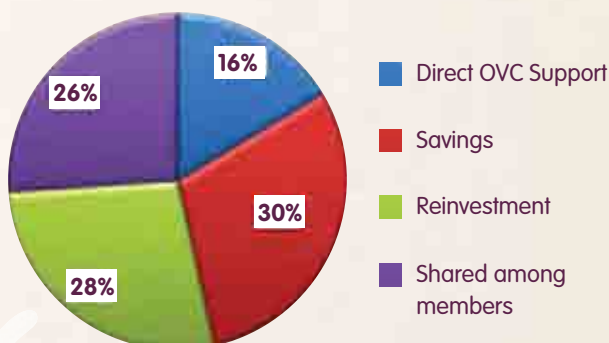
IMPROVED COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SECURITY

In 2005, 100% of groups had no income and relied on borrowing, now 82% are involved in at least 3 enterprises earning on average a profit of £272 per month

Adoption, scale up and sustainability:

Since 2005, 444 individual and 31 group ventures have been established without direct support from ACE Africa, through reinvestment of group profits and increased access to local government devolved funds or loans.

HOW COMMUNITY GROUPS USED THEIR INCOME IN 2011



“Since I got involved with the ACE Africa programmes, I have brought changes to my family. So my neighbours saw these positive changes and decided to join me. I taught them what I had been taught by ACE Africa. Things like planting of vegetables, keeping of chickens, goats and cattle and they agreed to the new methods of improving farming and started doing it in their own homes.”

Shaban Somba, Child Rights Committee member, Bungoma, Arusha

Thematic Area One Community Livelihoods

COMMUNITY STORIES



Marvin's Story

Marvin Otieno is a 16 year old partial orphan, living with his grandmother. At the age of just 4, Marvin's mother died of AIDS and the whereabouts of his father is unknown. Marvin, in poor health was linked to a local health provider for treatment where they discovered he was HIV positive. Marvin receives medication from the Patient Support Centre at Siaya District Hospital where his treatment is monitored. Marvin's elderly grandmother suffers from poor health, yet feels compelled to provide for Marvin. On a good day she can earn the equivalent of a dollar a day by picking vegetables on a neighbour's farm.

Since Marvin has been identified through a Child to Child (CtC) club, ACE Africa has been helping him and his grandmother by providing the following services: assistance with school and examination fees, the cost of medication for the frequent infections associated with living with HIV, school uniform and nutritional supplements for 6 months to increase his weight to a healthy level. These measures have resulted in his full attendance at school. Furthermore Marvin was trained in kitchen gardening and provided with start-up seeds for his household where they now cultivate cow peas, kale and other nutritious crops for consumption and sale. Marvin's good health and nutritional status means that he has a high chance of living well into later life if he continues to adhere to antiretroviral therapy.

"Yalusi is one of the best groups in Bungoma East District and we are working closely with them to educate other groups in their neighborhood"

District Agricultural Officer, Bungoma



Yalusi Young Women's Group, Bungoma

ACE Africa identified Yalusi Young Women's Group in early 2007 as the group demonstrated a vision to help support their community, particularly OVCs. ACE provided training to the support group in 2008 and the women developed skills in establishing and maintaining a kitchen garden growing a variety of crops including grain amaranth and soya. After training, the group were provided with a soya milling machine by ACE Africa and subsequently began making soya flour providing nutritious supplements for PLWA and OVC in the community, and selling the surplus to generate income. In 2009 the group received training in budgets, proposal writing and marketing skills in order for them to enhance income generating activities. The skills learnt resulted in the group being awarded a grant of £250 from the Ministry of Agriculture to purchase more land for horticultural activities, as well as in-kind support through the donation of seedlings and tools. The group has since diversified activities and now undertake poultry rearing and fish farming. All the activities the group engage in lead to a monthly profit of £250. The group uses 35% of their income to support 90 OVC and 9 PLWA within their households, with a further 30 OVC and 3 PLWA supported from outside their households.



Initiatives

Community members training their own communities



“We can run kitchen gardens since we have been provided with planting seeds and now have the skills and knowledge on agricultural technologies. We can grow vegetables which we can provide to our families and sell the rest to gain income which is useful in buying household necessities.”

Wilbroda Khisa, Bungoma Group Member

Thematic Area Two - Child rights and welfare

PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The ACE Africa rights protection programme was established to increase awareness of the rights of women and children, particularly in areas where HIV is prevalent. The programme aims to strengthen community knowledge and ability to protect the rights of women and children, promoting a 'whole community approach' where all children including the most vulnerable have their rights protected.

The programme involves educating the community about their rights, establishing Community Rights Committees who are responsible for raising awareness of child rights, identifying, solving and referring issues of child abuse and strengthening links between the community, district and national protection systems

INPUTS

- Training community leaders, teachers, nurses and other members in the rights of women and children and paralegal issues
- Training and establishing Community Rights Committees
- Conducting community rights awareness educational forums
- Providing technical support and direct aid

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ 21,504 adults are involved in child protection in the community, where they refer and report cases of child rights abuse to Child Rights and Welfare Mentors
- ✓ 15 Community Rights Committees established and active
- ✓ 85 Child Rights and Welfare mentors

"I didn't know that children's opinions are as important as adults, as we are used to telling them what to do and not think. Thank you ACE for this training because now I am able to give them space to express their feelings and help them make right decisions concerning their life"

Nyigo Einoti, Child Welfare Mentor, Mateves, Arusha

IMPROVED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN RIGHTS PROTECTION

Since 2005, 310 community members and 180 government and partner stakeholders are now trained and actively involved in protecting and promoting the rights of women and children, and have solved 3,703 cases

IMPROVED COMMUNITY WELFARE

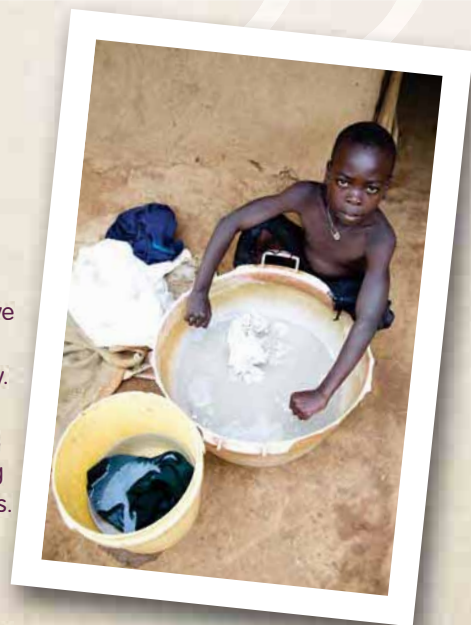
Prior to 2005, there was no knowledge of or any community systems in place to protect the rights of women and children. Now 12,393 vulnerable women and children have directly benefitted from the programme through increased access and retention in schools, protection of land and inheritance rights, reduction in early marriage and child labour

"ACE has provided education to OVCs who were really suffering. It has also provided them with school uniforms. The kitchen gardens have also provided these children with food, responsibility and sources of income to buy a few personal items like soap."

Clementine Odera, Area Advisory Committee member, Siaya

Vitalis Onyuna, Child Rights and Welfare Mentor, Siaya

Vitalis was identified by an ACE Area Activator in 2008 who was aware of his active involvement in child rights protection in his community. ACE Africa provided child protection training to Vitalis in 2008 and further training in 2009 on paralegal issues. As a trained Child Welfare Mentor and Chair of the Child Rights Committee he is responsible for identifying cases at the household and school level, resolving at the community level and/or referring to partners at the district level. In 2009 Vitalis was elected as Chair of Siaya Human Rights Network, a movement to ensure that the right of every individual in society is protected. He is heavily involved in educating the community about their rights and advocacy.



CHILD TO CHILD HEALTH EDUCATION

The CtC approach is a rights-based approach and an educational process that links children's learning with taking action to promote the health, wellbeing and development of themselves, their families and their communities. Children's participation in decision making means they become active agents of change in making health choices in schools and the community. ACE Africa has been implementing the CtC programme since 2005 and has expanded the concept to include specific HIV related education in life skills, protection, counselling, peer education, agriculture and nutrition.

INPUTS

- Training teachers in Child to Child Health Education
- Establishing Child to Child Health Clubs in schools
- Establishing school kitchen gardens and feeding programmes
- Providing life skills, peer education training and counselling
- Providing direct aid e.g. school uniforms
- Providing technical support to ensure the approach is replicated in the community

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ In 2011, 15,299 primary school children were actively involved in 179 Child to Child Health clubs, 2,680 children shared the knowledge at home benefitting a further 8,040 family members.
- ✓ 19,397 children have benefitted from CtC Education through peer learning on life skills, rights issues, nutrition and healthy living

OUTPUTS 2004 - 2011

- ✓ Since 2004 3,847 children have been supported on the CtC school feeding programmes

"CtC teachers have greatly encouraged the children to work together to find solutions to real-life problems and to apply what they have learnt in school to their lives outside school."

Flora Mtoha, Head Teacher, Olmotonyi Primary School, Kimnyaki, Arusha

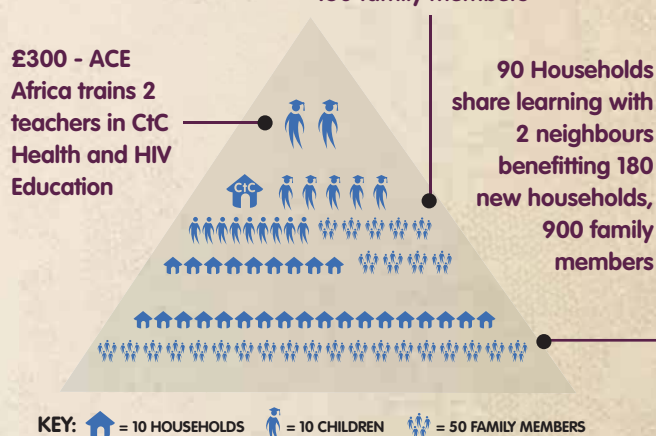
INCREASED SCHOOL RETENTION

Since 2005, 99% of children in CtC clubs have improved cleanliness habits. There has been an increase in the knowledge on HIV and AIDS, a decline in teenage pregnancies, improved retention in schools (particularly for girls) and increased participation of children in their own protection and health management.

IMPROVED HEALTH BEHAVIOUR

Since 2005, 32,639 primary school children have benefitted from CtC health clubs and 11,474 of these children have shared their learning at home contributing to improved community health.

2 trained teachers establish 1 CtC club benefitting 85 children, 5 teachers, 90 households and 450 family members



Olmotonyi Primary School, Kimnyaki, Arusha

In early 2009, two teachers and the headteacher from Olmotonyi Primary School were trained on Child-to-Child (CtC) methodology and in gardening skills. In May 2011 these teachers were given further training on psychosocial support and basic counselling. Currently the CtC health club has 60 child members, the majority being orphans and children living in vulnerable circumstances. Through the club, children now feel free to discuss HIV and AIDS without fear of stigma or discrimination. They share their messages with 500 school pupils and parents through poems, songs and role-plays tackling issues of HIV and orphanhood. Health promotion is a key aim of the club - the children now have leaky tins (for washing their hands) placed next to the school toilets, and are aware of the importance of hand-washing and hygiene after using the toilet and before cooking. Furthermore the club has established a kitchen garden and the children are responsible for cultivating a range of vegetables including spinach, tomatoes, cabbage, maize and beans. Food from the garden is shared among CtC club members and other OVC in the schools. To date over 200 children have been supported with food from the garden on a regular basis. Children and teachers have transferred acquired skills to households, establishing kitchen gardens, leaky tins and sharing knowledge on life skills and healthy living. Profits from the CtC school garden vegetable business have enabled students to purchase an over-head sprinkler for crop irrigation.

Thematic Area Three - Counselling and we

COUNSELLING AND TESTING

This programme aims to increase access to testing and counselling services, reduce the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS and improve the psychosocial wellbeing of PLWA and OVC and ultimately their health. ACE Africa has extended the programme to include individual outreach, couple and group testing at homes and at ACE Africa resource centres, 'moonlight testing' (at mobile testing units set up on the main highway), and in school guidance and peer counselling in schools. ACE Africa has trained Child Welfare and Household mentors, youth and teachers in basic skills to support the work of the ACE Africa professional counsellors.

INPUTS

- Provision of counselling at homes, in resource centres and in schools for children and their families
- Provision of outreach, moonlight and door to door HIV testing
- Facilitation of positive counselling for PLWA
- Provision of in school guidance and counselling
- Training Child Welfare mentors
- Provision of direct aid, e.g. medication, nutritional supplements etc

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ Since 2005, a total of 35,154 community members have been provided with counselling services, 74% of whom now know their HIV status
 - 25,858 community members reached through outreach counselling and testing services
 - 1,042 commercial sex workers tested and given results
 - 24,212 children counselled and 20,269 children have attended in school guidance and counselling sessions
 - 79 trained caregivers to offer basic counselling, care and support for PLWA & their families

"The community have now accepted those people living with the virus. Before, we used to isolate them. Now we eat, sleep and work together."

Joe Karimi, Area Advisory Committee member, Bungoma



"ACE Africa enabled me to know the truth about HIV and AIDS. I now believe that there should be no stigma about being infected and that with HIV in your body, you can still have a productive life by keeping healthy through better nutrition, treating opportunistic infections and maintaining good hygiene."

Elizabeth Naliaka Juma, PLWA, Namamuka, Kabula, Bungoma

Since 2005, 102,455 community members have received HIV prevention and care services. Out of these, 16,343 community members were supported by the 118 trained community health workers and volunteers

- 99,542 condoms supplied to community members
- 1,157 boys undergoing voluntary male medical circumcision
- 29 people living with AIDS supported in prevention efforts
- 10,196 sensitised on HIV and AIDS prevention and care
- 3,861 supported through community outreach medical camps
- 28,646 community members were treated at ACE/ Ministry of Health community health facilities
- 77,182 children supported with nutritional flour
- 119,469 provided with direct emergency aid e.g. mosquito nets, medication, household items, sanitary towels and pants and shelter

Wellbeing services

Esther's story – a former commercial sex worker

In 2009, commercial sex worker Esther was identified during an ACE Africa outreach moonlight testing campaign in Kanduyi stop-over town. She depended on the income from her work for food, clothing and supporting her three young children and three younger siblings. The community health worker who identified her referred Esther and other commercial sex workers to the Bungoma Organisation for Empowerment of Women, working in partnership with ACE Africa. In collaboration, peer counselling training was provided to these women on the dangers of commercial sex work in combination with behaviour change education. Esther was provided with information on STI/ HIV prevention and treatment and trained on referring her colleagues to access care and support services, including those infected with HIV to seek early care. Furthermore Esther was trained in income-generating activities, earning at least KSH 800 a day to support her children and siblings, so that she could move away from a life of sex work.

Today Esther leads a life away from the threat of HIV, STIs and the abuse she once faced on a daily basis as a commercial sex worker. She had always believed she was HIV positive, however her negative status was revealed at the ACE Africa moonlight testing clinic. She is a strong voice in peer education and has provided counselling to over 30 women and helped them to start various Income Generating Activities.

"If it was not for the counselling, medical support and visits I got from ACE Africa, I would be where my colleagues are now - dead"

Esther Weswa, Bondeni, Satellite site in Bungoma Region



"Free medical outreach counseling and testing that ACE Africa offers in remote areas has enabled us to register many clients in our programme after referrals. Thank you ACE Africa we are glad to work with you as partners"

Fredrick Omondi, Clinical Officer, Centre for Disease Control (CDC), Boro region, Siaya



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Thematic Area Four -

Education and vocational training

Bursaries

The ACE Africa Bursary Programme was established to give orphans and vulnerable children the chance to continue with their education after primary school. ACE identifies those students who are most vulnerable and who would otherwise not have this chance. Sponsors commit to a four year period to fund each child through secondary education.

Alumni

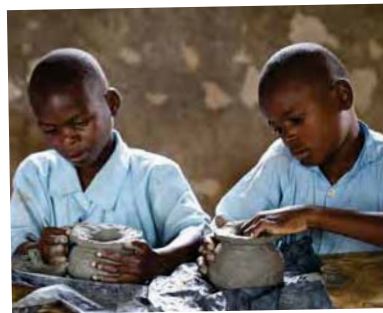
With the support of bursary sponsors, ACE has established an Alumni Fund to meet the costs of education, career counselling, computer training, community work and teaching experience, and of school leavers seeking places for vocational training, tertiary education and/or employment.

INPUTS

- Provision of secondary school bursaries
- Provision of primary school support e.g. infrastructure, food, scholastic materials, teachers etc in one Primary school for extremely vulnerable children
- Provision of direct aid for vulnerable children e.g. school uniforms and sanitary towels

“The good reading methods and study skills you advised me to use last term have enabled me to improve in both class position and mean grade. I am so happy that mentorship from ACE has helped me perform well and make it in life.”

Kelvin Andrew Makokha, Student at Friends School, Kamusinga



“ACE Africa is my mother and father. Without you I don't know what my story would be today. I am in university which I had never dreamt of. I always share with you and you listen to me. I hope to graduate, get a job and promise to help others in need, like I was helped by ACE Africa. Long live the vision of ACE Africa.”

Emily Masinde, Bursary Supported Student and Alumni

OUTPUTS 2011

- ✓ Since 2004, ACE Africa has improved the learning environment in 180 primary schools benefitting 18,200 vulnerable children who would otherwise not have been able to go to school
 - 3,347 uniforms provided
 - 5,733 sanitary towels distributed
 - 300 children provided with direct food support
 - 9,080 children supported with school materials
 - 20,269 children counselled in school
- ✓ Since 2004 ACE has provided 239 children with secondary boarding school bursaries, of whom 117 have finished their schooling. Of these a third have gone on to universities and colleges.
- ✓ Since 2007, ACE has supported 152 young people to access further education, vocation training and internships
 - 38 admitted in universities
 - 11 enrolled at colleges
 - 19 in vocational training
 - 84 undertaking internships

“I think the community owns these projects as they are the ones who run them. ACE just gives direction and support and we the community should pick up from where they leave off, since the community belongs to us

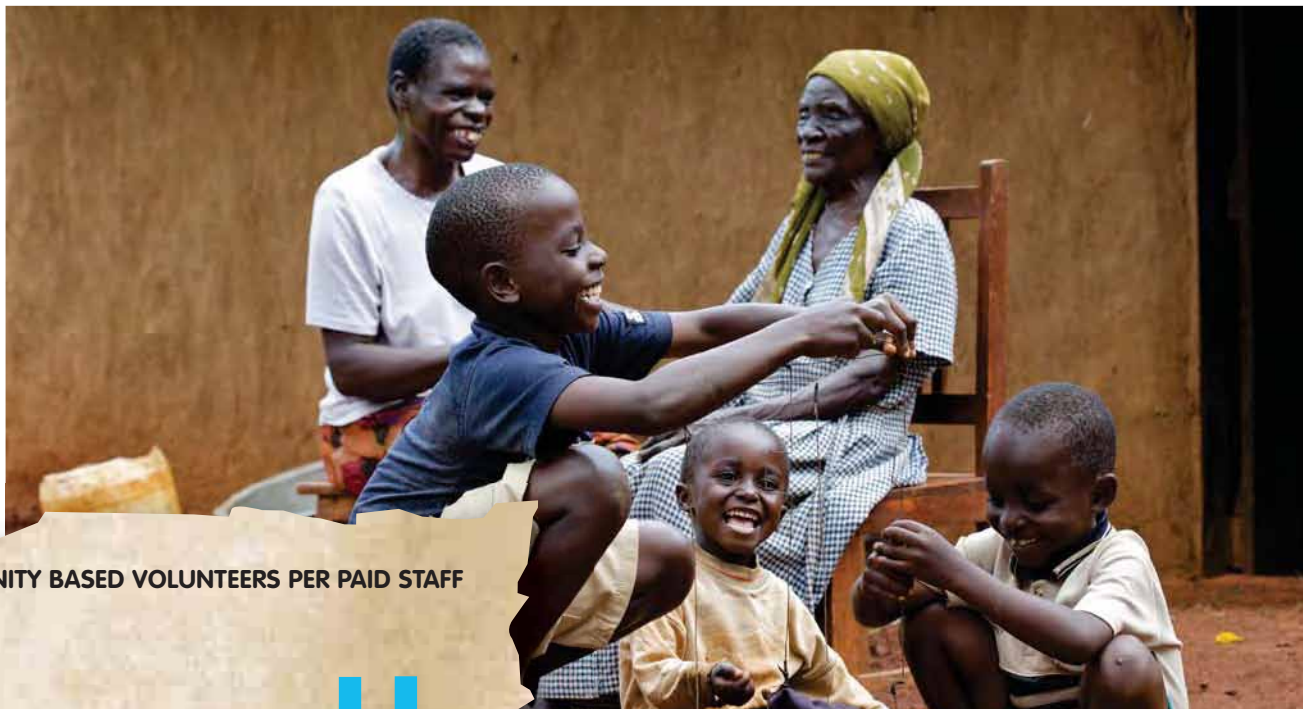
Ferdinard Wanyama, Bungoma Activator

Community Adoption of the ACE Africa Programme

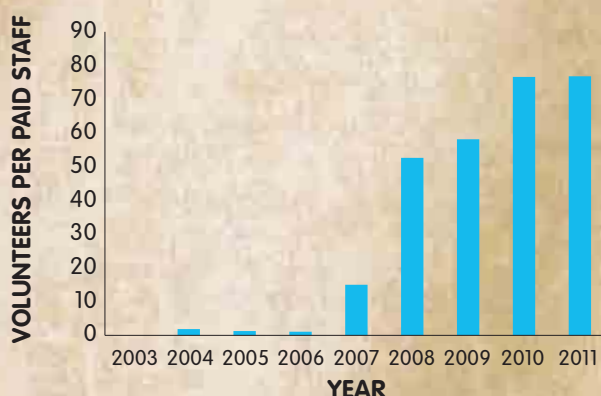
The ACE Africa core strategy is a holistic and child centred approach towards community care and support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Building on existing capacity, infrastructure and skills, enables communities to protect the basic rights of OVC including access to food, education, health, psychosocial support and economic security. The approach is designed around a ten year programme with the focus on strengthening targeted community networks to access services and deliver services. Ultimately, ACE Africa will reduce its role in direct implementation and the support of OVC will be entirely provided by the community. Bungoma is approaching the

final years of the programme with the community nearing the stage of having the capacity to sustain support for OVC itself.

Community adoption is key to the success and sustainability of the programme. The ACE Africa approach encourages community ownership and participation from the start of implementation and evidence suggests that all ACE Africa sites, at their different stages, are in line with or in advance of the strategic target. Community capacity to provide direct support to OVC is increasing as the number of volunteers engaged in service provision grows and dependency on ACE Africa reduces.



COMMUNITY BASED VOLUNTEERS PER PAID STAFF



“The ACE Approach has ensured that community groups in my area offer sustainable support to vulnerable community members.”

**John Mutabasi, Community Volunteer,
Kabuchai, Bungoma**

Run by Africans for Africans



“ACE Africa’s involvement with key partners is a strong strategy which ensures the sustainability of projects initiated by the community”

I.B. Kiyenze Regional Manager, SIDO, Arusha

ACE Africa Growth & Developing the Model

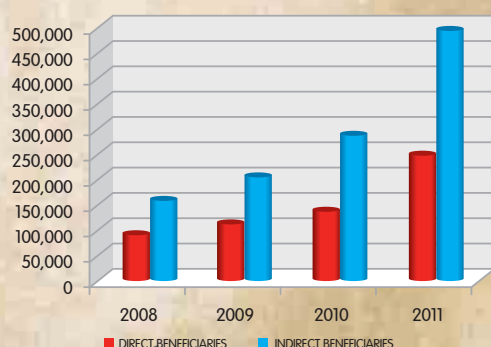
Sharing the approach with other CBOs and NGOs locally, nationally and internationally is key to the next five year strategy to reach more beneficiaries across Sub Saharan Africa without ACE Africa expanding in size and continuing to remain administratively small. The exponential increase in the number of volunteers engaging in the programme

and providing direct services to the community is evidence of their commitment to sustain activities. Central to the ACE Africa strategy is engaging community volunteers in providing direct services to their communities, evident from the sustained increase in indirect beneficiaries year on year.

ACE Africa Growth (2003 – 2011)

ACE Africa	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Areas of operation	3	6	7	7	11	13	13	14	14
No. of staff	4	7	11	13	30	38	43	43	43
No. of community volunteers	0	13	14	14	450	2,000	2,500	3,295	3,303
Approx. spend in Africa £	16,000	112,000	124,000	194,000	337,000	489,000	500,000	525,213	524,000
Direct beneficiary cumulative	300	5,000	35,000	50,000	100,000	187,550	293,850	426,397	493,861
Indirect beneficiary cumulative	600	10,000	70,000	100,000	200,000	355,000	440,000	688,034	987,722

BENEFICIARIES REACHED OVER THE YEARS



INCREASED COMMUNITY ADOPTION

In line with the ACE Africa strategy of community adoption, as the number of direct beneficiaries is plateauing, the number of indirect beneficiaries has increased by 49% since 2010.

“My work with ACE has enabled me to grow in knowledge and work with many groups in the community. Groups grow diverse food crops, animals and engage in diverse business. I am always called by community members and I am happy to help train them, advise on the issues that affect their ventures. ACE has even sent me to train another group in South Sudan. ACE creates real change and opportunities for community members and is a platform for partnerships”

John Mutabasi, Community Volunteer, Kabuchai, Bungoma

ACE Africa Organizational Finances

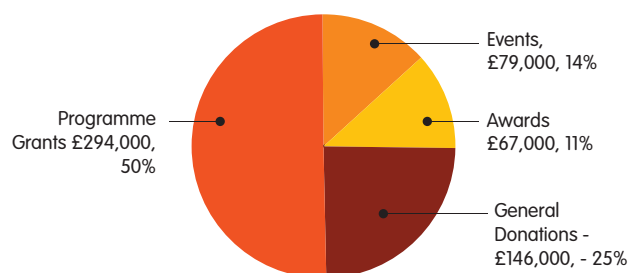
ACE Africa in the UK, Kenya and Tanzania work together to apply for grants and if successful, the grant may be awarded to any of the three organizations. The principal role of the UK is to raise funds for Kenya and Tanzania. The financial information which follows presents the combined income and expenditure of the three organizations. ACE in the USA did not operate in 2011.

Income 2011

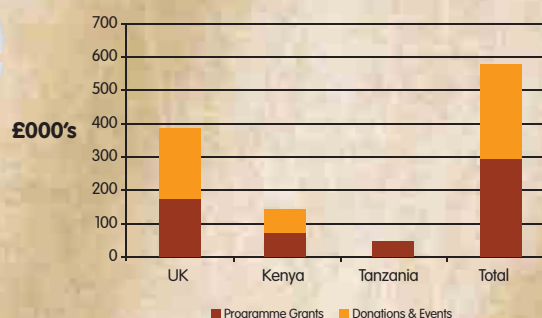
ACE Africa experienced a further small decline in overall income in 2011, to £584,000, 6% lower than the total of £621,000 achieved in 2010. Grant income was sharply lower in the UK, due mainly to the completion of an important grant from Comic Relief in June 2011. However, grants direct to Tanzania more than doubled to £49,000. Overall programme grants made up 50% of income. Despite the difficult economic conditions which have prevailed in Western economies since 2009, ACE Africa achieved a year on year increase in general donations from £207,000 to £290,000. This was due in part to the receipt of the Stars Award, and also to successful fundraising work in the UK.



2011 Income Sources - Total £584,000



2011 Income by Country - Total £584,000

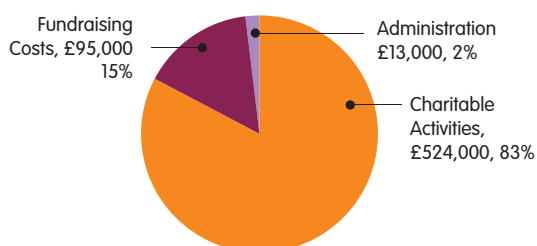


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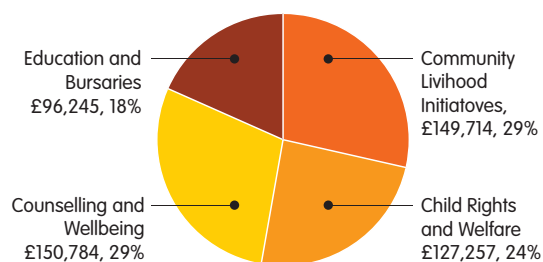
Expenditure 2011

Expenditure was similar in 2011 to 2010 at £632,000 compared to £637,000. Spending on charitable activities was down 4% at £524,000. The cost of fundraising and administration rose from £89,000 to £108,000 with one extra full time staff position in the UK. Overall expenditure on fundraising and administration absorbed 17% of total income. While this is a satisfactory level, with continuing difficult economic conditions putting pressure on general donations and event income and in turn creating severe competition for grants, close attention is being paid to the control of all costs.

2011 Total Outgoings - £632,000



2011 Charitable Activities by Thematic Area - Total £524,000



Expenditure on charitable activities is distributed across 4 thematic areas as described earlier in this review. A principal focus is on Community Livelihood Initiatives as the means by which other community activities and responses become affordable. However, spending is quite evenly divided across the three community-orientated thematic areas. Education and Bursaries includes support for Southend Academy, a primary school which takes in orphans and vulnerable children in Bungoma and the ACE Africa Secondary School Bursary Scheme and its follow-on Alumni Programme which supports bursary holders after they have left school.

Expenditure has exceeded income in 2010 and 2011 following a build-up of unspent programme grants through 2009 which has been run down over the last two years, notably with the completion of a four-year Comic Relief grant to our Bungoma programme in June 2011. Expenditure in 2012 will be more closely dependent on current grant awards. New awards in the first months of 2012 have been encouraging. ACE Africa ended 2011 with a balance of unrestricted income lower than at the end of 2010 but representing over three months usage of these funds.

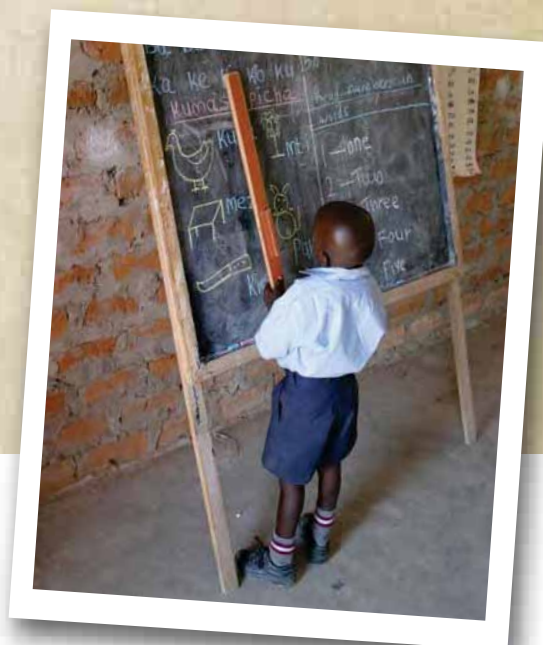
Get Involved!

The ACE Ambassador Programme

2011 saw the launch of the **ACE Africa Ambassador programme**. The ACE Ambassador scheme comprises a group of approximately thirty or so individuals who are interested in proactively supporting ACE Africa to raise our profile and help connect ACE with new supporters. Ambassadors can get involved in many different ways:

- Taking a table at an ACE event
- Connecting ACE with potential corporate partners of a private benefactor
- Introducing ACE to a teacher at a school to join their charity of the year programme
- Making a donation or becoming a Friend of ACE
- Helping to source auction and raffle items for events
- Taking part on an ACE event committee or organising other fundraisers for ACE
- Sponsoring a child in the ACE Bursary Scheme

We know how busy everyone is and we don't expect our Ambassadors to get involved in all of these things. However all of our ambassadors are committed to advocating the work of ACE Africa, helping to raise awareness and promoting fundraising. Please contact us if you would like to hear more about becoming an ACE Ambassador and how you can help make a difference.



Friends of ACE

We introduced the 'The Friends of ACE' scheme in 2011 in order to emphasize the importance we place on receiving a regular monthly standing order donations. Regular giving reduces our administrative costs in processing individual donations, and a guaranteed income enables us to plan ahead. It helps to fill gaps in project-funding and also contributes towards essential running costs in Africa and the UK.

Everyone setting up a Standing Order (from the 'Copper Level' at £5 per month to the 'Diamond Level' at £100 per month) was entered into a Prize Draw. Rupert King won a trip to Africa for 2 people with flights included! We look forward to helping Rupert to organise his trip and to hearing about his visit to our programmes.

We will be holding a drinks to thank all of our Ambassadors and Friends of ACE later this year. We hope 2012 will see many new supporters signing up to become a Friend of ACE, and we look forward to welcoming you to this important group.

Special thanks to new Supporters in 2011

In addition to our long-standing major donors, event sponsors, private benefactors, bursary student sponsors and our many other loyal individual donors and supporters over the years (too numerous to list), we would like to thank the following groups and new donors for their support in 2011:

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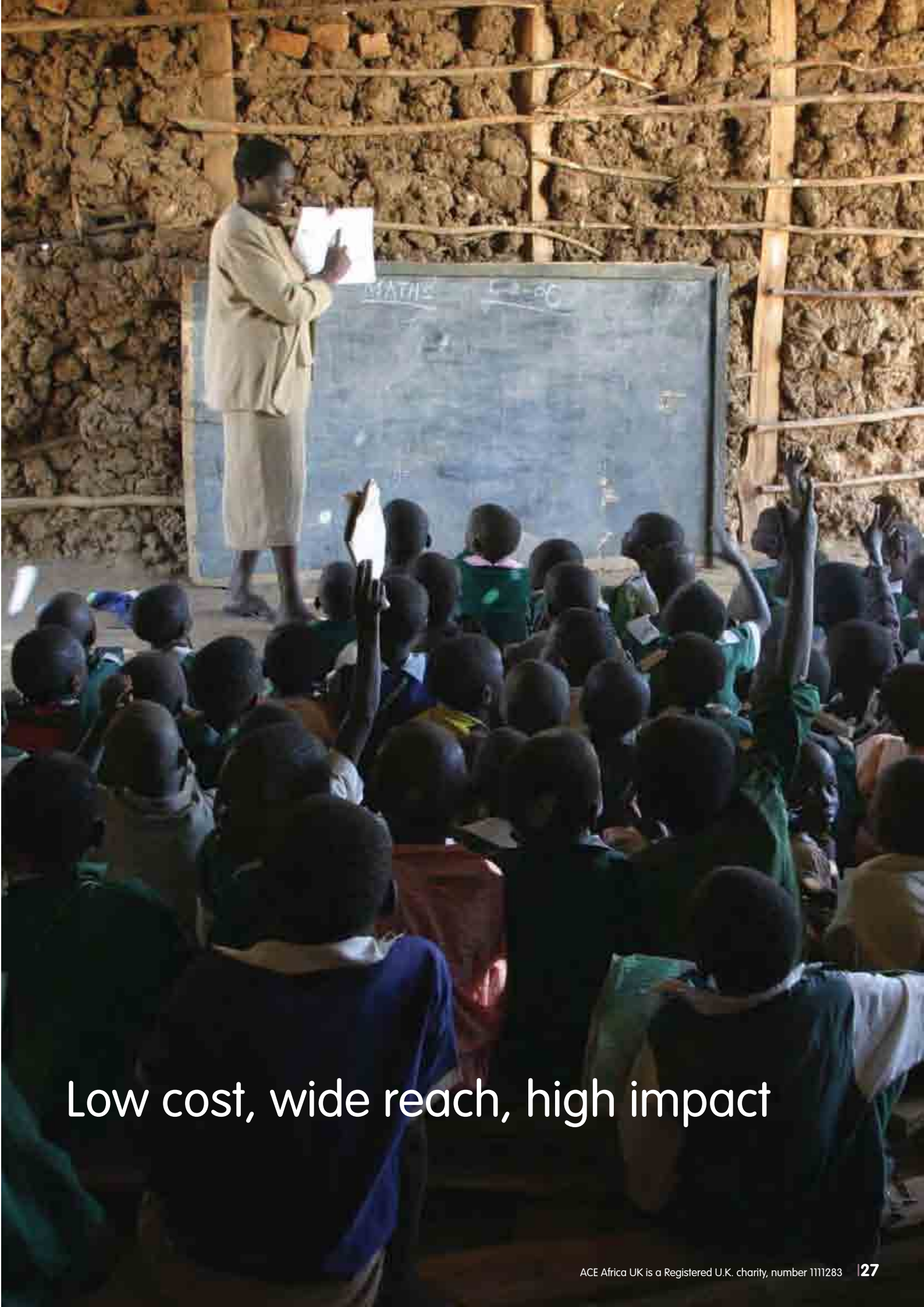
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