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The Bridge Mission

Our mission is to give millions of children a life-changing education.

We are committed to helping achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goal Four: to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

By providing a life-changing education to children in under-served communities, we help put children, their families, and their countries on a different development path.

We believe that education is the most effective way to end the cycle of poverty, enabling growth and prosperity. It reduces conflict, enhances stability and strengthens nations.

About Bridge

Since 2008, Bridge has educated over 250,000 children through more than 520 academies across Africa and India. We believe every child has the right to a high-quality education. So, we work in partnership with governments, communities, teachers and parents to deliver high quality, affordable schools.

We are data driven and evidence based and our model adapts to the needs of individual governments. In countries such as Kenya, we run affordable schools; whereas in Liberia we are part of a public private partnership and in Andhra Pradesh, eastern India, we have an infrastructure partnership.

We are flexible if we can serve marginalised communities and improve learning outcomes for children.



The Global Challenge

Education is in crisis in many countries around the world. It is estimated that 263 million children and young people are out of school, and 330 million children are in school but not learning. In addition, an extra 69 million teachers are needed to achieve the 2030 UN education goals.

Many education systems are plagued with inadequate materials and poor management systems all leading to chronic teacher absenteeism and a lack of learning. Education reform is challenging but it is urgently required if we are to prevent another generation of children missing out.

Bridge believes there should be enough great, truly free public schools for all children. However, in reality, this is far from being the case. So, we work in government partnerships to address the huge education imbalance between what is available and what is needed right now; we work to bridge the gap.

By demonstrating that high-performing schools are possible even on a developing country's limited budget, Bridge has enabled governments and others to make informed decisions on how to improve learning.



Bridge Learning

Bridge is delivering proven learning gains consistently and at scale. In 2015, Bridge pupils sat the Kenyan government certificate of primary education (KCPE). Those who had been at Bridge for two years had an average pass rate of 63% compared to the national average of 49%. In 2016, pupils had an average pass rate 10% higher than the national average and 56 of our academies had an impressive 100% pass rate.

The longer a child is at Bridge the better they do in exams. Children who have studied with Bridge for 4 years have a pass rate average of 74%.

In 2014, independently administered tests showed that for reading in early grades, the gains from attending Bridge are equivalent to 64 more days of learning in a single school year. For mathematics, the gains are equivalent to 26 more days.

We are confident of replicating this success across all the countries we serve, when Bridge pupils take their national exams.





Bridge Pupils

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential irrespective of the economic status of their family or community.

We are proud to admit any child into our academies and around 10% of our poorest pupils are on full scholarships. Children at Bridge can be as young as 3. Globally, around 50% of our pupils are girls.

Our pupils significantly outperform their peers in nearby schools and often go on to secondary education. Many win scholarships both for schools in their own country and for prestigious American schools.

Bridge Families

We believe parents have the right to choose a school for their children and we enable families to enjoy seeing their children learn, improve and flourish at Bridge schools. We locate our schools in some of the poorest communities in some of the world's poorest countries. Families in our communities can be earning just \$1.90 per person a day; a level the World Bank notes is at extreme poverty.

In communities where we are not part of a public private partnership, our very low fees, a global average of \$7 a month per child, mean that the vast majority of the families near our schools can afford to send their children to Bridge. In Kenya, this means 90% of the local community.

By putting learning at the center of all we do, Bridge has become an extremely popular choice for under served families and low income communities.



Bridge Teachers

Bridge is empowering a new generation of trained and supported teachers. We believe that with support and resources, average teachers can become great teachers, and great teachers can change lives.

All our teachers are professionally trained at the Bridge International Training Institute and supported throughout their career with continuing professional development programmes inside and outside the classroom. Bridge teachers deliver interactive lessons, lead small groups and use one to one instruction, creating a rich teaching environment that our pupils enjoy.

All our teachers use hand-held teacher computers that provide them with high quality lesson plans. International agencies around the world use teacher guides, as they have been demonstrated as the most effective way to improve learning outcomes.





Bridge Technology

Bridge leverages innovative wireless technology. By using the power of connected devices, we deliver professionally developed, up-to-the-minute lesson plans that provide every teacher with the core foundation needed for a successful learning experience in each subject, every day.

This frees Bridge teachers from the time-intensive planning and administrative tasks, creating more time for them to focus on identifying where individual pupils are in their learning, and to help students where they are struggling.

Our technology platform processes a billion data points, meaning that we can track performance and attendance in every single school. We use that data to make evidence based decisions that continually improve learning.

Bridge Schools

Bridge schools are clean, simple and learning focused with a low teacher to pupil ratio.

Every single school follows the national curriculum of the host country.

Bridge strongly believes that school performance should be measured by outcomes not inputs. We focus on, and invest in, the teaching that is happening in our classrooms and the learning gains achieved by our pupils.

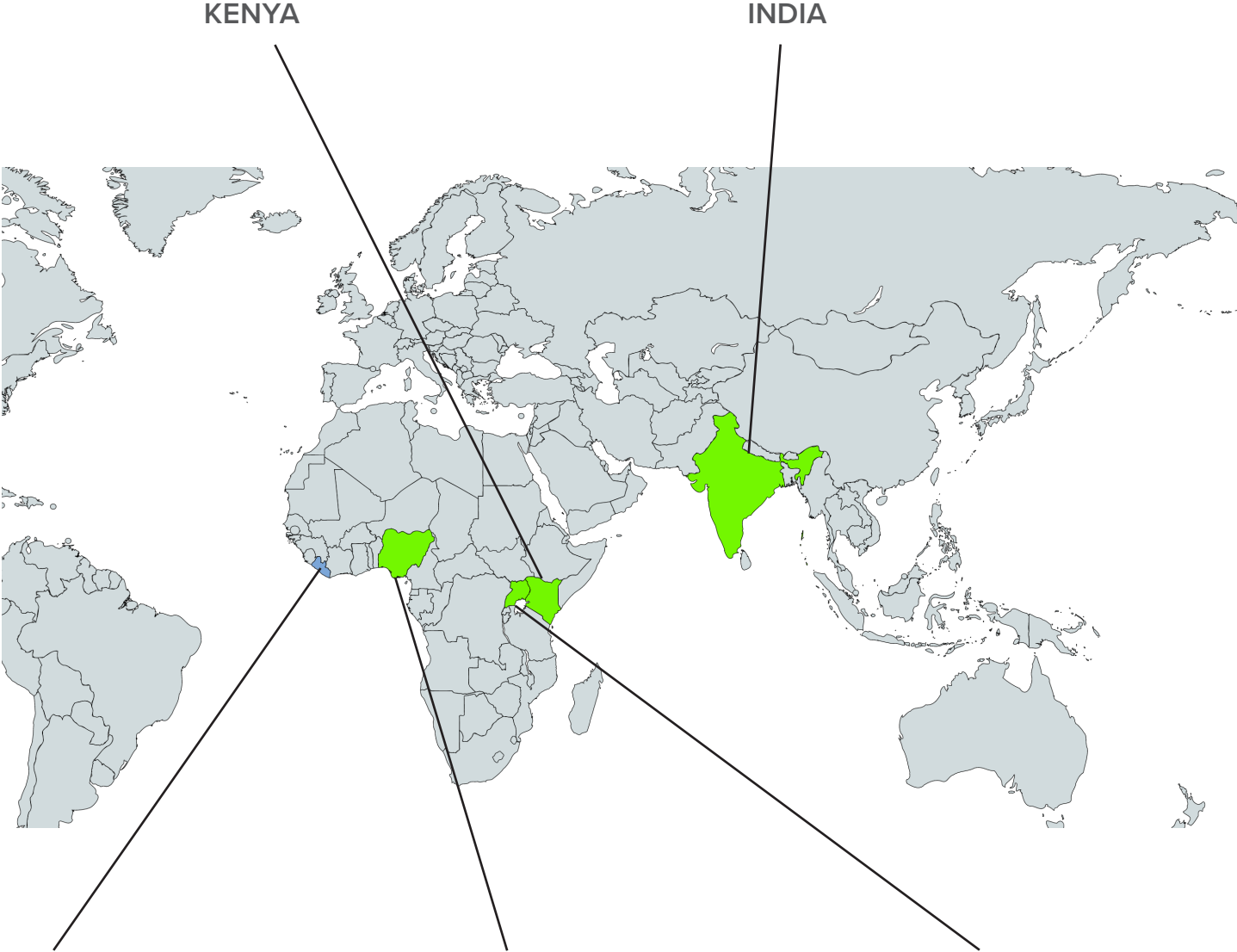
Our schools always meet local standards and legal requirements, and keeping our buildings basic helps keep our schools affordable for parents.



Our Global Network

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