# Impact Report

2024



## MISSION

Unleash the power of education for African children by partnering with local communities to construct classrooms.

Enabling every interested community to meet the classroom needs of their children is our goal. Through our international coalition of sponsors, local mentors, and community, Coafrica facilitates the construction of needed classrooms.









### Executive Director Message

Thank you for helping us build a world where every child has access to a classroom!

Meet Dorcas Ojebisi. In June 2024, I visited Obafemi Owode Primary School in Nigeria, where we built new classrooms in 2022. Before that, students studied in a makeshift shelter with a leaky roof. When it rained, classes were canceled. Imagine trying to pass exams while missing months of school during Africa's long rainy season!

As I finished my visit, 11-year-old Dorcas quietly approached and tugged my sleeve. "Please, may I have a snap (photo) with you?" she whispered. We took this selfie together.

Dorcas' quiet confidence intrigued me and I asked to learn more about her. She's a 6th grader who walks 40 minutes to school each day. Her parents are subsistence farmers and traders. "These classrooms make learning better," she said. "Before, the rain fell on me during class and we had to cancel all the time." She dreams of becoming a doctor to help her parents and those in her community.

Thanks to her new classroom, Dorcas can now consistently attend school in any weather. She has the opportunity to reach her goals—changing her future and her community.

Dorcas' story is one of many. Across Africa, students hold onto hope and determination. And together— Coafrica team members, African project coordinators, donors, volunteers, students like Dorcas, and YOU —we are making lasting change.

Thank you for being part of this movement. Let's keep going—one classroom at a time!

Marci Romney

### PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2024

Assagba Kope

Ganave

Adjovicodji

Adjarra Adovie

Salawu

**St Peter's Anglican** 

Nkhuzyeni 4

Igusi

Katalima Sungeni

Bowe

### 2024 COALITION PARTNERS





### We're stronger together

#### St. Peter Anglican Primary School, Nigeria



Before construction, this school only had 3 decent classrooms which housed 6 out of the 14 classes at the school. The rest of the classes were held in dangerous dilapidated structures. To accommodate all students, they created dividers in several classrooms so that multiple classes could meet in one room at a time. Even then, they still had to run the school day in shifts.



By partnering with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the community, The Coafrica coalition was able to construct 6 new classrooms and a teachers office furnished with desks and school supplies provided by the Church of Jesus Christ. The community came together to provide bags of cement for construction and provided unskilled labor to show their dedication to supporting education.

### 2024 METRICS AT A GLANCE

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91 additional teachers employed 4,262 additional students enrolled 1,761 students attending school who were not attending last year.

46 Coafrica classrooms built at 11 schools

teacher workspace

teacher workspaces completed

43

communities partnered with Coafrica since 2020

countries with Coafrica classrooms

7

### PROJECT IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

#### Malembo Secondary School - Malawi



74% Increase in Enrollment



58% Increase in Teachers





100 desks provided by LDS charities.

Several of our previous primary school projects feed into this secondary school. The school had only four small classrooms. Now that they have eight, the enrollment has significantly increased.

#### Tabligbo Primary School - Togo



95% Increase in Enrollment



67% Increase in the number of teachers.



203 children who were out of school enrolled in the past year.



Lycee Tabligbo II is a secondary school in Tabligbo, Togo that had 336 students enrolled. Along with the 300 students on the waiting list there were around 600 children in the area that were not currently enrolled in school. After construction of the project, we saw an increase in enrollment to 654 students!

#### NKHUZYENI PRIMARY SCHOOL, ZAMBIA



49% Increase in Enrollment in just 4 months.



Coalition partner Mary's Meals introduced a feeding program.



120 desks secured from the local District Education Board.



Nkhuzyeni Primary School was completed in June 2024. Prior to construction the students met in make-shift structures. During rainy season from January to April, classes were often interrupted or cancelled. Now, classes can continue and students have a safe protective place to learn.





### STUDENT & TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

Classroom Infrastructure Matters!





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#### Mcdonard Kaleso, Student, Nkhuzyeni Primary School, Zambia

Before the classifionts were built, learning was difficult because we used to learn from the Shelters that was made out of grass. It was more difficult during the rain season. The new classroom blocks has brought so much change because we are able to sit in class and we are solonger worried about the rain season.



#### Anuoluwapo Oriloye, Teacher, Obafemi Primary School, Nigeria

"The teaching experience is fantastic. ... the learners are paying more attention in class now that there is ventilation and no exposure to direct sunlight and rain. Their grades have greatly improved as well and the students attend school more regularly."





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## Thank you!

Watch African students share their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your support!