

# HIGH FIVE CLUB

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## Education for Vulnerable Children - Uganda



We are thrilled to have joined hands together again to support one of our long-term community partners in Uganda, **ABATO Children's Trust ([www.abato.org](http://www.abato.org))**, in further improving educational facilities and provision for the most vulnerable children in the Mpigi District of Uganda.

### Background

ABATO's mission is to empower vulnerable children in their community through the provision of a quality education, development of their talents and abilities, along with giving the children spiritual nourishment in the Christian faith as a prerequisite to a brighter future.

High Five Club has partnered with ABATO since 2012 in building classrooms, supplying desks and chairs, and contributing towards the construction of a football academy and 'development through sport' outreach programme in the community. The latter has already been used to host Holiday Youth Football Cup tournaments, large children's festival events and Gospel Music concerts. The Muslim children at the ABATO School also use the field as an outdoor worship venue. Its success has exceeded all of our expectations!



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ABATO is now able to educate more than 400 vulnerable children through their education programs and our partnership is helping shape the destiny of many children in Uganda whose only hope of surviving poverty is through education.s

ABATO is widely recognised within Uganda for the quality of the education they provide, in no small part due to the talented and well qualified teachers they have successfully attracted.

## High Five Club Support

Five members of the teaching staff have been renting a room in a low-rental part of the community many miles from the school. Not only has the monthly rent and transport costs in getting to the school each day been a significant burden for these teachers, who all work for a small monthly stipend, but the public transport system in Uganda is unreliable and has meant long travel times and much wasted down-time.



In recognition of the dedication and commitment of these teachers to providing a quality education for the vulnerable children at this school, we have over the summer supported ABATO to construct 5 teacher's houses within the grounds of the school. Each house has a bedroom and a living space, with cooking taking place in an outside communal kitchen area.

All 5 houses are now occupied by teaching staff and the school has witnessed a great improvement in service delivery as a result. Time keeping as a value has been established and the burden of accommodation provision on the teachers has been tackled. Looking after the teachers well means increased staff retention at such rural schools, which is critical in providing a quality education for these children.



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On the back of High Five Club supporting the work of ABATO, other supporters have had their confidence raised upon seeing ABATO efficiently make use of donor funds. As a result a Rotary Club in Germany has since supported a solar energy project at the school. Moses Kalanzi, the founder and Executive Director of ABATO is a really inspiring young person who has a real heart for his community. He was this year a Queen's Young Leaders Awards runner-up for his work at ABATO and is a real encouragement to other young Ugandans who are seeking a make a difference in their communities.

High Five Club contributed 9,510,000 Ugandan Shillings (£2,279.18) for the construction of the 5 teachers' houses, with the community providing some casual manual labour and the hand moulding of bricks.



At ca. £455 per teacher's house, this shows how a little goes a long way in Africa. £1,800 of this was donated by our educational benefactor from Roffey Homes [www.roffeyhomes.com](http://www.roffeyhomes.com), with the balance from High Five Club membership fees.

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