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I found myself repeating the title of this discussion over and over again in my head, as if to jog a memory. Trying not to seem redundant. The words call to action began to resonate until it triggered a memory. A young man that I remembered being featured on Microsoft’s website. It stood out, because this young man was not that different from many of us. Trying to find his way and almost stumbling into an epiphany, a solution to a problem that was weighing heavily in his country.

Joshua Okello, a college student who once studied to be a doctor switch career tracks to mobile development. The issue, antiquated tools used to monitor fetal heart rates by midwives. “In an effort to help save lives, Joshua and his team developed WinSenga, a portable and affordable electronic fetal heart rate monitor that plugs into a mobile phone and is operated using an app. By using WinSenga, doctors and midwives will be able to more accurately monitor and track the health of both baby and mother during pregnancy.”

*Joshua says, “We are not trying to re-invent the wheel, rather modifying existing technologies to solve age-old problems.” Thanks to the power of Windows Phone, ultrasound technology is no longer limited to a hospital setting. Midwives and mothers everywhere will be able to better detect complications early with the help of WinSenga, allowing for treatment before pregnancies become high-risk.*

According to Joshua, it was time to stop looking outside of Africa to solve African problems. It was as if to say that the African people were beginning to doubt there own capabilities.

There are probably [5 African Apps You’ve Probably Never Heard Of](http://www.africa.com/blog/top-five-african-apps-youve-probably-never-heard-of/) and other apps that you would not have thought to be [Useful Mobile Apps in Africa](http://www.africa.com/blog/most-popular-mobile-apps-in-africa/).  When you have a moment please take a look at [AppsAfrica](http://appsafrica.com/).  This is a market that you might not have considered before.  Always remember that mobile is global!

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