



## **Introduction**

The Steve Sinnott Foundation works with teachers and educators to deliver projects that progress the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 - ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

We work in a way that is enabling and doesn't create dependence. We believe that learning is reciprocal and therefore we work in partnership; developing projects that are fit for purpose, locally owned and managed, replicable and sustainable.

The Steve Sinnott Foundation prioritises UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4 - quality education) believing this to be the foundation for the successful achievement of all other SDGs.

## **The Challenge**

We are supporting universal access to education and life-long learning. We believe in quality, holistic, inclusive and appropriate education that encourages independent thought and this is where the challenge exists.

We currently work with teachers and educators in The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Cuba and Nepal. We have developed two Learning Resource Centres in Haiti and Nepal to provide access to resource provision to support teaching and learning. A third centre is opening in The Gambia this year.

During the COVID 19 pandemic it has become even more apparent that access to online learning and connecting to others is not accessible to everyone. Despite the best efforts of our partners, in some places connection to online resources is just not available; some places do not have clean running water or electricity due to the infrastructure not being in place, never mind access to the internet and affordability is a key issue too.

There has been some research done and here are articles to get you interested:

<https://www.balancingact-africa.com/news/telecoms-en/29562/building-a-grassroots-african-internet-meet-the-mesh-potato>

<https://www.starlink.com/>

[https://www.ted.com/talks/rose\\_m\\_mutiso\\_how\\_to\\_bring\\_affordable\\_sustainable\\_electricity\\_to\\_africa](https://www.ted.com/talks/rose_m_mutiso_how_to_bring_affordable_sustainable_electricity_to_africa)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-africa-47723967>

## **The Solution**

During this year we have worked with partners to deliver local solutions such as providing solar radios to deliver pre-recorded lessons and the printing of materials for distribution.

We are about to start a pilot solar classroom in The Gambia; through the provision of solar screens and preloaded local curriculum teaching and learning resources.

To enable us to carry out this work we have been hosting Life Long Learning Webinars to share learning and raise funds for this work. Funds raised will be used to provide technology and network connectivity to ensure teachers and students internationally can access the same learning opportunities that we take for granted.

Our offer is for you to be part of this solution and support us with research on best practice in the field, what worked, what didn't and most importantly what is the most cost effective and sustainable solution? We hope you will come up with some innovative solutions to enable this work to be replicated, attract investment and ensure it will be sustainable in the future.

We are really looking forward to working with you and hearing your ideas and testing solutions and we hope to meet you all soon.

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