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Pencils of promise, something to believe in



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Education impacts every area of life. Sometimes we are not aware of the significance of being able to read because we think that it is inherent but nothing could be more untrue. Up to **75% of children** in more deprived regions of poor countries **can't read a single word** even after several years in school. This **lack of quality education** can lead to health and sanitation issues, gender inequality, lack of qualified teachers, familial economic instability or infrastructure challenges.

The cost of **250 million children** around the world **not learning basic skills** translates into a loss of an estimated US\$129 billion per year. In order to face this issue was born [Pencils of Promise](#), a founding which create schools, programmes and global communities around the common goal of education for all.

Currently, **Pencils of promise** is working in **Ghana, Nicaragua, Laos and Guatemala** providing quality educational programming to increase literacy rates. Concretely, They are working in these programmes:

- **Teacher support:** They are changing the way teachers are supported and trained providing them with innovative resources to ensure that students are learning effectively.
- **Health education:** They teach kids about potable water, sanitation and hygiene.
- **Build safe schools.**

Children's education is a global issue and these type of actions are really essential. If you want to know more about this founding, you can [take a look at its website](#). Besides, people who would like to collaborate with this organisation can do it [making a donations](#).

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