

Fun fundraising ideas

There are hundreds of different ways to fundraise. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- > **Eat up!** Hold a school dinner party.
- > **Book up...** Run a book swap or sale.
- > **Dress up** – or just dress down for the day.
- > **Singalong...** Stage an X-factor style talent show and let the girls take on the boys.
- > **Spell it out.** Organise a spelling competition at your local school.



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> **Go online!** Set up a page on our fundraising website www.myactionaid.org.uk where you can collect donations, share ideas and upload photos.

Real lives: Venilia's story



“My name is Venilia Philippe. I am 14 years old and I have attended Loncy community school since 2001. Thanks to ActionAid and local partner COSADH, our school has had the opportunity to benefit from a book lending programme. Since the school started doing this, lots of things have changed in my life. The problems I had with my grades are now solved, and overall my grades are increasing. I want to thank ActionAid and COSADH in a special way for the work they are doing to improve education in Lascahobas. We hope that one day they will be able to rebuild our school, so that other children from Loncy can benefit from that privilege.”

Venilia Philippe, 14, Lascahobas, Haiti.
Photo: ActionAid

Priority Projects

Haiti: quality education for poor, rural children

Fact: over 50% of children in Haiti don't go to school – many grow up illiterate and turn to begging for an income.

Aim: to provide education for the children in one of Haiti's most deprived areas, Lascahobas.



Children at school in Loncy, Lascahobas, Haiti.

Photo: ActionAid

Haiti's education crisis

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, and is prone to devastating droughts and floods. Lascahobas is one of the country's poorest areas. Here, schools are in disrepair, staffed by unqualified teachers, and have large class sizes.

Added to this, they are often privately run, expensive and unregulated. This means families either make big sacrifices to pay for costly yet low-quality education, or can't afford to send their children at all.

These factors mean that only 37% of Lascahobas' children attend school. As few as 10% of girls enrol in school, and they have a high drop-out rate.

Haiti factfile



- > The population of Haiti is nine million.
- > 48% of Haiti's people are undernourished.
- > Life expectancy in Haiti is 59 – in rural Lascahobas it falls to 52.
- > More than half of Haiti's population lives on less than 70p per day.
- > Nearly half the population does not have access to safe water.
- > ActionAid has been working in Haiti since 1996, campaigning for the right to a free and quality education for all, and supporting the building of community schools and centres in urban and flood-affected areas.

Real lives: Eveline's story



Eveline Cine, eight, Lascahobas, Haiti.
Photo: ActionAid

Eveline lives with her parents, four sisters and brother. She never went to school because her parents couldn't afford to send her, but she always dreamed of going.

“My parents are not able to send my brother, sisters and I to school. I am always sad when I see the other kids on their way to school. I want to be a teacher when I grow up and I know that by going to school I will have a better future. I hope that one day someone will help me and children in my community to find a better way of living.”



Children at school in Lascahobas.
Photo: ActionAid

How you can help

The project

This project will build a school to provide 300 children in Lascahobas with access to good quality education. The school, like others ActionAid has helped to build in Haiti, will also serve as a temporary community shelter in times of disaster.

What this Priority Project will do:

- > Provide the school with educational materials and furniture to help learning.
- > Provide access to safe water and sanitation facilities in the school.
- > Increase the level of enrolment in school – particularly girls – and reduce the drop-out rate, using scholarships.
- > Run public awareness campaigns using song and drama to promote school enrolment, broadcasting messages via community radio.
- > Provide children with vocational training to ensure they can support themselves in the future.

What your money can buy

£20

could pay for school books for one child for a whole year.

£40

could provide desks and chairs, meaning children no longer have to sit on the classroom floor.

£80

could buy several blackboards for the school.

£800

could weatherproof classrooms to protect pupils from the rain.

£1,500

could build toilet facilities to improve water and sanitation facilities for pupils at the school.

£2,919

could construct a well for the school, providing safe water for 300 children.