## About the Sabre Trust

We're a small charity working on a big issue: education. We work at all levels of the Ghana education system, focusing particularly on kindergarten where the needs are greatest. Through our projects "We are committed to working with Sabre to ensure that our children receive the best possible start to their education"

> Mr Gabriel Gademor, Education Director for the KEEA Municipality

we work in partnership with the local education authorities to make school a better place for Ghanaian children, and to encourage them to stay in education for longer.

#### **Education in Ghana**

<b>Kinder-</b> garten 4-6 yrs	Primary School 7-12 yrs	Junior High School 13-16 yrs	Senior High School 16-19 yrs
<ul> <li>Building Schools</li> <li>Training Teachers</li> <li>Providing Learning Resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scholarship Packs</li> <li>Library Reading Schemes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scholarship Packs</li> <li>School Partnerships</li> </ul>	- Scholarship Fund

### What our projects cost

Sustainable kindergarten school	£91,325
Classroom for 60 pupils	£19,195
Ventilated improved toilet block	£5,460
Rainwater harvesting system	£1,515
Kindergarten playground	£1,210
Tables and chairs for a kindergarten class	£670
1 year's full scholarship at SHS	£300
Termly classroom pack for KG	£55



### Partner with us

Much of our work is only possible through collaboration and partnerships. Links with corporate partners bring much needed skills and expertise to our projects in Ghana, and by linking Ghanaian schools with UK partners we can deliver academic projects and cultural sharing. Working together with volunteers also helps us to deliver our projects on the ground.



## Would you like to work with us? If so, write to us at:

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Supporting Africa By Rural Endeavours, Unit 5 South Lodge Court, Ironsbottom, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8QG, UK

Sabre Charitable Trust (Ghana):

Supporting Africa By Rural Endeavours, P.O. Box Elmina 329, Central Region, Ghana

#### Or you can get in touch through our website, by email, or simply by giving us a call

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Building better schools, training untrained teachers and creating learning resources in Ghana, West Africa



# Building better schools

We support some of the poorest rural communities in Ghana. Here, village schools lack even basic classroom facilities for their kindergarten pupils. Children are taught in makeshift shelters, private houses or simply under the shade of trees, and lessons are often disrupted by wind, rain and even stray goats.

#### We're committed to building many more of these schools in other rural communities. but to do this we need your help. You can support'us by visiting www.sabretrust.org/ donate

Through an innovative partnership with construction firms Arup and Davis Langdon. and working closely with the community, we've designed and built a new type of kindergarten

school. This three-classroom school provides a light, airy, spacious and comfortable learning environment - very different to the makeshift schools found in most villages.

The new school is environmentally friendly, using local materials such as bamboo, soil and coconut husk, and the roof is designed to capture rainwater for washing and drinking. Labourers from the local community are also employed on the building projects, gaining new construction skills.



Did vou know only 30% of kindergarten teachers in rural schools have received any formal training, and most lack specific knowledge of early years education? The result is uninspiring classes and children not fulfilling their learning potential.

To change this, we're working with teachers to enhance their skills and give them a better understanding of the Ghana Education Service curriculum.

> By coaching teachers in the benefits of learning through play and activitybased learning, we're helping to transform the way kindergarten is taught in Ghana. By recruiting skilled early vears professionals to travel to Ghana as volunteer trainers, we can combine international best practice with local cultural awareness.

Are you an early years teacher interested in volunteerina? Or are you someone who could help with our construction and reading programmes? If so, email us at volunteer@ sabretrust.org

## **Creating** learning resources

Classrooms in Ghana are hugely under-resourced and it's not unusual to see a single textbook shared by an entire class. Many children have no access to writing materials and learning can often seem like an uphill battle.

We're involved in programmes to ensure every child has their own workbook and classrooms are equipped with culturally appropriate learning materials.

We also recognise the importance of play based learning, and work with community artisans to manufacture toy boxes from renewable and recycled materials. What's more, we believe that every kindergarten school should have an outside playground and have developed a range of models that can be built at low cost by local communities.

Would you like to help give children in Ghana the best possible start? You can help us make sure every classroom has the resources it needs

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