

Public Benefits Pledge

All our projects, support and programmes are ultimately designed to benefit the public in the areas we're working and the following is an overview of how we achieve that in each area of developmental aid;

- **The prevention or relief of poverty:** All of the work of Moving Mountains contributes to prevention and relief of poverty, directly benefitting those who receive support as well as reducing prevalence of suffering and inequality in society. Our strategic development partnerships and programmes are targeted to support the poorest, most marginalised young people, families and communities, particularly street children and families, urban slum communities, internally displaced people and impoverished rural communities.
- **The advancement of education:** Advancing education is at the heart of what we do, with focus on areas where our work can have greatest impact and for those most in need, particularly street children and young people from urban slum communities and impoverished rural communities. We work directly with underfunded schools, both in urban and rural contexts, improving the quality and reach of education for communities most in need. Advancing education improves knowledge and skills, resulting in improved confidence, employment opportunities and well-being on an individual and family level and impacting positively on socio-economic development on a wider level. Promoting our work also increases public awareness and knowledge of other cultures and development contexts, helping to create informed, active and engaged citizens, capable and motivated to contribute to the development of their own communities.
- **The advancement of health or the saving of lives:** We work with disadvantaged and underfunded health organisations, hospitals and communities, supporting health services to reduce illness and disease and reducing the financial burden on families and individuals in accessing health services. Our work increasing awareness of healthy living and disease prevention also reduces the demand for health services.
- **The advancement of citizenship or community development:** Sustainable community development and active citizenship are also at the heart of our work. By involving and empowering beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders in projects we advance citizenship and encourage and support beneficiaries to become agents of development and change. Individuals benefit by becoming key to the process of development whilst wider society benefits through positive transformation of communities and effective solutions to development issues.

- **The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science:** We protect and preserve traditional arts and culture through collaborations with partners, benefitting the communities who wish to preserve their culture and traditions and the wider public who can enjoy these cultural riches. We also support the development of contemporary culture and arts, creating opportunities for non-formal learning and extra-curricular activities for communities who would ordinarily lack such opportunities.
- **The advancement of amateur sport:** We promote sport both as an end in itself through the associated benefits in health, well-being, positive identity and values and as a means to allowing us to reach out to the most vulnerable and marginalised young people, including street children, orphans and young people from urban slum communities and impoverished rural communities.
- **The advancement of environmental protection or improvement:** Our support for environmental projects and programmes benefits the public through the preservation of environmental riches and biodiversity and through the sustainable management of resources on a community level, providing financial and social benefits as well as important cultural and aesthetic value.
- **The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage:** We provide social welfare support to these vulnerable groups where existing support services are lacking. The public benefits from the support received through reduction of the burden placed on existing carers and services and by ensuring the well-being of these groups is met.

What we do

Poverty: We provide financial assistance, food, clothing and shelter to children and their families who are homeless or living in desperate conditions to relieve their poverty and promote their ambitions, hopes and dreams. We also provide financial assistance, advice and expertise for self-help projects, schemes and rehabilitation camps for street children in order to promote practical and vocational skills, the production of food and income.

Education: Constructing and renovating infrastructure and facilities for schools is a major part of our work in all of the areas where we operate. Improving learning environments, comfort and wellbeing for pupils and teachers through construction and renovation projects increases attendance, academic achievement, knowledge, learning, confidence, and demand for and quality



of education. These construction and renovation projects are part of long-term strategic partnerships with the schools and are identified in collaboration with the school management committees and delivered alongside ongoing management advice, assistance and support.

We also fund salaries for teachers to assist underfunded schools to attract and retain teachers and to increase the quality and range of classes they are able to provide.

Our Educational Support Programmes advance education for the most marginalised children and young people. These programmes include payment of school, college and university fees, transport and uniform costs to allow young people from the most disadvantaged backgrounds to access and pursue their education. Support for formal education is also complimented by support for vocational training, non-formal learning and ongoing capacity building to ensure that those who are unable to pursue formal education can continue to learn and develop their skills.

Development Education: This benefit is felt particularly in the UK and the other countries where volunteers, donors and supporters are from. We work extensively to include volunteers in our projects and programmes and to inform and educate the public. By providing pre-departure training programmes, volunteer management and training during trips and post-trip debriefs and follow-up activities we ensure that participation in our volunteering trips and placements in the countries where we work gives volunteers a direct and profound experience of other cultures and development contexts as well as direct experience of working with a progressive and experienced development NGO. By sharing news, photos, videos and reports from our projects and programmes we contribute to educating the general public about international development work and small-scale community development work in different contexts and regions around the world.

Health: Our work aims to contribute to the the relief of sickness and the safeguarding of health by grants of money for: (a) the provision of drugs and medical appliances, and the support of medical and other personnel engaged in and for such purposes. (b) the provision and support of facilities in the interests of social welfare for the relief of sickness and distress. (c) the promotion of public education in all matters relating to HIV and AIDS. (d) the prevention of children's diseases through conditions brought about by severe poverty and lack of education.

Community Development: Our work involves the development and joint maintenance of community groups in areas benefitting from all of the above whereby specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound objectives are evaluated, supervised, implemented and monitored so that the benefits can serve the community for years to come; this includes the provision of volunteers and personnel, shared management and implementation of projects, training, maintenance, advice and arbitration over problems or disputes plus assistance with accounts and records.