Finding the right project to donate to can be difficult, and there are certainly many important issues that can be addressed. Groundbreaker is a free, non-profit service that works as a link between you as a motivated donor and small local initiatives in the Global South. We fully support your efforts while you are contributing to a fairer and more protected planet.
We have a large portfolio of local partner organizations in various countries around the world. We can propose you several projects according to your area of interest, including a due diligence report. If there is no suitable project, we will gladly support you with your further outreach.

We provide relevant content and gladly support you to create trustworthy and impactful communication around the project. If you would like to fundraise for the project, we can set up a campaign and landing page for direct donations.

We usually transfer the money in two installments to monitor the progress. During the construction work, we send you monthly updates to keep you informed. Once the school is finished, we help to organize an opening ceremony which you can attend with partner, employees or family – a once in a lifetime experience!

After the school is open, we monitor the developments and send you regular updates which you can share with your employees and customers to create long-lasting involvement. We explore further needs and seek to evaluate the impact of the new school for the children.
SINCE ALL OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE COVERED BY OUR BOARD, IT IS GUARANTEED THAT 100% OF THE DONATIONS WILL REACH THE PROJECT.
We support local organizations who know exactly what is really needed. We do not create any dependencies and focus on empowerment.

Various project countries, flexible budget size, scalability of projects depending on the needs.

You know exactly where every Euro of your donation is being spend. All accounts and expenses are completely transparent.

We are taking over most of the work that comes along with supporting a charity project.
We commit ourselves to contribute to a fairer and more prosperous planet. We publish donations, project expenditures and payments. To achieve high impact, we constantly evolve to fulfill our mission. We take responsibility for our decision, use of resources and actions, through an elaborate selection process of partner organizations on ground. 100% of external donations are going towards the projects. All running costs are covered by the founders. We believe in good cooperation with our partners, involved communities and donors.
PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

We believe that the health and livelihood of nature are directly related to the health and livelihood of humankind. Therefore, we are tackling both, environmental as well as educational projects, as they are very mutually beneficial. Let’s partner together for people and the planet!
Organizations working with some of the most disadvantaged and marginalized children and youth. The output of the project must be measurable.

Organizations that are registered, not individuals.

Organizations that are 100% transparent, accountable for their actions, and use the budget efficiently. We only fund overhead costs in the project country.

Organizations that have valuable experience in the field of schooling infrastructure and a history of similar projects.

Organizations that ensure gender equality in their programs and empower marginalized genders.

Organizations that are trusted and recognized by the communities.

Organizations that involve, engage, and embrace the input of the community being served.

Organizations that have a proven strategy for ensuring long-term success in educational and environmental programs.
Human-made climate change is a threat to all people and beings on this planet unless we keep global warming well below 2°. Reforestation projects are an impactful contribution because trees and especially rehabilitated soil can store CO₂ and thus mitigate our environmental impact.

**Cultivating Seedlings**

Healthy seedlings are the basis for effective reforestation projects. They are grown in a tree nursery that provides the perfect conditions. Diversity is key, that’s why a broad variety of fruit trees, conifers, and shrubs are cultivated.

**Planting Seedlings**

Local farmers pick up the seedlings and plant them themselves, knowing exactly which trees are needed on their property and where. The terrain in the Chiapas region is often steep or difficult to access, making planting a major effort.

**Complementary Activities**

In addition to reforestation projects, our Mexican team supports individual complementary activities such as building ponds to collect rainwater or planting flower beds that attract pollinators to complete the holistic approach.
Our implementing partner Tu Bosque runs its own tree nursery in Chiapas, Mexico. It has the capacity to grow one million seedlings per year. The seedlings are distributed to various local communities, who then plant them on their properties.

Each family or community that receives seedlings is registered and monitored by our local team to track long-term development.

The stable economic situation and the independence of the farmers as well as the longevity of the project are enhanced by free courses and workshops.
PROJECT EXAMPLE: BAUTISTA CHICO

Project Type
Reforestation

Location
Mexico, Chiapas

Budget
40,000,00€

Seedlings
85,000

Complementary Activities
Water Ponds, Field School

Implementing Partner

Funding Partner
Over 200 million children worldwide have no access to education due to a lack of school infrastructure. By constructing suitable school buildings and providing access to digital resources, the students get the chance to break the cycle of unmet potential and strengthen individual talents.

**SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE**

In cooperation with partners on the ground, we facilitate the construction of new schools according to the specific needs of the communities.

**RENOVATION & EXTENSION**

We renovate old and poorly equipped school buildings and expand schools with new classrooms to create suitable learning environments for children.

**COMPUTER LABS**

We develop new program lines to support schools with technology to improve the quality of education and to support teachers.
BUILDING SCHOOLS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

617 MILLION

children worldwide are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics

WHY?
LACK OF SCHOOLS
Construction of new schools, especially in rural areas reduces low school density and provides safe access to education for disadvantaged children without long and hazardous daily journeys.

POOR INFRASTRUCTURE OF SCHOOLS
Renovation and extension of existing schools and equipment upgrades increase the quality of education, thus creating a safe learning environment and reducing drop-out rates.

POOR SANITATION FACILITIES
Every school construction program also contains the building of gender disaggregated sanitary facilities to promote health, eliminate diseases and allow in particular menstruating girls to stay in school.

POOR QUALITY OF TEACHERS
Teacher training is managed by our implementing partner. We try to find ways to improve the quality of education and stability of knowledge transfer through ICT programs, to support teachers with the help of computers, access to internet and learning platforms.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GIRLS
Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment of women. We carefully assess the integration of girls in every new project. Girls education has various positive effects on the society for example the decrease in mortality rate and population explosion and improved socioeconomic growth.

POVERTY AND CHILD LABOR
Our supported projects have a system to assist the poorest families in order to allow their children access to education and reduce the need to rely on their income for survival. Quality education leads to improved income equality, employability, and reduced hunger and mortality rates.
PROJECT EXAMPLE: TANZANIA

July 2018

October 2018

Project Type
New school

Construction Period
4 months

Budget
36,668,00€

Children
220

Building
2 furnished classrooms and 1 lavatory

Implementing Partner
Acronis
Funding Partner
Every project is uniquely designed for the challenges in the specific environment and the needs of the children.

- Safe and sustainable classrooms
- Enough gender disaggregated sanitary facilities
- Room for teachers
- Full equipment (chairs, desks, boards, cupboards, shelves etc.)
- Outdoor area
- Edutech (if possible)
OUR PROJECTS:  > 12,600 CHILDREN  39 SCHOOL PROJECTS

28 open schools
10 under construction
1 starting soon
OPEN SCHOOL EXAMPLES

MYANMAR, ATA
CAMBODIA, PONG TUK
TANZANIA, LOONGUNG
MADAGASCAR, AMBALAFENO
LEBANON, BARR ELIAS
GUATEMALA, SOLALÁ
PERU, NUEVO CHIMBORO
DR CONGO, KINSHASA
A SCHOOL AS THE PERFECT CSR PROJECT

- Everyone understands the importance of education
- Strong impact for generations of children
- A company’s “own” long-term project (easy use for marketing)
- Tangible nature (can be visited by employees, partners, board)
- Flexible budget size / scalability
- Suitable for fundraising campaign
- Clearly defined success factors (building quality, in-cost, attendance of students, drop-out rates)
**GENERAL PROCEDURE**

**Project Portfolio**
We continuously evaluate school projects worldwide and find accredited partners on ground according to set standards. Every project passes through a due diligence assessment. Therefore, we have an existing portfolio of suitable projects and a strong partner network to create perfect matches for potential donors.

**Construction Updates**
We frequently send you updates with information about the progress of the school’s construction. We usually have three construction phases and therefore transfer the donation in three installments.

**Opening Ceremony**
The opening ceremony of a school is a once in a lifetime experience. We organize the event with our partner on site and support you in planning the trip to the new school.

**Evaluation & Control**
We keep you updated on the improvements of the children’s educational standards through a monitoring and evaluation procedure to measure the long-term impact of the school.

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**INITIATION**
1-2 months

**Construction**
6-12 months

**Opening**
2-3 days

**Monitoring**
Long-term

**Selection**
Choose a project from our portfolio or share your area of interest and we’ll find a suitable school project. The average price of a school is 40,000€ and 100% of your donation goes towards the project.

**Fundraising Campaign**
If you wish to start a fundraising campaign, for example for your birthday, anniversary or within your company, we can support you with content and provide you with a landing page.

**PR & Marketing Support**
We support you with content marketing and storytelling to present the school project along with the impact it has on the children's lives. Besides, you can give the school its official name!

**Follow Up Reports**
We will frequently inform you about the development of the school and possible further needs. You can also visit the school whenever you want.
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