



# AID & EDUCATION

## QUALITY EDUCATION: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4

In recent years, there has been much hesitation around aid and the impact of it. We know that sustainability is key. Five Talents believes in providing a hand-up, rather than a handout to support those in low-income countries out of poverty. We believe the key is in building resilience through quality training and education (SDG 4); teaching people to manage their finances through saving and providing a safe place to do so. As well as this, through the formation of Savings Groups, members learn business skills that will support them to grow a small business.

Alinga lives in Karamoja, Uganda with her husband and eight children. Before joining a Five Talents' Savings Group, Alinga already had her own small business selling Maasai fabric at the market. But market days are infrequent - meaning income was inconsistent. As well as this, time spent walking and carrying her goods to the market was both a physical strain and left Alinga little time to manage her house and home.

Having heard about Five Talents at her local church, Alinga decided to join as she wanted somewhere to build savings and learn the skills needed to expand her business. She may only have a small business now, but she has big ambitions: "I want to open my own, permanent, shop." And that's what motivates her to save. Through her Savings Group, Alinga has learnt to increase her income and says that her profits enable her to send her children to school; access medical care and crucially, means her family are fed on a daily basis. Five Talents has given Alinga independence by equipping her with the skills, tools and knowledge to become sustainably self-reliant."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR PROGRAMMES

**75%**  
of members receiving  
literacy training in DR Congo  
passed their literacy exams

**14,148**  
adults in Burundi became  
literate and numerate across  
a three-year programme.

**18,000**  
children in Kenya are  
able to attend school due  
to our programmes

Figures are accurate from April 2020.