Become a STARteacher!
Learning that makes a difference

WHAT’S GOING ON
Globally, literacy rates have gone up, school enrolment rates have risen and dropout rates have fallen over the past decade. But despite increased enrolments, an estimated 264 million children do not attend school or quit school prematurely. Moreover, many children cannot read, write or count sufficiently, whether they have attended school or not. This is largely due to large classes, traditional teaching methods with little or no interaction, and often insufficient teacher training and supports. Poorly educated children are likely to face a future of unemployment trapped in a cycle of poverty. This ‘global learning crisis’ leads to a huge loss of talented youth for developing countries.

WHAT WE DO ABOUT IT
Edukans trains teachers to apply effective education methods that engage and inspire school children in their learning process. Together with the University of Amsterdam, we developed STARteacher, a training method for teacher-trainers and school supervisors to guide and support teachers on how to apply Active Teaching and Learning methods in their daily classroom practice, in order to enhance students’ learning outcomes, self-confidence and encourage critical thinking for lifelong learning. By using different forms of capacity building, such as digital video recording, analysing observation methods, development of education materials, and peer-to-peer support, STARteacher supports teachers to adopt an effective learner-centred approach. We make use of 10 interactive training modules:

1. Lesson Plan     2. Use of textbooks
3. Concept Building    4. Worksheets
5. Teaching Strategies    6. Group Work
7. Learning Styles    8. Assessment
9. Questioning & Answering  10. Time-on-Task

The Monitoring-Sharing-Improving method is at the heart of STARteacher. It ensures a continuous cycle of improving teaching methods over the course of 3 years, including 6 training courses and supervision by local partners.

OUR GOAL
BY 2020

UPSCALE USE OF EDUSTARS QUALITY CARD

2.000
SCHOOL!
Quality Card

TEACHERS TRAINED

30.000

STUDENTS IMPROVED THEIR ACADEMIC LEARNING RESULTS

1,5 million
We include Dutch teachers and school leaders in the implementation of our programmes through our World Teacher programmes. During a couple of weeks professionals from the Netherlands and Finland exchange experiences with their counterparts in the South. Through peer-to-peer learning we enhance the professional teaching capacity of teachers and school leaders, thus strengthening our method.

**WHY EDUCANKS?**
With over 15 years of experience, Edukans is an expert in quality education in developing countries. We look beyond education access and establish quality education that contributes to the welfare and economic development of individuals, communities and countries. Our comprehensive and unique approach ensures stakeholders are well-equipped, by focusing on improving didactic, instructional and pedagogical skills. Our ‘train-the-trainer’ approach creates sustainable results with a broad impact. We develop our evidence-based approach in close partnership with our network of universities and knowledge centres and international partners such as the University of Amsterdam, MasterCard Foundation, EU and Unicef.

**FOR WHOM**
Teachers, teacher-training centres, governments, partner-NGOs.

**ABOUT EDUCANKS**
Edukans is an international NGO with headquarters based in the Netherlands and country offices in Malawi, Kenya, Ethiopia and Ghana. We specialise in providing marginalised children and youngsters around the world with basic education and vocational training. We focus on four key themes: quality primary education, youth at work, education in emergencies and equal opportunities for boys and girls.

**MORE INFORMATION:**
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**TRACK RECORD**

| EXPERTS | 800 |
| COUNTRIES | 25 |
| TEACHERS | 5000+ |

**MONITORING**
- Filming existing classroom practice
- Observation of student & teacher activities
- Time on Task observations

**SHARING**
- Feedback
- Analyse film fragments
- Discussion

**IMPROVING**
- How instead of What
- Applying plans to improve teaching and learning practice

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