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 ill-trained teachers. These poorly educated children may face a future of unemployment and 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 has developed EDUstars, a comprehensive, hands-on school quality model that helps schools develop a high-level learning environment for their students. This model aims at improving the quality of education on five dimensions: to create a safe learning environment, well-trained teachers and parental commitment, a well-functioning school management and a comprehensive child approach; crucial success factors for better student learning outcomes. EDUstars starts with an assessment. The EDUstars Quality Card is the online tool we use to assess school quality and monitor quality developments. The tool is a mobile app that collects observations and feedback by education professionals and stakeholders for individual schools. EDUstars Quality Card is not intended as an inspection or control tool. With our EDUstars Quality Card schools are able to measure their performances on different indicators. Schools can indicate what their own performance is and compare the outcome with the rating of an external professional. By comparing these results schools can easily see on which of the five dimensions of quality education improvements need to be made. It instantly delivers a report that can be used for discussion and developing a joint improvement plan. After improvement plans have been made and the school is on its way to strengthen its performance on the five dimensions, the EDUstars Quality Card can be used as a monitoring tool as well. The tool enables ownership for
monitoring quality at school level. It contributes to improving a process of joint learning for school managements and teachers. The quality of education on the five dimensions can thus be improved in a sustainable way.

OUR GOAL
By 2020, our ambition is to:
• Upscale use of the EDUstars Quality Card tool beyond our ambition of 2,000 schools, via licensing.
• 30,000 teachers trained.
• 1.5 million students improved their academic learning results.

WHY EDUKANS?
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 and pedagogic 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 like the University of Amsterdam, MasterCard, EU and Unicef.

FOR WHOM
Ministries of Education and quality assurance structures, NGOs, Teacher Training Institutes, schools and local key stakeholders.

ABOUT EDUKANS
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.

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