Train STARteachers!
Get into Active Teaching and Learning

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 aims to help teachers develop 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 teachers 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 and encourage critical thinking for life-long 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 a 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

Our train-the-trainer cascade model ensures a broad impact of the STARteacher method. In a one week programme we train tutors (instructors, teacher trainers) to apply Active Teaching and Learning Methods in their own teaching practice at college level. The tutors then train their students (pre-service teachers) and the in-service teachers on how to work with the same method.
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 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 focussing 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
Teacher-training centres, governments, partner-NGOs.

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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