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TGUP recently installed another [Science Lab in a Box](#) in **Nepal**, 100 smokeless stoves in **Tanzania**, built a new classroom in **Cameroon**, a two-room classroom complex in **Guatemala**, opened a new [Save a Girl](#)™ sewing center in **Uganda**, and distributed thousands of [Save a Girl](#)™ kits to adolescent girls in six countries. All in a month's work.

The project we've had the most fun with is rehabilitating a special needs school in Kenya. The Karatina Special School in Karatina has 120 students. All are mentally handicapped (the school's description). Several structures at the school were decrepit, with holes in the roof, drainage problems, lacking vocational training resources, and more.

With funding from the **Special Need Children Center Foundation** in Fremont, CA, TGUP carried out an extensive rehabilitation. Some of the highlights follow. We:

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### Replaced the roof on the girls' dorm

The asbestos tiles in the 40-year-old roof on the girls' dorm had holes and were failing fast. We reinforced the roof framing and put on a galvanized sheet metal roof that is more secure and will last for 50 years.



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### Repaired various drainage problems

Water was collecting in unwanted areas, undermining foundations. We re-leveled the areas and installed gutters to keep most of the water out altogether.



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## Built new clothes lines and drying racks for clothes

Clothes were dried on local shrubbery, which was inefficient and not good for the shrubs. We built 8 long-length clothes lines which now handle all drying needs.



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## Bought new industrial-grade washing machines

With 120 students, laundry needs were daunting. Many bed linens need to be changed daily. All of this washing was done by hand. We installed 2 industrial-grade washing machines, saving scores of staff hours per week.



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## Erected a fence to ensure privacy for the girls

The boys would peep at the girls as they went from the bathing area to their dormitory. We erected a fence across the path. Now, the girls have privacy, and safety.



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## Planted 120 fruit trees

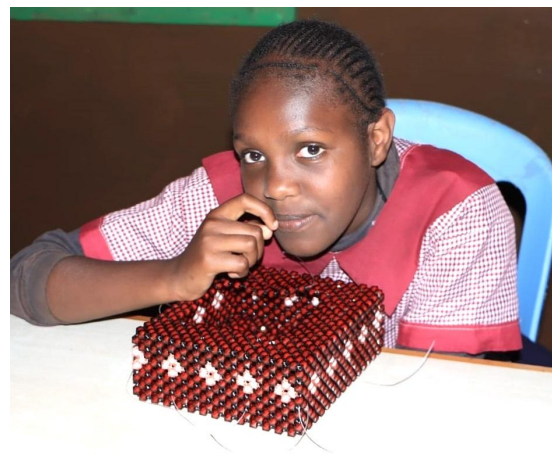
These included avocado, orange, tamarillo, mango, papaya, and passion fruit trees. They will both feed the children and become part of the school's agricultural vocational training program.



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## Installed new vocational training equipment

The school's vocational offerings include agriculture, kitchen arts, wood working, sewing, and bead making. We bought a new foot-powered sewing machine and stocked an entire year's worth of beads and bead-making supplies. They're already being used!



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## Built a new swing set

The old swing set had become unusable. You can see it for yourself. The new one is so popular we're probably going to have to install a second set. Children need to play.




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## Repainted the entire school

The school hadn't been painted in 20 years, and it showed. There was a feeling of shabbiness that was unbecoming the dignity the children deserve. So, we painted the entire school. Amazing change in the vibe! The whole place feels snappier, and dynamic.




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This project improved the quality of life and expanded the opportunities for 120 special needs children, among the most vulnerable people on earth. Zia Oboodiyat, CEO of the Special Need Children Center Foundation which funded the project said, "It is our great pleasure and honor to help special needs children in Africa better realize their innate human potential."

That is, indeed, the Foundation's ethic: to help the Special among us realize their innate human potential. Thank you SNCCF, and Nathan and Zia! The world is a better place because of you.

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## Matching Project Opportunity

TGUP's [Science Lab in a Box](#) (SLaB) enables world class high school laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. We have received a \$4,500 grant from the Rotary Club of Palo Alto, CA to build a lab at the Githage School in Kenya and provision it with a SLaB. That is half of the cost of the project. We need to raise the other half.

If you would like to help Science education for students in Africa, please donate any amount you wish. This is an astoundingly impactful project that will help thousands of children. Your donation will effectively be doubled. As with all of TGUP's projects, ***every dollar donated by an individual*** goes into this project. Thank you Rotary Club of Palo Alto! The world is a better place because of you.

## Final Word

Changing the world isn't as daunting as we might think. It's a matter of doing lots of small-

scale but high impact projects. No one project costs very much, but every one improves life chances for the recipients. Like the projects you've seen above.

TGUP has completed **335 projects** in 25 of the poorest countries in the world. Over their lives, they will help more than 2 million people better help themselves. This year, we're completing a new project every four days somewhere in the world. They all have one thing in common.

They are all funded by many small donations from people like you. That's why our motto is "Even the greatest waterfall starts with a single drop of water."

Make yourself a drop in this tsunami of goodwill that is changing the world. It's working, and we don't know of any other program that does it better.

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