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PARTNERSHIP IMPACT

In 2020, the partnership between Mobile Beacon, NACEPF and buildOn forged ahead in addressing educational inequalities around the world. Students from New York to Nepal are being infused with a passion for the possible and the skills to create change in their own lives and those around them.

Thank you Mobile Beacon and NACEPF for a third year of programming support that is breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION**

10

Schools Funded

17,892

Volunteer Work Days

51%

of Students are Female

buildOn

**ADULT LITERACY
PROGRAM**

14

Programs
Funded

806

Participants

79%

of Participants are
Female

**PARTNERSHIP
HIGHLIGHTS
(2019-2020)**

From 2019 to 2020, Mobile Beacon and NACEPF transformed the lives of thousands of community members in 8 buildOn program countries and a high school in the South Bronx.

Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Burkina Faso



KOMSNEDEGO

School Construction Story



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Komsnedgo

Students Enrolled: 131

Girls Enrolled: 69

Teachers: 6

Grade Levels: 6



The village of Komsnedgo previously had one buildOn school block built in 2015, however, as the community continued to grow there was no longer enough space for all 131 students and many children didn't attend school at all due to inadequate classroom space. Since partnering with Mobile Beacon and NACEPF to construct an additional school block in 2020, all of that has changed. When the new school year begins on October 1st, the government has agreed to increase the grade levels offered at Komsnedgo to include 5th and 6th grade, and to also send two additional teachers to teach at the school. This will allow numerous out of school children to now be enrolled in Komsnedgo.

Across the globe, from Boston to Burkina Faso, buildOn partnered with volunteers, students, and community members in our partner countries to make more than 85,000 life-saving masks. The village of Komsnedgo was one of the communities to participate in this project and together they made 1,175 masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Mali



OUAKORO FOULALA

Adult Literacy Program Story



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Diassolon

Schools in Mali were closed from March 2020 until July 2020 due to COVID-19. In July 2020, schools reopened and classes resumed. A few days after the reopening, the teachers in Mali went on strike. There was no school in the community of Diassolon prior to the construction of the buildOn school, therefore there is no data available. Data will be collected once the school opens and classes begin.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

Ouakoro Foulala

Start Date: November 2019

End Date: April 2021

No. of Men: 20

No. of Women: 30

Total Enrollment: 50

Bladie Zana

Start Date: November 2019

End Date: April 2021

No. of Men: 20

No. of Women: 30

Total Enrollment: 50

Maimounata Kone is determined that each of her children attend school. She is resolute in this commitment because she herself was forced by her parents to withdraw from 5th grade in order to get married. Child marriage is not uncommon in the developing world and is often a result of poverty, lack of education, and cultural practices. Maimounata never learned to read or write.

Thanks to Mobile Beacon and NACEPF, Maimounata was able to enroll in the Adult Literacy Program in her community of Ouakoro Foulala. The program started in November of 2019. ***“I feel so happy, blessed and grateful to buildOn and Mobile Beacon and NACEPF for providing me an opportunity that will help transform my life.”***

The Adult Literacy Program in Ouakoro Foulala was paused in April 2020 due to coronavirus. This did not stop Maimounata from pursuing her goal of becoming literate. She continued to study alone at home and would also visit the program facilitators to ask questions and request additional exercises. ***“My dream is to become a famous tailor. Thanks to the skills I’m learning during these classes that dream is now possible.”*** Maimounata is also committed to fighting against child marriage.

The Adult Literacy Program in Ouakoro Foulala was paused in April 2020 prior to the completion of year one. The program will resume in October and is scheduled to end in December 2020. Year two of the two-year program will occur in 2021.

Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Malawi



MALAWI School Construction Story



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Suza

Students Enrolled: 1,030
Girls Enrolled: 513
Teachers: 21
Grade Levels: 8

Chintchinda

Students Enrolled: 790
Girls Enrolled: 411
Teachers: 8
Grade Levels: 8

Chankusu

Students Enrolled: 593
Girls Enrolled: 319
Teachers: 8
Grade Levels: 8

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

Kamtapo

Start Date: April 2019
End Date: December 2020
No. of Men: 8
No. of Women: 77
Total Enrollment: 85

Mphasi

Start Date: April 2020
End Date: March 2022
No. of Men: 20
No. of Women: 45
Total Enrollment: 65

Katchereza

Start Date: April 2020
End Date: March 2022
No. of Men: 27
No. of Women: 56
Total Enrollment: 83

Kawira

Start Date: April 2020
End Date: March 2022
No. of Men: 2
No. of Women: 58
Total Enrollment: 60

Kaluwe

Start Date: April 2020
End Date: March 2022
No. of Men: 11
No. of Women: 49
Total Enrollment: 60

Kayereka

Start Date: April 2020
End Date: March 2022
No. of Men: 9
No. of Women: 51
Total Enrollment: 60

Thanks to the partnership with Mobile Beacon and NACEPF we were able to build three much needed school blocks in the rural Kasungu region of Malawi. Prior to this, many children were learning in rundown, overcrowded classrooms that not only hindered their education, but also would have prevented them from doing any form of social distancing when schools re-open in October. Soon, over 2,413 children will be attending these three schools and the community members are very grateful for the positive impact that this will have in their respective villages.

As the children return to school, 428 adults will also be attending Adult Literacy Programs held each night in the same classrooms their children attend by day. For many, this will be their first time learning to read and write and do basic math. These valuable skills will help the men and women of these six communities to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Each class will also be putting their skills to the test by using a small grant to design and implement an income generating plan, such as raising goats, that they can then use to provide additional income for their families or to pay for essential school supplies for children in their communities.

Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Senegal



SASS MACK-SATEME

Adult Literacy Program Story

Tening Faye is 30 years old and living in Sass Mack-Sateme in the Fatick region of Senegal. Until last year, Tening could not read or write. There was no school in the community she grew up in and the closest community that had a school was a 5 kilometer walk away. By the end of the 3rd grade Tening had dropped out.



In 2019, Tening joined the Adult Literacy Program in Sass Mack-Sateme funded by Mobile Beacon and NACEPF. In the first year of the two year program, Tening has learned literacy and numeracy skills. She also learned how to run and operate a small business through the income-generating activities that are part of the program curriculum. Her small business cohort buys laundry powder, peanuts, millet, and monkey bread wholesale and resells them in their village and the surrounding communities.

“My life has become easier and more organized because I can read and write. I know how to organize the accounting of my business. I have my own resources that allow me to be more autonomous. I don’t entirely depend on my husband and that is very important for me as a woman.”

The success of Tening’s small business has allowed her to support the teachers and students of the school through the donation of school supplies.

“As a community, we are more sensitive to education and we know now what we were missing. We don’t want our kids to have the same story as us.”

Unfortunately, the second year of the Sass Mack-Sateme Adult Literacy Program was suspended in March 2020 due to COVID-19. Classes are expected to resume in October 2020 and buildOn anticipates Tening Faye to graduate in December 2020.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Ndiogomaye 2

Students Enrolled: 77
Girls Enrolled: 47
Teachers: 3
Grade Levels: 4

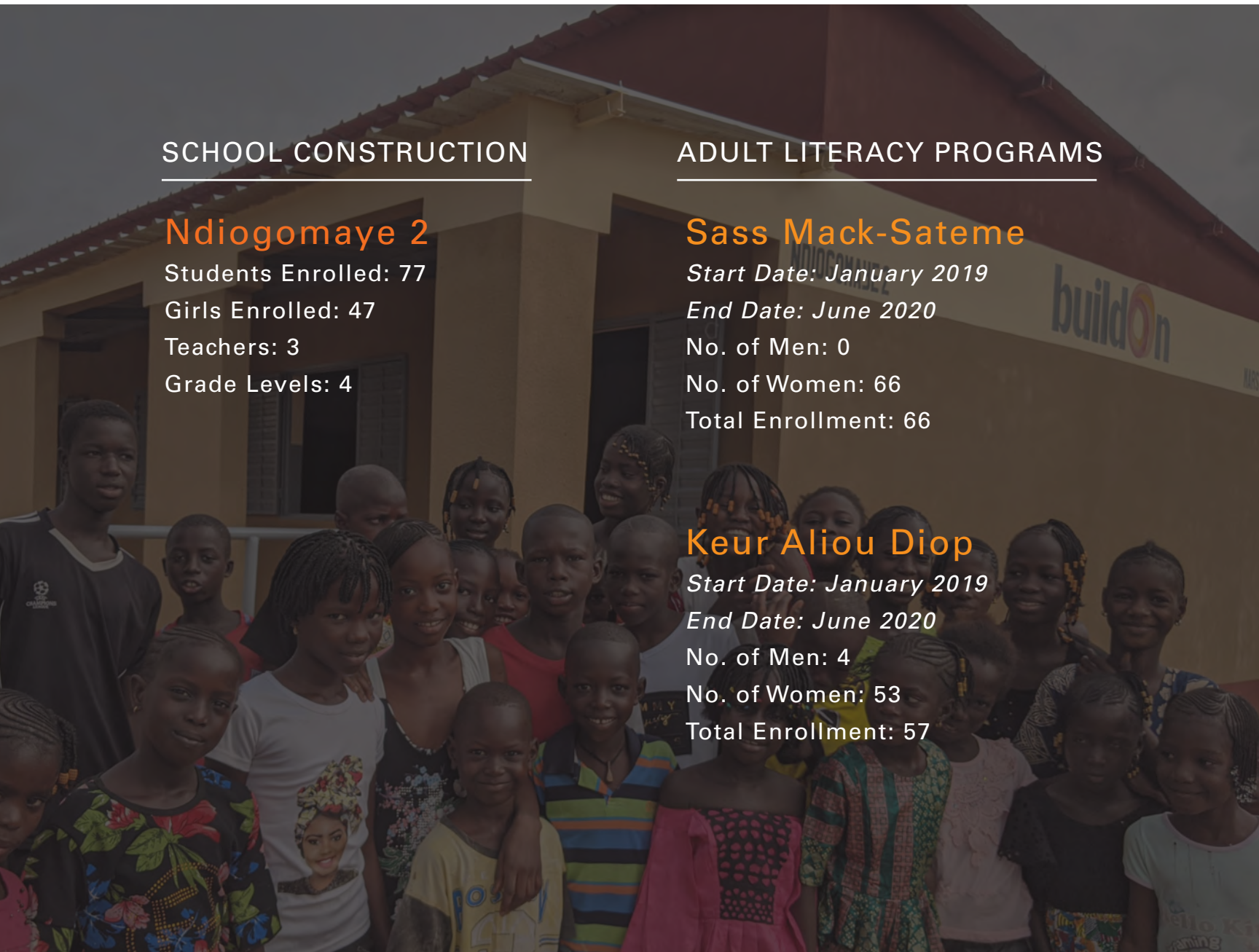
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

Sass Mack-Sateme

Start Date: January 2019
End Date: June 2020
No. of Men: 0
No. of Women: 66
Total Enrollment: 66

Keur Aliou Diop

Start Date: January 2019
End Date: June 2020
No. of Men: 4
No. of Women: 53
Total Enrollment: 57



Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Nepal



AJINGARE

Adult Literacy Program Story

Bima Devi Bohara is 62 years old. She is the oldest participant of the Adult Literacy Program, funded by Mobile Beacon and NACEPF, in Ajingare, Nepal. Since most of Bima's family live in a neighboring village, she stays by herself in a small house and shares her land with the community because she is unable to manage it on her own.

As a child Bima's parents sent her to school but she left for fear of being beaten by the teachers. She never learned to read or write. When Bima was 11 years old, she was married to a 30 year old man who was also illiterate. Bima never again had access to formal education and she never gained the literacy and numeracy skills that could have lifted her family out of poverty.



Now, at the age of 62, thanks to the generous contribution of Mobile Beacon and NACEPF, Bima is able to write her own name and those of her family members for the first time. Both her son and her grandson are supporting Bima's quest for knowledge by encouraging her to keep reading.

"I finally understand the importance of education," says Bima. "Thank you to Mobile Beacon, NACEPF, and buildOn Nepal. I am lucky to have the opportunity to participate in a reading program, even in my old age."

The Adult Literacy Program in Ajingare, Nepal was able to complete the first year of programming. The start of the second year is on hold due to COVID-19.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Ajingare

Students Enrolled: 346
Girls Enrolled: 163
Teachers: 13
Grade Levels: 10

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

Ajingare

Start Date: September 2019
End Date: May 2021
No. of Men: 0
No. of Women: 30
Total Enrollment: 30

Nandagaun

Start Date: September 2019
End Date: May 2021
No. of Men: 0
No. of Women: 29
Total Enrollment: 29



Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Haiti



PHILADELPHIE

School Construction Story



Located in the mountainous Grand'anse region of Haiti, the community of Philadelphie is home to roughly 1,700 people. With only one buildOn school block built in 2017, the community lacked enough classroom space for all of its children. Many were forced to learn in temporary outdoor classrooms that left them exposed to rain and wind and made it hard for them to concentrate. Since partnering with buildOn, Mobile Beacon, and NACEPF to build another school block in their community, the village of Philadelphie has been able to increase its student enrollment from 278 to 310 students and add two additional grade levels and eight additional teachers to the school. Not only has this new school block improved the quality of the students learning conditions, it has also increased the number of previously out-of-school children that can now attend classes for the first time.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, buildOn Haiti staff worked closely with village leaders in Philadelphie to ensure that every community member was practicing proper hygiene and social distancing. Hand washing stations were set up and the number of volunteers on the worksite was limited to ten.



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Philadelphie

Students Enrolled: 310
Girls Enrolled: 170
Teachers: 16
Grade Levels: 10

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

Saraberit

Start Date: April 2019
End Date: December 2020
No. of Men: 8
No. of Women: 77
Total Enrollment: 85

Thomas Elie

Start Date: April 2019
End Date: December 2020
No. of Men: 15
No. of Women: 53
Total Enrollment: 68



Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in Guatemala and Nicaragua



EL PALMAR

School Construction Story



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

El Palmar (Guatemala)

Students Enrolled: 106

Girls Enrolled: 54

Teachers: 3

Grade Levels: 6

La Zopilota (Nicaragua)

Students Enrolled: 47

Girls Enrolled: 22

Teachers: 3

Grade Levels: 7

To ensure the safety of our team and partnering communities in Nicaragua, school construction was put on hold due to the Coronavirus outbreak. buildOn Nicaragua is currently reopening programs and plans are underway to break ground on a Mobile Beacon and NACEPF school in October 2020.

On October 6th, buildOn will be breaking ground on the school that Mobile Beacon and NACEPF funded in the indigenous Mayan community of El Palmar, Guatemala. This small rural village of 760 people is located in the mountainous Huehuetenango region of northern Guatemala. Most community members are subsistence farmers who raise livestock and grow beans, corn, and pumpkins. The village currently has only two proper classrooms with the rest of the students learning in rundown wooden structures with corrugated tin roofs and chicken netting used as walls and classroom dividers. Three teachers are struggling to teach 106 students (52 boys and 54 girls) in these conditions. The community is currently gathering local supplies and working with buildOn staff to prepare for the upcoming ground break. Community leaders are also working together to form teams of volunteers that will be on the construction site each day. Everyone is very eager to begin building this school that will help to provide a better education and future for their children.

Fourth grade student, Endora Suly Hernández Gerónimo (pictured above right), is one of the 106 students in El Palmar who will be attending the new school. Neither of Endora's parents had the opportunity to receive an education as children and they are very proud to be a part of building a school for their daughter. When she grows up Endora hopes to be a teacher herself and help other children in her community to get an education.

Mobile Beacon and NACEPF Impact in The Bronx



The students at the Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice were not to be deterred by the global pandemic that forced them to serve from home through buildOn's virtual programming.

From September 2019 to June 2020, 344 students completed 4,149 service-learning hours.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

- October 15, 2020 - 118 students participated in a grade-wide service project that focused on breast-cancer awareness. Students learned facts related to breast cancer and then made ribbons in preparation for the yearly breast cancer walk that happens in Central Park.
- Every Tuesday from October 2019 through March 2020, BLGJ students travelled to the Melrose Library where BLGJ students helped younger, primary-school aged children, with their homework and engaged them in fun activities.
- Every Wednesday from December 2019 through March 2020, BLGJ students travelled to Missionaries of Charity to prepare and serve food to the homeless in The Bronx. Missionaries of Charity was established in 1950 by the Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. They run soup kitchens, provide emergency shelter, and teach catechisms.
- Six BLGJ students travelled to Guatemala in February on Trek. This was the first buildOn US Trek to travel to Guatemala.

MICHAELL

Bronx Student Story

Currently a junior, Michaelle joined buildOn his freshman year at The Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice in the South Bronx. ***"I joined buildOn so I could give back to the community, while also expanding my own experiences. This organization has given me the opportunity to learn about myself, my community, and the world and serve in a way that I didn't think was possible."***

Michaelle's favorite service projects involve the beautification of Bronx's parks and gardens. buildOn partners with the City Parks Department and local non-profits to restore and beautify local green spaces for residents to enjoy and for safety purposes.

"I like hands-on projects. It feels amazing when we can see the impact of our work."

In addition to his participation in the service-learning programs at BLGJ, Michaelle travelled to Guatemala in February 2020 on Trek. In the village of Caserio Pojna, Michaelle worked alongside community members to build the area's first structurally-sound primary school.

Michaelle's commitment to his community has not been affected by COVID-19. He has stayed engaged through buildOn's virtual service-learning programming. During this time, Michaelle has mentored 8th grade students, offering guidance and support as they transition to high school.

In the future, Michaelle sees himself not only participating in service but creating service opportunities that will benefit his Bronx community.

To date, Michaelle has completed 516 hours of service with buildOn.





Dear **NACEPF** and **Mobile Beacon**,

Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission over the past year. Despite the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic, your partnership has expanded service and educational opportunities for many around the world.

Since 2017, together we will have built **30 schools** in solidarity with local communities who have logged **68,203 volunteer work days** in the construction process. Today, we are proud to report that **51% of students in these schools are female**. Additionally, **806 men and women** are learning to read and write in buildOn Adult Literacy Classes and **79% of those adults are women**. All of these incredible milestones were made possible by your partnership. In the U.S, **1,571 students** have completed over **21,000 hours** of service in their communities.

On behalf of the generations of youth and adults whose lives have been impacted by Mobile Beacon's and NACEPF's donation, **THANK YOU!** Together we will break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education.

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