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# Education Finance

## THE CRISIS

124 million children worldwide are not in school—and more than 40% of those children are in Africa. Education unlocks and fuels a child's potential and is a proven path out of poverty. In fact, education is the single greatest determinant of future economic status and self-reliance. Opportunity International is committed to putting and keeping more children in quality classrooms around the world.

*UNESCO, "Out of School Children", 2015*



**Young Roses Primary School, Tanzania**

## THE CHALLENGES

**UNAFFORDABLE SCHOOLS**
School tuition and associated fees are often prohibitively expensive for parents living on a meager income

**POOR QUALITY OF SCHOOLS**
Many schools suffer from overcrowding, inadequate teachers and low-quality educational materials that limit student performance

**HIGH DROPOUT RATES**
Many children are forced to drop out of school if their family is unable to pay school fees due to an unexpected illness or death

## OPPORTUNITY'S SOLUTIONS

**SCHOOL FEE LOANS**
Provide families with loans to pay required school fees and buy uniforms, books and other supplies

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LOANS**
Offer financing to empower private school proprietors to improve the quality of education and expand schools in rural areas

**EDUSAVE INSURANCE**
Protect a child's future with free insurance for savings clients that helps cover school fees in the event of the death or disability of a parent

## THE IMPACT

**Opportunity International has impacted more than 1 million children's lives in seven countries around the world.** Our Education Finance program has supported school proprietors in expanding classrooms, hiring more teachers, serving more students and improving the quality of education for more than 600,000 students. We have also enabled families to pay for school tuition, uniforms and supplies with the help of School Fee loans for more than 200,000 children. When children and schools thrive, it spurs economic growth in the entire community that breaks the cycle of poverty and transforms lives for generations to come.

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