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# Who we are

Our vision is of a world without poverty, injustice and inequality where people, regardless of cultural, social and political divides, come together for mutual benefit, living in peaceful co-existence.

Skillshare International is an international development organisation working to reduce poverty, injustice and inequality and to further economic and social development in partnership with people and communities throughout the world. We do this by sharing and developing skills and ideas, facilitating organisational and social change and building awareness of development issues.

We go beyond technical assistance; we focus on real social change.

Our priority sectors are health, education, environment and economic empowerment and we address the themes of gender, HIV and AIDS, human rights and peace building in all our work. We have programmes in Southern Africa, East Africa, Asia and Europe.



# What we do

We work in partnership with locally-based non-governmental organisations (NGOs), community organisations, networks and government bodies to enable them to achieve their vision and facilitate broader social change in their own communities. To do this, we use a range of different tools:

**International volunteering:** Our development workers, short-term consultants and secondees from across the world share their skills with local colleagues.

Our **Leadership Development Programme** enhances the long-term strategic leadership capability of our partner organisations.

We enable our partner organisations to access donors and develop strategies for **financial sustainability**.

**Networking** enables our partner organisations to collaborate and share information, learning and best practice with other organisations.

Participating in **policy and advocacy** activities enables our partner organisations to advocate for positive change and influence policy.



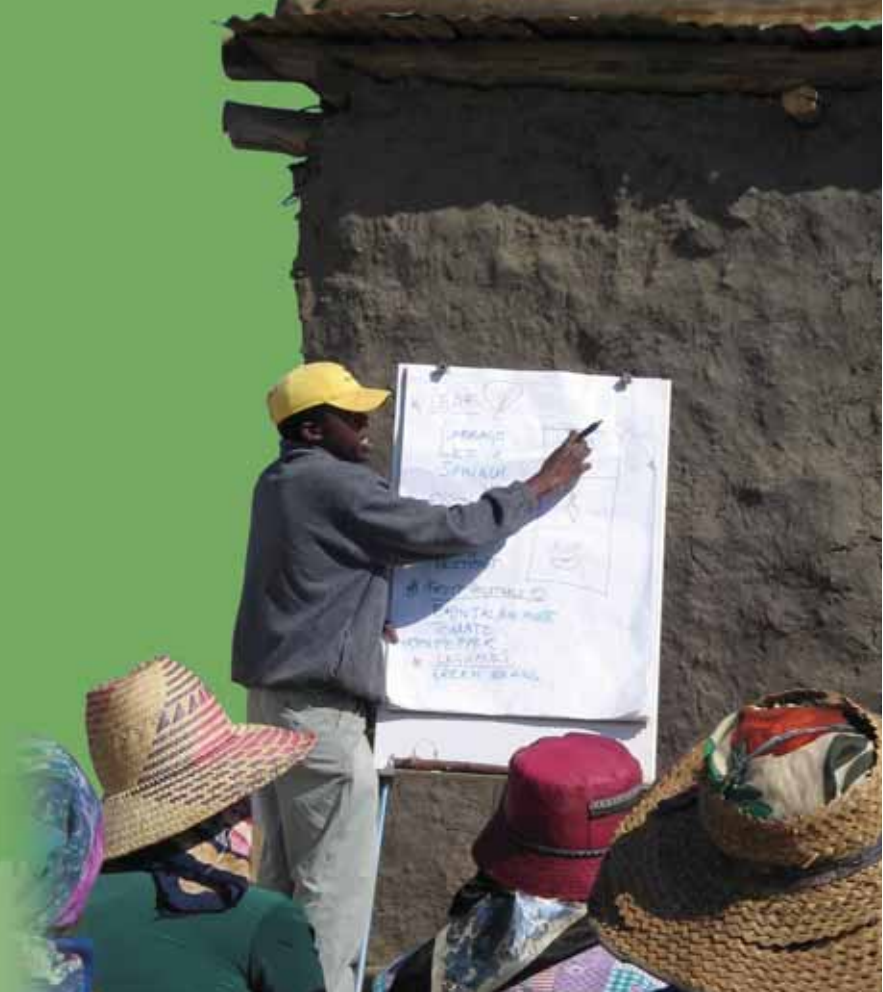


We build awareness of development issues and influence development policy.

- We engage people in international development issues. Different people support us in different ways including campaigning, donating, fundraising and volunteering.
- We engage in NGO networks to share learning and best practice and to work collaboratively.
- We have a development awareness programme in the UK and Ireland.
- We work with students, professionals, organisations and networks in the health and education sectors.
- Building awareness is also a key objective of our current and returned development workers.
- We influence policy-makers through our advocacy and campaigning activities.

# How we work

- We value the right of people and communities to determine and develop their own future.
- We are committed to collective and individual empowerment.
- We believe that working in partnership is central to effective economic, social and organisational development.
- We seek to develop strategic partnerships with other organisations, including donors and international NGOs, to combine our areas of expertise and establish joint programmes.
- We have strategic partnership agreements with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Irish Aid.



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