SOCIA EXAMPLE

Bridge International Academies

IN SHORT

Bridge International Academies is an international network of schools that was founded by Shannon May & Jay Kimmelman. Their **mission** is to provide individuals in need with a **life-changing education**. Bridge International Academies works 'in partnership with governments, communities, teachers and parents to deliver evidence based quality education for primary and pre-primary school children.'[3]

> **I am so thrilled that thousands of children, who live in challenging circumstances, are now able to build a better future for themselves thanks to a strong foundational education**[1]

DR SHANNON MAY, BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIES CO-FOUNDER

STORY

'Today, more than two billion people live on less than $2/day. There are 263 million children and young people not in school, with most of these being girls. Globally, the number of primary schools aged children not in school is actually increasing. In many parts of the developing world, families do not have any choice when it comes to educating their children. The schools on offer to them suffer from uneven quality, corruption, chronic underfunding and rampant teacher absenteeism – or they are expensive private schools.'[2] '**We support teachers, tailor lessons and leverage cutting edge innovation and technology to provide families with great schools and high-quality education. Our work is defined by a commitment to provide "knowledge for all".**'[3]

'When we were starting, **people doubted** we could build 150 schools in a year. **We did it**.'[4] -Dr Shannon May

'At **Bridge**, we believe **innovation** and **technology** can transform learning. We develop world-class lessons based on national curricula, in-depth teacher training and support programmes and **utilise cutting edge wireless technology**. Our schools deliver increased learning gains for our pupils by being data driven and evidenced based (…) We are committed to providing pupils with a meaningful and **life-changing education** that can enable them to fulfil their potential.'[2]

Bridge International Academies can be found in India, Kenya, Liberia, Uganda and Nigeria and partners with a great array of organisations and governments to tackle the global education crisis. 'Our **graduates** are some of the **highest achieving pupils** in the country, they attend some of the best secondary schools and will go on to attend universities (at home, or overseas) start their own companies, and emerge as leaders in their communities.'[3]

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