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**38** CONTACTS

**18** COUNTRIES



**GLOBAL...**

As access to the internet expands across the world, we are in contact with an increasing number of churches and agencies who are working alongside

people in some of the poorest communities, and where there are few or no paid jobs available.

Our WORKSTART programme for adult groups, and the newer STEPS training for young people, are designed to help group facilitators assess people’s abilities and goals, and introduce the possibility of income generating activities.

*“The Workstart Training will be a great help in my personal life and will help me grow my business”  
Pauline Ngwira (Malawi)*

*“Aid for Trade has given me a great opportunity to participate in the Youth STEPS Training. I can learn business techniques from this training. It will help me for more earning for my family.” Attaur*



**KENYA: “Smart Nakuru” success...**

The Smart Nakuru T-Shirt making and printing venture is a social enterprise for young adults. After finishing high school, and with nothing else to do the youngsters started researching opportunities. They heard about the school principal travelling 80 km to buy printed T-shirts for children’s uniform, and Nicholas from Smart Nakuru, who trains young people in vocational skills, approached the school offering to produce the T-Shirts they needed. The first order was for 100 pieces, and that’s how it all started. Now they are making and selling over 300 T-shirts a year. One of the youngsters involved has paid his own college fees, and others are paying school fees for their siblings, and putting food on the table at the end of the day.

This is one of the best ideas Smart Nakuru has had. We helped our young people start the project and they are still doing it very well.

We are now planing to replicate the T-Shirt business in another county, by hiring a community hall, and inviting people and community leaders to participate in recruiting trainees who will come and gain sewing and printing skills. The trainees will then be able to sell school uniforms and T-shirts to their own nearby schools. We are trusting this opportunity will enable some people from that community to become self-sustainable. We also hope it will impact as many people as possible.

Nicholas  
Smart Nakuru in Kenya



**How some Church leaders are using AFT resources in different**

**FROM PHILIPPINES:**

Dear Mike

I have read and seen in Africa how people raised bees to make honey and through this project many were being helped. Bible study groups were started and they built a church and worshipped together in the LORD. They now are able to uplift their living from so much poverty, all glory to GOD.

Can you help us to this? Mostly our people live below poverty line, there are few jobs, but the salary is not enough to meet the basic needs.

*Pastor May Catubig, Assembly of GOD church*

**FROM UGANDA:**

GOSHEN has been running STEPS training and we have helped them with a Brickmaking start up and also Cake Baking and Samosa production as micro enterprises.

They have also developed a Savings and Loan Association to help build opportunities for new future enterprises.

Dear Mike

It so encouraging to see Aid for Trade aiming high. We are privileged to be part of Aid for Trade at GOSHEN and as a church ministry.

*Janet Nalunga, Assistant Pastor at Freedom in Christ Church*

**FROM UGANDA:**

Dear Mike

I am elated to receive your response. Refugees in different settlements should be equipped with this knowledge. They need to rebuild their lives by engaging in positive life changing activity. We will assist them to understand that aid can only be short term.

There are religious leaders in our camps who can be taught how to facilitate skills training to impart to others. Translating the materials into Swahili is a very good approach so they can ably communicate. May Our Lord Jesus Christ guide our steps.

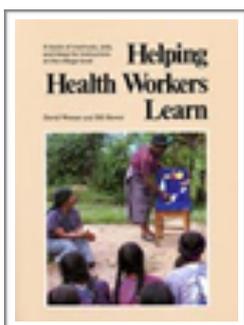
*Diana Mbabazi, Protection Officer Action Africa Help Uganda*



**Health Actions for Women...**

Aid for Trade commends this resource, which provides inspiring activities, strategies, and stories that help challenge violence against women, improve access to family planning, foster safe motherhood, promote strategies for better sexual health, counteract restrictive gender roles, and improve health services for women and girls. Download link below:

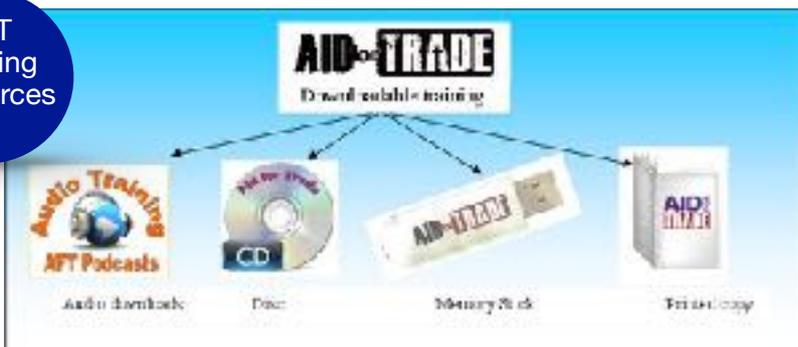
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**Helping Health Workers Learn...**

Another indispensable resource for health educators, this book provides hundreds of methods, aids, and learning strategies to make health education engaging and effective, encouraging community involvement through participatory education. Download link:

<http://hesperian.org/books-and-resources/>



**Competition...**

**We invite AFT overseas partners to send us a 2 minute video about their WORKSTART or STEPS group.**

**Deadline September 30th**

**We want to find the most resourceful Aid for Trade group.**

**Winner get £100 prize**

Include a short introduction mentioning your country, region and the neighbourhood you are located in with name of group and your role in it. The rest is up to you.

Suggestions might include:

- traditional dress
- skills/talent demonstrated
- the difference group makes
- great customer service
- original business ideas
- people cooperating together
- the marketplace
- how the prize will help your group

## Portable Projection...

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## New Guides coming...

As most will know, Aid for Trade is not a funding agency but we are very conscious that after training there may well be a need to obtain funding to start or

grow income generating activities. We recommend Workstart Groups consider starting their own Savings and Loan Association and provide guidelines on how to do this. However, there are other options for raising trade funding. Our newly drafted 'Trade Funding Guide' is available to [download here](#),

which we trust will be helpful.

In addition to this, as we all know, good leadership and management of any trading enterprise, or organisation is vital, so we are starting to develop a suitable 'Leadership Guide' to provide well founded pointers to effective leadership.

Your ideas and suggestions on content for these, or thoughts on other possible developments, which we could help you with, will be very much appreciated.



## Presentation Guide...

### HOW TO USE OUR TRAINING RESOURCES

Did you get our newly drafted PRESENTATION GUIDE with this newsletter? If not send an email to [mike@aidfortrade.info](mailto:mike@aidfortrade.info) and ask for a PDF copy.

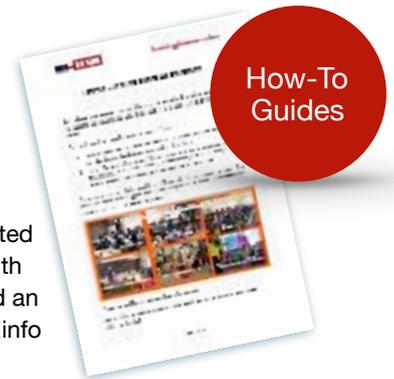
We are aware that the venues used to run our training vary a great deal, so we have developed this Presentation Guide. **Before adding it to our website we invite our overseas partners to give us feedback and their views on this topic.** Tell us about your particular experiences of using AFT resources.

Our training programmes are currently available as downloads from our website for printing and use. Discs with files can be provided where needed.

For most training modules there are three files:

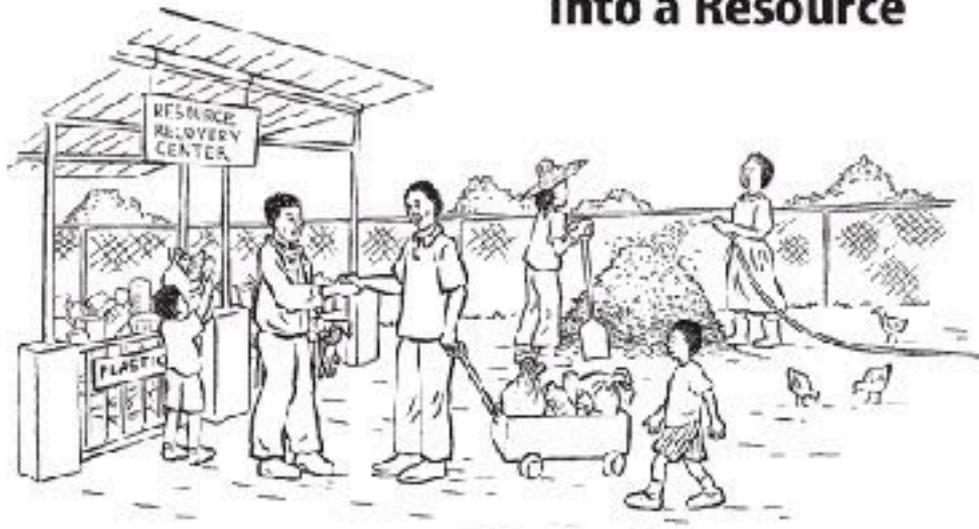
1. **Facilitator Guides** – no business experience needed but see our 'Introduction for Facilitators' on the AFT website: [Click here](#).
2. **Slides** – for projection or printing on paper to show or pass round group.
3. **Worksheets** – these will need to be printed, one for each participant, and pens or pencils should be made available, plus a desk or board to rest upon.

We want to ensure our programmes are as helpful as possible and always appreciate feedback and suggestions for improvements, or ideas for new learning programmes.





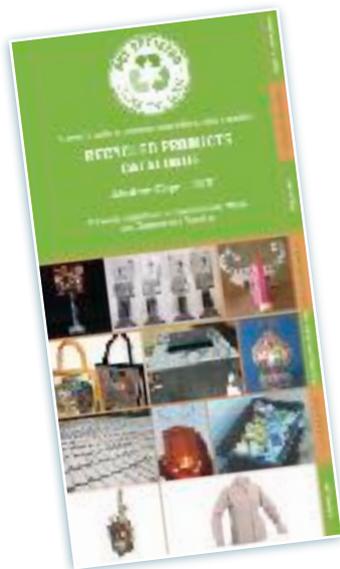
# Solid Waste: Turning a Health Risk into a Resource



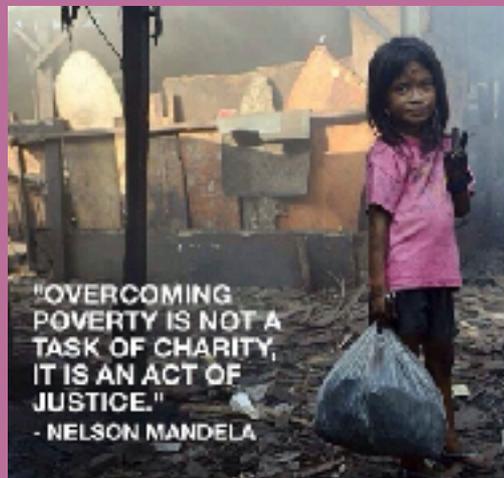
Follow the link below to download an excellent guide on Recycling for income generation:  
[http://hesperian.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/en\\_cgeh\\_2012/en\\_cgeh\\_2012\\_18.pdf](http://hesperian.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/en_cgeh_2012/en_cgeh_2012_18.pdf)

## Recycled Products Catalogue...

Ideas here for what products created from recycled materials. Follow the link below to download the catalogue.



[https://www.westerncape.gov.za/text/2009/10/environ\\_affair\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.westerncape.gov.za/text/2009/10/environ_affair_booklet.pdf)



*Knowledge is the Key to Success, and like paint, it does no good until it has been applied.*

"OVERCOMING POVERTY IS NOT A TASK OF CHARITY, IT IS AN ACT OF JUSTICE."  
- NELSON MANDELA

Aid for Trade is a small charity run by Christian volunteers in the UK who are passionate about enabling people in poor communities learn a trade.

Our website provides details of more than 200 income generating activities which don't need much finance or high levels of skill.

We offer training programmes for young people and adults, which anyone can lead, by using our Facilitators Guides.

Further details at: [www.aidfortrade.info](http://www.aidfortrade.info) or [mike@aidfortrade.info](mailto:mike@aidfortrade.info)



### Food of the Future from the Air...

A new protein food has been produced in Finland, using just electricity and carbon dioxide in a joint study by the Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT) and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland.

Protein produced in this way can be further developed for use as food and animal feed. The method releases food production from restrictions related to the environment. The protein might be produced anywhere in the future, using renewable energy, such as solar.

### Fundraising goes Digital in Africa:

#### The emergence of Africa-Based Crowdfunding Platforms

A new free downloadable very comprehensive report on crowdfunding developments in Africa is available at:

<https://afrikstart.com/report>

'In the past 4 years, crowdfunding – commonly described as the process of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions online from a large number of people- has been slowly gaining momentum in Africa. The African crowdfunding market is estimated at \$126.9 million in 2015.



There were 57 active crowdfunding platforms headquartered and operating in Africa in 2015. South Africa leads the way in African online alternative finance, and has 21 operational crowdfunding portals. Nigeria comes second with 9 crowdfunding platforms

African crowdfunding platforms raise funding as donations or loans for social causes (27%), business & entrepreneurship (27%), and Creative and innovative projects were at 16%

