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Dear Oliver,

Thank you for your email of 29 February to Justine Greening, writing on behalf of your constituent, Ms Brenda Marshall, about the charity she is involved with which is building a resource centre in Kenya. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for African issues at DFID.

I commend the work of your constituent and Peacemakers International and hope their project to enable Kenyans to develop entrepreneurial skills in a range of sectors is successful. DFID helps to support larger projects with similar aims in Mombasa, and helps to equip young Kenyans with the skills needed to compete for jobs generated by the private sector or start their own businesses.

Unfortunately, DFID cannot support Peacemakers International directly. This is because we work with the Kenyan Government and private sector representative bodies and chambers to address the major institutional barriers to skills and jobs for young people.

Your constituent may wish to consider contacting the "Foundations" that operate in Kenya. These are successful private companies that wish to use some of their profits for philanthropy and corporate responsibility purposes. They are better able to support small-scale initiatives and I attach a list of contacts which may be of use to her.

DFID does offer match funding for projects which raise funds in the UK. Details of this scheme are available on our website at [www.gov.uk/international-development-funding](http://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding).

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