Education is a key way of fighting against the causes of poverty. Emmaus International manages a fund for its member organisations so they can run campaigns and activities for disadvantaged social groups.

**OUR ARGUMENTS**

- The right to education is enshrined in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Women make up almost two thirds of the world’s illiterate population (Global Partnership for Education)
- Providing all children with access to education would avoid seven million cases of HIV and AIDS in the coming decade (Global Campaign for Education)
- A child with a literate mother has a 50% greater chance of surviving beyond the age of 5 (Global Campaign for Education)
- 71% of young illiterate women live in only 9 countries, including India, Burkina Faso and Bangladesh (Unesco)

**EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE**

**Asia:** Yayasan Penghibur, Indonesia
Accommodating and providing education for orphaned and abandoned children

**The Americas:** Cuna Nazareth, Peru
Education for disadvantaged children

**Africa:** CAJED, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Education and support for street children and child soldiers

**Europe:** Fundación social, Spain
Formal and informal education in cooperation with partner organisations (education centres, universities, summer camps, etc.)

For more than 10 years, over 40 groups have been involved
Actions run in all the regions worldwide

**PILOT PROJECT**

**Meetings**

Each of the Emmaus International regions manages its actions and campaigns in this area.

In the Americas for example, groups taking action in this area meet once a year.

In 2011, a global meeting of Emmaus groups running educational activities was held in Montevideo in Uruguay for them to discuss their practices and know-how and set up joint campaigns.