## Case: EcoSchool-Africa and founder Teresa Mbagaya

A case study of a social entrepreneur in Africa

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## Teresa Mbagaya, EcoSchool

- Teresa Mbagaya, Zimbabwe
- Born in Kenya
- Graduate of Cambridge and Yale
- Worked at Google on Education Services and Emerging Market Outreach teams
- 2013 left Google and joined Econet Wireless
- Econet Zero targets 5 million Econet Broadband subscribers offering them free access to 50+ education websites including Coursera, EdX, Wikipedia, Codecademy and others
- launched EcoSchool Academy to all 9 million subscribers, an interactive mobile learning environment which provides 50 short courses covering a range of topics.
- Econet Education has reduced the costs for Medical Students in Zimbabwe, providing tablets on which they can access their text books at significant savings.
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