WFWP USA: Schools of Africa Project Continues to Impact Thousands

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Thanks to many generous donors in 2023 and 2024, this month WFWP USA was able to send \$37,000 to 5 schools which are part of the Schools of Africa Project. You are having a huge impact in the lives of women, men, and children seeking a quality education and improve their future. We're pleased to share with you how these donations are being used and a few testimonies from those who love and have benefited from these schools.



• New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda received a \$5,000 to support their expansion of training courses and to provide quality school equipment for their courses and workshops. Many of the students attending this school live on one meal a day, so the opportunity to learn valuable skills in hairdressing, culinary arts, or tailoring is priceless. The school's newly opened professional training center provides students a chance to learn work skills after graduation and be better prepared to start a successful career.

• Sun of Mozambique Secondary School received \$5,000 to build a much-needed warehouse on the property. The school currently has 550 students, and about 800 of their graduates have been able to attend national universities, many of whom have become doctors, engineers, teachers, and support their families.



• **Peace Hana School in Liberia** received \$21,000 to enable the school's continued management, such as paying teachers' salaries, facility rental and maintenance, equipment updates, sanitary supplies, and off-campus classes. Many of the students attending Peace Hana are too poor to attend other schools, but because of generous donors from USA and elsewhere, they can continue their education. They currently have 100 students.



- **Sunac Secondary School in Guinea Bissau** received \$2,000 which was raised by the WFWP Maine chapter.
- One Hope Garden Literacy Class in Ethiopia received \$4,000 to rent the facility for educational programs for illiterate women so they have a chance to gain financial independence. The illiteracy rate among women in Ethiopia is at 44.4%. Many work as day laborers and earn one or two meals a day. The 20 to 30 women attend these classes not only for the sake of becoming literate but to feel empowered in their womanhood.

Letter from Mrs. Ayumi Hasegawa, Director of Peace Hana School:

"I'm sorry for not being able to contact you for a while since I arrived in Liberia in February. I am finally in a position to reply. When we arrived in Liberia, the road was blocked due to military demonstrations and the situation was tense. This trip to Liberia was very difficult. Furthermore, the principal also fell ill and was admitted to the ICU and was rushed to the hospital. She had surgery in India and we were able to talk, which made me feel relieved. We have already hired someone who can act as acting principal to do the job. Peace Hana School in Liberia is at its financial limit, so we greatly appreciate it if you could respond quickly. Thank you very much for your support."

Graduate of New Hope Technical Institute:

"I graduated from NHTI in 2017...I am now able to live without relying on others. I am now able to live with my family. My father, mother, and siblings lived in Rusiji, Western Province, but after I got a job here, I was able to invite them to live in the capital, Kigali...With the money I earned from the skills I learned, I was able to pay for my health insurance, have enough food, buy clothes, dress myself, and get the things I needed."

Graduate from Sun of Mozambique:

"I came from a family where nobody had gone to University before but the story of my family changed when I started going to Sun of Mozambique. The school has the culture of showing pictures of all the alumni that managed to get into University. By seeing all the guys I used to know at school get into University with scholarships, that made me believe that I could do the same also. I applied myself and managed to finish high school with good results, that enabled me to even apply for scholarship abroad. I managed to get fully funded scholarship in Malaysia, something that I never thought was possible at the time. I went on to complete my degree in Mechanical Engineering in Asia."

Student at One Hope:

"When I entered this school, I did not know anything, but since I started studying here in school I can write my name and I know numbers very well. It has made a big difference in my life."

There are many more bright students attending our schools which serve some of the poorest families and communities. If you'd like to help many more become empowered to shape their own futures, consider donating to the Schools of Africa today! Every gift, big or small, makes a difference!

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SUPPORT EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AFRICA!



TOTAL RAISED: \$635,584

SCHOOLS SERVED: 9 SCHOOLS IN **8 COUNTRIES**

DID YOU KNOW...

UNESCO reports 59 million primary age children are out of school, with 54% in Africa.

SCHOOLS OF AFRICA PROJECT:

In the early 90s, WFWP Japan launched international cooperation activities by Japanese overseas volunteers to serve all over the world. With willing hearts, these women went to nations with the greatest need and to neighborhoods in every corner of the world. They started schools, supported opportunities of education for those in need, and created opportunities for women and girls to build a promising future.

Inspired by their dedication, WFWP USA initiated the "Schools of Africa" project in 2001 to financially support 9 schools in 8 African countries founded by those faithful volunteers.

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YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Since 2001, WFWP USA has sent over \$635,000 to these schools, which have empowered 24,000+ African graduates

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through education since 1994, and continues to enroll nearly 2,000 per year thanks to your support!

"When we give and forget, true love flourishes." - Mother Moon, Founder of WFWP

2023 IMPACT

Liberia: Peace Hana School used funds from WFWP USA to pay for much-needed improvements to the school and various expenses to develop new educational opportunities.

Mozambique: With WFWP USA's donations this year, the school was able to update their infrastructure, installing new iron gates to protect the students and a new courtyard, which had not been updated since the school was built in 1995!

Rwanda: Construction was completed this year on a secondary institute called the New Hope Professional Training Center. This training center will be attended by graduates of the New Hope Technical Institute (NHTI).

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

LIBERIA

Peace Hana School since 1998

Initially, Peace Hana was established to equip economically disadvantaged children from 3-6 years old with reading and writing skills and extracurricular courses. Later in 2002, the school was expanded to become an elementary school. There are currently 98 students enrolled. FIND OUT MORE



GUINEA BISSAU

Sunac Elementary School since 2003

Despite political and social instability in Guinea Bissau, Sunac offers classes regularly throughout the year, making the school zone a safe place for children to grow. Also, the school has a high female enrollment rate. Sunac has been able to reach 587 graduates since 2003. FIND OUT MORE



EQUITORIAL GUINEA

Pilar Momo Elementary School since 2011 and Motoko Shiroma Primary School since 2001 WFWP established two schools in Equatorial Guinea. Motoko Shiroma Primary School was named after Ms. Motoko Shrioma, a Japanese volunteer teacher who lost her life during her service. WFWP USA continues its support in the improvement and maintenance of the buildings and securing the safety of the students in both schools. So far, the schools impacted more than 369 graduates in Equatorial Guinea. FIND OUT MORE

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



MOZAMBIQUE

Sun of Mozambique Secondary School since 1995

After a civil war in 1992, the country lacked resources and infrastructure for quality education. Sun of Mozambique offers quality education at a low fee. In addition to this, the school also



provides scholarship programs to deserving students, and a library and computer lab facilities. The school has earned a worthy reputation, impacting the lives of 12,444 graduates, many of whom have gone to attend university. FIND OUT MORE



KENYA

Handow Secondary School since 1998

Handow is located in a poor neighborhood village far away from the capital with limited electricity and running water. Since its establishment, the school has successfully educated 2,130 graduates. With continuous support from WFWP, the school became accredited as a public school and later implemented a tuition-free policy in 2008. Donations have been utilized in the construction of the school's infrastructure and providing school supplies to the students. FIND OUT MORE

ADULT EDUCATION



RWANDA

New Hope Technical Institute since 1998 and New Hope Professional Training Center since

The institute was founded to help women and ex-soldiers after the Rwandan genocide become financially independent by equipping them with skills in culinary arts, dressmaking, and hairdressing. This has not only brought a sense of independence amongst the 2,501 graduates, but also a sense that they are loved and valued. In 2023, construction was completed on the New Hope Professional Training Center for graduates of the New Hope Technical Institute, FIND OUT MORE



ETHIOPIA

One Hope Garden Literacy Class since 2014

The One Hope Garden provides free classes to women and men in Amharic, basic math, basic English, family planning, business management, and childcare. Some families are starting to get out of poverty thanks to the classes. FIND OUT MORE

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

MAKE A DONATION

You can support this project by making a donation using the form above, or by mailing a check to: WFWP USA, 481 8th Ave, Suite 608, New York, NY 10001

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If you are interested in creating your own local fundraiser for the Schools of Africa, (even a tag sale makes a difference!) we have several resources to help you share about the project and its impact.

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