

WFPW USA: From One Sewing Machine to a Dream - Empower Women in Rwanda

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At *New Hope Technical Institute* in Rwanda, a quiet revolution is underway. Since 1999, NHTI has offered more than just education—it's been a **lifeline** for over 1,150 students, especially young women, who face extreme poverty and limited opportunities. And this year, thanks to your support, **we took a major leap forward**.

In July 2024, the government officially approved the opening of our **Professional Training Center**, a dream that has been years in the making. With the help of the World Bank's Skill Development Fund, **19 young people** completed a year-long sewing course designed to help them build businesses and thrive in the job market.



But we're not stopping there.

To fully equip our new training center, we urgently need **\$5,936 USD** to purchase specialized equipment for three in-demand fields:

- **Culinary Arts** (espresso machine, fryer, cooker, and more)
- **Hairdressing** (professional salon tools and washing stations)

- **Tailoring** (industrial sewing, buttoning, and knitting machines)

Each piece of equipment represents a **pathway to independence**—a way for students to earn a living, support their families, and rebuild their futures.



“The job I gained after graduating supports me and my family. It helped me during a time when I had no one to rely on.”

— **Anne Marie**, NHTI Hairdressing Graduate, now a successful salon stylist and mother of three

“We started our tailoring business with one sewing machine. Now we have three. I want to help others the way NHTI helped me.”

— **Antoinette Nibomugisha**, Dressmaking Graduate, now an entrepreneur hosting NHTI interns

***Yes, I'd like to invest in future leaders through
the Schools of Africa Project!***

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Support Through Handcrafted Gifts

Crafted with care by the women of New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda, these handcrafted bags and pouches feature bold, colorful patterns that reflect the heart of African artistry.

Every student who walks through our doors brings a story of struggle—but with your help, they leave with **skills, confidence, and hope**.

Will you help us equip the new training center and continue transforming lives? Every gift—large or small—brings us closer to a future where every student has the tools to succeed.



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SCHOOLS SERVED: 6 SCHOOLS IN 5 COUNTRIES

TOTAL RAISED: \$687,000+

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.

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Since 2001, WFWP USA has sent over \$687,000 to these schools, which have empowered 24,000+ African graduates 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



HANDMADE AFRICAN PRINT BAGS



During the month of August, we're excited to bring to you a collection of **handmade totes and pouches, crafted by the talented artisans at New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda.**

Each vibrant piece supports the Schools of Africa Project. Check them out whether you're looking for a meaningful gift or a unique item for yourself!

[Shop Now](#)

YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT!



STUDENT AT ONE HOPE LITERACY CLASS

"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."



PARENT AT HANDOW SECONDARY SCHOOL

"What I appreciate is the individual attention my child gets thanks to the commitment teachers are putting at our beloved school. My child is learning the love of learning."



GRADUATE OF 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 Secondary School."



STUDENT AT PEACE HANA SCHOOL

"I love this school because the sport scholarship helps me to realize my football dream. I have played and won trophies for the school and I strongly believe that through this career I will take care of my family in the future."

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](#)

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 WFP, 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



WFWP STORE

Welcome to the WFWP USA Store! All profits from product sales go toward WFWP programs and activities.

During the month of August, we're excited to share with you some beautiful handmade items straight from the talented students at [New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda](#). All profits are going toward the [Schools of Africa Project](#)! There's limited supply so make sure to get your favorite vibrant design before they're gone!

WFWP USA Members, make sure to login to get your special discount code for 15% off!



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New Hope Technical Institute since 1998 and New Hope Professional Training Center since 2023

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](#)

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