



2017

PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

SURF (Survivors Fund)

Entrepreneur Microfinance Loans

- For the past few years, INSPIRE!africa has supported the training of youth in entrepreneurship and business skills.
- We continued in 2017 and donations went toward a microfinance loan program where graduates from the Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program received a loan so they can implement their business plans and start their own businesses.

Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YETP)

This program started in 2012 and since then our partners have trained over 1,000 youth survivors in work readiness and entrepreneurship skills.

In 2017:

- 135 jobseekers were trained in employment skills, 60 internships secured
- 750 former YETP participants were contacted. Of those, 304 were employed and 107 were running their own business. 102 of the business owners participated in business development workshops
- 76 YETP entrepreneurs attended refresher training

Vocational Training Program

Children born of rape do not qualify for government funding offered to youth survivors to attend university as they were born after the genocide ended, therefore they are the most vulnerable population. INSPIRE!africa continued to support several children born of genocide rape with short term vocational training.

Housing

- INSPIRE!africa supported the renovation of several homes that were in a terrible state of repair by contributing \$3500. Having a decent place to stay means dignity and stability and this is exactly what you provided to many widows and orphans whose homes have been renovated.

Helpline

- INSPIRE!africa has been supporting the Helpline since it started in 2013 as a pilot project supported solely by INSPIRE!africa. The target is vulnerable young survivors with legal and mental health challenges.
- It has grown to a comprehensive legal and counseling support service, and filled a gap in support for vulnerable young survivors that suffer from trauma or with outstanding legal disputes on a national basis, and in particular those living in remote rural areas.
- Total Help Line cases received from August 2013: 991
- Total number of individuals sensitized and educated on legal rights and trauma: 47,677
- Total number of counselling clients supported: 287
- Total number of counselling cases with improved mood: 101
- Counselling cases oriented to other service providers: 97
- Total number of legal cases resolved to date: 371
- Legal cases oriented to other services providers: 66 in 2017; 610 from 2013
- Total estimated land value of resolved legal cases in 2017: \$90,000USD
- Total estimated land value of resolved cases from 2013 to date: \$793,000 USD

Student Sponsorships

- INSPIRE!africa continues to support youth who were orphaned from the genocide to attend university.
- So far, 14 of the 18 that we have supported since 2008 have graduated. We will continue to support the remaining 4 until their studies are complete.

Solace Ministries

Livestock for Widows

INSPIRE!africa is committed to supporting widows with livestock- this provides them with a modest income to pay for food, medicine and everyday items. It also provides them with companionship and a purpose. In addition, beneficiaries contribute a percentage of their profits from the livestock to a micro-credit loan program that others in their communities can access. In addition, 10% of funds donated towards livestock is put into a veterinary fund to protect our investment and add security for the widows. In 2017, Solace distributed 10 cows, 28 pigs and 33 chickens with INSPIRE!africa donations.

Fundraising Activities

11th Annual Fundraiser- "Rising from Ashes"

- A documentary film about Rwanda's national cycling team and their journey to the Olympics despite the impact they suffered from the genocide. We were pleased to have one of their own in attendance: Obed Ruvogera. We raised \$79,000 during the time around and at the fundraiser.

Primates a Go Go

an online company created and operated by Merrill Genereux, and long-time volunteer and supporter of INSPIRE!africa. Proceeds from sales at the fundraiser went directly toward projects in Rwanda.