



2015

PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

SURF (Survivors Fund)

Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YETP)

It started in 2012 and since then our partners have trained over 780 youth survivors in work readiness and entrepreneurship skills.

- about 2/3 of those graduates have gone on to find work or start their own businesses.
- the program has grown and now includes a business networking club, and an internship and employment program.
- In 2016 they want to focus on the 275 youth graduates of YETP who despite great efforts and time, remain unable to find work and income. They have designed a more in-depth program to improve the chances for these remaining students

Helpline

INSPIRE!africa has been supporting the Helpline for vulnerable young survivors since it started in 2013.

- In its first two years, the Helpline has reached almost 35,000 youth with legal and counselling education.
- Over 400 youth have received one-on-one legal assistance and 205 have received personal counselling.
- By April 2015, the Helpline has resolved 75 legal cases; the majority for claims of land with an average value of \$9,000. Access to this land, to either sell or lease, means they can pay for their education, or start a business. They are set for life.

Widow's Houses

- INSPIRE!africa provided funding to renovate approximately 15 homes.
- Beneficiaries spoke about how they had to leave their homes during the rainy season since they were afraid it would fall on top of them.
- Cost is approximately \$1,000 to renovate a home.

Student Sponsorships

During the 2015-2016 school year, INSPIRE!africa is supporting 9 students. 2 graduated university, and will complete their dissertations in fall 2016. Once completed high school, and is a strong candidate for university.

- The students who have been sponsored by INSPIRE!africa have created their own support group called the “Rwanda Family Welfare”.

Solace Ministries

Livestock for Widows

INSPIRE!africa donated money for the widows in Rwanda to receive the following livestock.

- 3 cows
- 125 piglets
- 83 chickens

A small amount of the profit from the sale of cow milk, eggs and pork, goes to a micro credit loan program so others in the rural communities can form cooperative businesses.

INSPIRE!africa stopped raising money for goats since all the women in the communities our partner Solace works, have received a goat

Aspire Rwanda (through Network 4 Africa (N4A))

Aspire Rwanda is a new program we starting supporting in 2015. It provides poor, vulnerable women with the tools to earn a living and improve their quality of life through a three year programme; the first year includes vocational training, literacy, information on women’s rights, nutrition, health and family planning. The next two years include follow-up training and support focused on business skills and income generation. With new skills, knowledge and confidence, they are improving the standard of living for their families’.

- Thanks to INSPIRE!africa’s generous donation, Aspire was able to hire a dedicated business skills officer. This officer provides support for the women in their second and third years of the program by teaching them basic bookkeeping skills, how to write business plans and form cooperatives, helping the women start their own income generating activities.
- About 30% of these women are now running their own successful businesses, including making and selling mandazi, samosa and chapatti – common snack foods in Rwanda; selling vegetables, and providing hairdressing at home and in salons.

Fundraising Activities

9th Annual Fundraiser- “The Future of Rwanda” helping the next generation after the Rwanda genocide

Our annual fundraiser was held at Webster Galleries. Christine Magill, winner of the Canadian Living’s Me to We Educator Award, and Jean Claude Munyemamu were our guest speakers- responding to questions about where Rwanda is going and the hope

for the future. A new series of Rwandan inspired art cards were unveiled, thanks to artist Jamie LaFond. There was a huge silent auction, the return of the blind auction and sales of original crafts and art cards were a big part of the evening. **We raised over \$117,000.**

Primates a Go Go

Merrill Genereux was a participant in both the 2012 and 2014 volunteer trips to Rwanda, and worked with Aspire Rwanda to produce unique bags, jewelry, and Christmas ornaments made from beads and colourful African fabrics. The proceeds of her sales go towards INSPIRE!africa projects.

www.primatesagogo.co,

INSPIRE!africa Administration Activities

Canadahelps.org- INSPIRE!africa has enrolled in this service so supporters have the choice to donate online. Although convenient, INSPIRE!africa promotes using cash or cheque as Canadahelps does require an administrative fee.

Total Revenues \$166, 119

Disbursed: \$154, 041