

JUNE 2022 PROGRESS REPORT

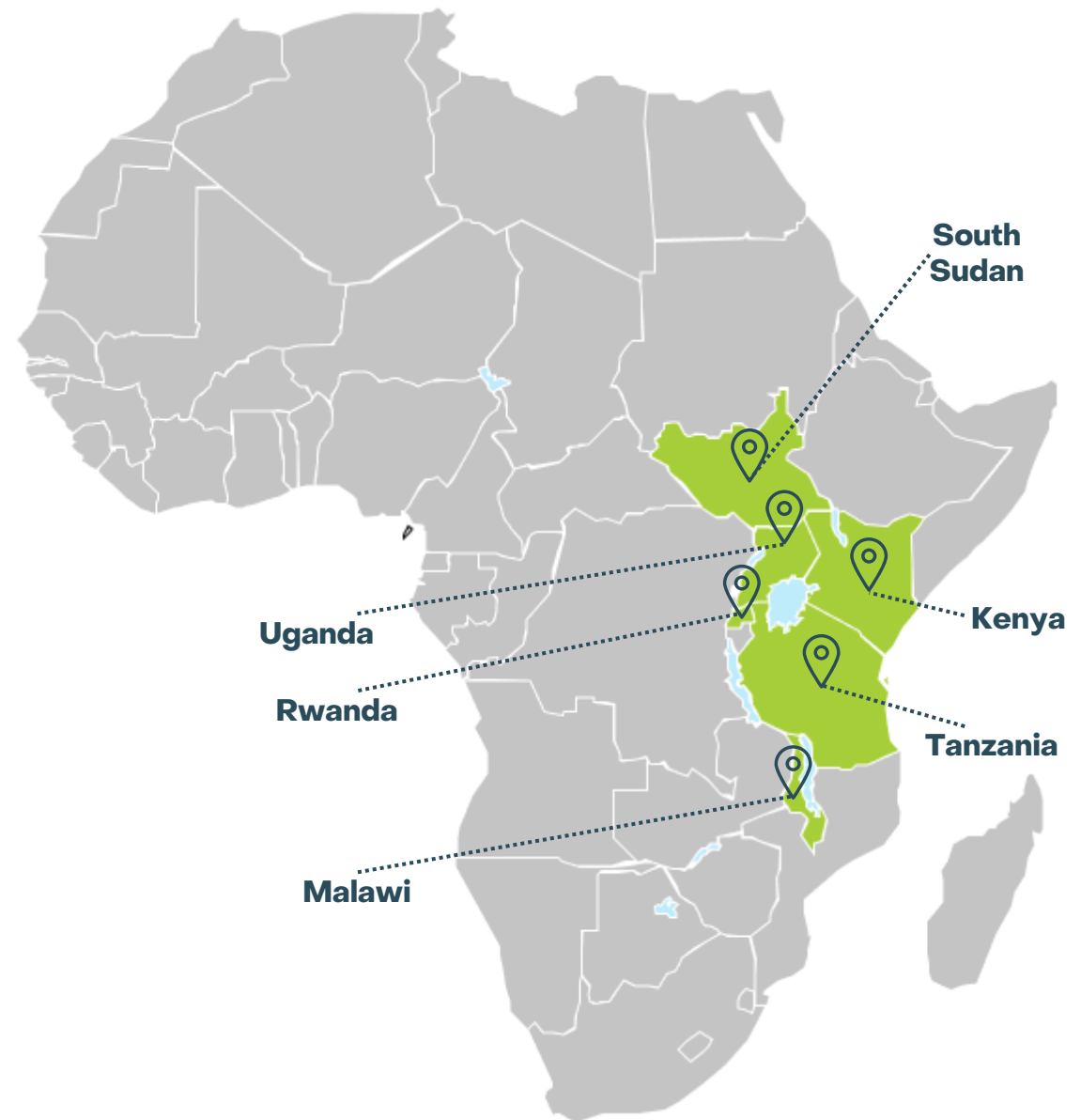
Partners for Equity
Local Leaders Portfolio

Welcome

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Eve Omala
Local Leaders Portfolio Manager



Portfolio Snapshot



19 portfolio partners
representing



Education



Health



Advocacy



Women & Girls
Empowerment



Vocational
Training &
Employment



Youth
Entrepreneurship



Food
Security



Leadership
Training



Community-led
Development



8
female-founded
organisations



Quarter Highlights



251,422

students receiving access to quality education.



46,773

people treated through static and outreach clinics.



4,279

teachers trained



583

young people trained

Quarter Highlights

School Resumes in Uganda

Our partners in Uganda have resumed in-school programs following two years of school closures due to Covid-19. The majority of our schools are seeing a significant increase in student numbers beyond what they can handle as a result of two years' worth of new students entering the education system at the same time.

Fellowship Recipients

LakeHub and Safari Doctors were selected as part of the Segal African Visionary Fellowship class for 2022. This fellowship selects local leaders with potential to make significant impact in their communities and works with them to accelerate and grow their impact.

Trailblazer

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Pastoral Women's Council recognised

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Our Partners



Sectors Represented



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Health



Advocacy



Food Security



**Vocational
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**Women & Girls
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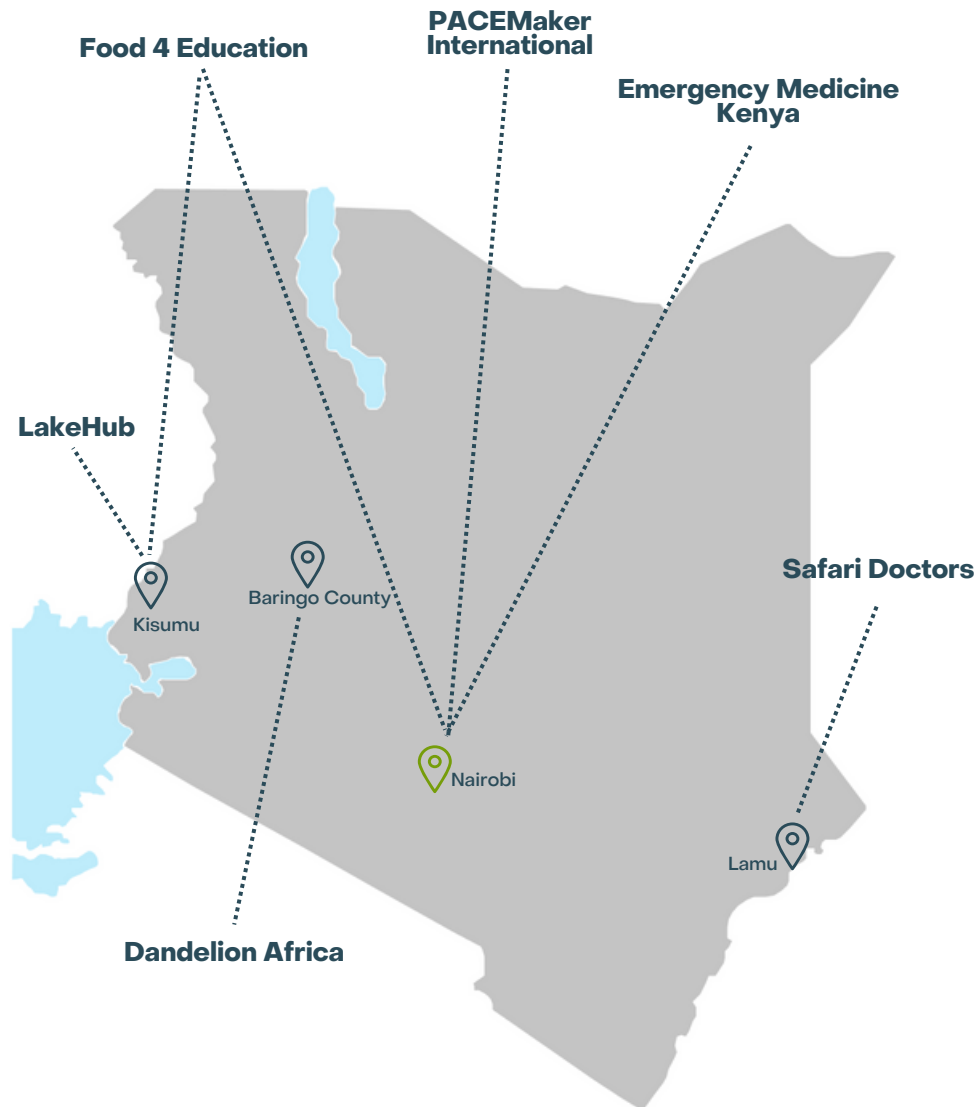


**Leadership
Training**



**Community-led
Development**

Kenya



Food for Education



Food for Education is feeding Africa's future by creating a sustainable model of efficiently providing locally sourced, high quality, nutritious meals to millions of African children in public primary schools that ensure that children stay in school. Their beneficiaries come from low-income families with more than 60% of these families earning less than \$1.90 a day.

Highlights

- In January, the highest number of meals were served in a month since inception, making their cumulative meal count over 7,000,000! They now serve 33,000 meals per day out of 4 kitchens.
- In February, they launched their newest kitchen in Ruiru, which is their first kitchen to use steam gas technology that can reduce cooking times by up to 50%. The kitchen was opened by the Deputy Director of Basic Education in the Ministry of Education and the World Food Program's Kenya County Director.
- Founder and CEO, Wawira Njiru was a keynote speaker in the 'Good Food for All' flagship event in Dubai. Wawira spoke to a global audience in the food, agriculture, and livelihoods sectors about the economic urgency of investing in school feeding programs and the importance of collaboration to deliver on the SDs for the most vulnerable populations.



PACEMaker International



PACE trains Kenyan youth in their pre-university gap year to serve as volunteer teaching assistants in rural and slum schools for 8 months. The youth provide on-site grading, tutoring and mentoring support at no cost to the schools. They also assist with management of extracurricular activities, sports and clubs within the schools and initiate school improvement projects.

Highlights

- In Q1, PACE trained 75 new volunteer fellows and placed them in 30 schools within Nairobi and Kisumu. The fellows worked directly with 17,556 students with an average of three classes per fellow across the PACE schools.
- PACE implemented their Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) program in 20 schools in Nairobi and Kisumu. TaRL assessment and camps reached 342 and 91 learners in Nairobi and Kisumu respectively. TaRL is an effective and low-cost strategy that enables children to acquire foundational skills, like reading and arithmetic quickly. Regardless of age or grade, teaching starts at the level of the child.
- PACE is starting operations in Kilifi and have identified 6 pilot schools to work with this year. Each school has more than 1,400 learners.



Dandelion Africa



Dandelion is a women-led organisation in Kenya on a mission to improve the health and economic well-being of youth and women living in marginalized and rural communities in Kenya. They run a health facility, a maternity centre, and a community health outreach program providing primary health care & HIV/AIDS services in 4 rural counties in the far west of Kenya.

Highlights

- 782 people accessed health services at Dandelion's health facility (a **XX% increase from the previous quarter**). 501 of these were children under 5.
- They conducted 85 safe deliveries at their maternity centre through CHW referrals.
- 200 CHWs benefited from refresher training to improve their health service delivery and advocacy efforts.
- 1,200 girls received sanitary pads which ensures that girls stay in school



LakeHub



Kenya's youth unemployment rates have been on the rise hitting a peak of 25% in 2020 from 7.2% 10 years ago. Lakehub provide young people in Kenya with a pathway to gainful employment through technology skills training, career development and entrepreneurship programs.

Highlights

- Lakehub have enrolled their first cohort for the year, an all-girl cohort comprised of 50 students. This is a major milestone considering the fact that girl enrolment has been a big challenge in the past.
- They have recruited 20 entrepreneurs running agri-businesses to take part in their 4-month incubation program training entrepreneurs on business skills, market readiness and product innovation. The program is funded by GIZ.
- LakeHub Co-founder, James Odede was selected as a Segal African Visionary Fellow. James will benefit from tailored capacity support as well as access to a network of donors and collaborators who will help him accelerate his work.



Safari Doctors



Safari Doctors runs a health centre and conducts medical outreaches across 25 remote villages that have no access to health care in Lamu East and West. They treat 1,500 - 2,000 patients and 500 animals per month. Their team travel by sea and road with boats loaded with medicines to reach remote villages on the mainland and within Lamu's cluster of islands.

Highlights

- Mariam Abdalla, the former Outreach Coordinator, who has been with the organisation from the beginning, took over as Acting Executive Director. Former Executive Director and Founder, Umra Omar is running for Lamu Governor.
- The Safari Doctors Medical Centre and Laboratory are now fully equipped, staffed and open for business! This year they have already treated over 400 patients and have successfully transitioned to a fully electronic data system within the facility which has improved service delivery and our reporting.
- The growth of the lab has been the greatest development. Safari Doctors now offers over 20 different tests and investigations.



Emergency Medicine Kenya

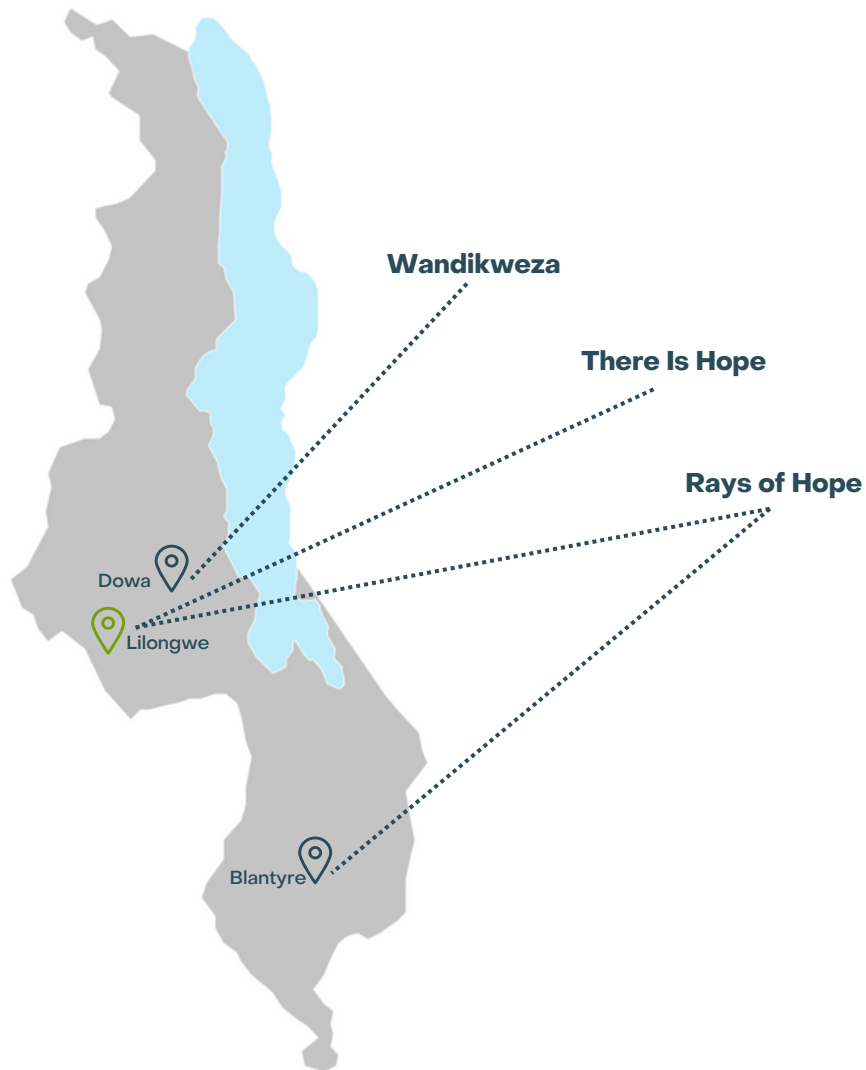


Kenyan doctors, Benjamin Wachira and Jeremiah Gitau started EMKF to address the lack of established emergency medical systems in Kenya. EMKF supports national and county governments to streamline how emergency care is delivered in the country. As Kenya's first emergency physician Ben together with Jeremiah have grown EMKF to become the leaders for emergency care in the country.

Highlights

- The team from Polish NGO, Treating with a Mission, spent time with EMKF to identify areas of partnership to strengthen emergency medicine in six counties.

Malawi



Rays of Hope



Rays of Hope is enhancing Malawi's education system through teacher training, after school programs for students with learning difficulties and education sponsorship for students from poor backgrounds. They run one Malawi's biggest teacher networks, with operations in 6 education districts, training over 2,600 teachers in 200+ primary schools. Their teacher training program mostly focuses on under resourced schools in remote areas.

Highlights

- In Q1, Rays of Hope impacted 242,032 students (241,000 indirectly through the teacher program and 1,032 through their afterschool program).
- They trained 4,153 teachers in Q1
- Rays of Hope launched their teacher training program in a new district - Thyolo where they will be training 545,000 teachers from 30 primary schools serving 12,000 students



There Is Hope



There is Hope (TIH) was founded by Innocent Magambi, a former refugee dedicated to creating better opportunities for other refugees within Malawi's biggest refugee camp. TIH runs a vocational training institute, a leadership training program as well as providing secondary and tertiary sponsorships to both refugees in Dzaleka Refugee Camp and their host communities. Their affiliated social enterprise, Kibebe, absorbs some graduates from the vocational training school and offers practicum before placements.

Highlights

- TIH conducted a graduation ceremony for 96 students who graduated in Carpentry, Tailoring, Bricklaying, Welding and Plumbing courses. 45% of the graduates were female, a big milestone given previous poor outcomes from female learners.
- 90 new vocational students were enrolled in January
- TIH's sponsorship program has finally been expanded to support boys. Starting January 2022 they sponsored 15 secondary school boys (9 refugees and 6 Malawians) who are in their first year with funding from MBStayton. The boys are supported with school fees and care packs.



Wandikweza



Wandikweza was founded by Mercy Kafotokoza, a Malawian trained nurse and midwife whose goal was to proactively improve health outcomes for women and children living in remote areas of Malawi who have poor access to health services. Wandikweza is built on the shoulders of community health workers who are trained to work in their own communities to provide door-to-door preventive, promotive care in addition to making patient referrals to government hospitals. Wandikweza also runs community outreach clinics and a mobile nurse clinic which caters to pregnant mothers.

Highlights

- Wandikweza opened their new clinic last month and are seeing an average of 350 patients/ day which is way above what they expected. Their clinic is the first in Dowa district to have running water in the maternity ward and is the talk of the town. PFE unrestricted funds contributed greatly towards setting up this facility.
- CRI out of Boston have made a 2-year grant commitment of \$265,000. Wandikweza's improved reporting had a big role to play in attracting this grant, thanks to PFE's investment in Wandikweza's marketing and communications capacity building support.

Rwanda

Solid'Africa



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Solid'Africa provides free food to Rwanda's most vulnerable patients. Most public hospitals in Africa don't provide meals. In urban referral hospitals, most patients come from rural areas, are poor and cannot afford food sold at hospital premises and neither can they rely on family members to deliver food due to transport costs.

Highlights

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South Sudan



Education Bridge

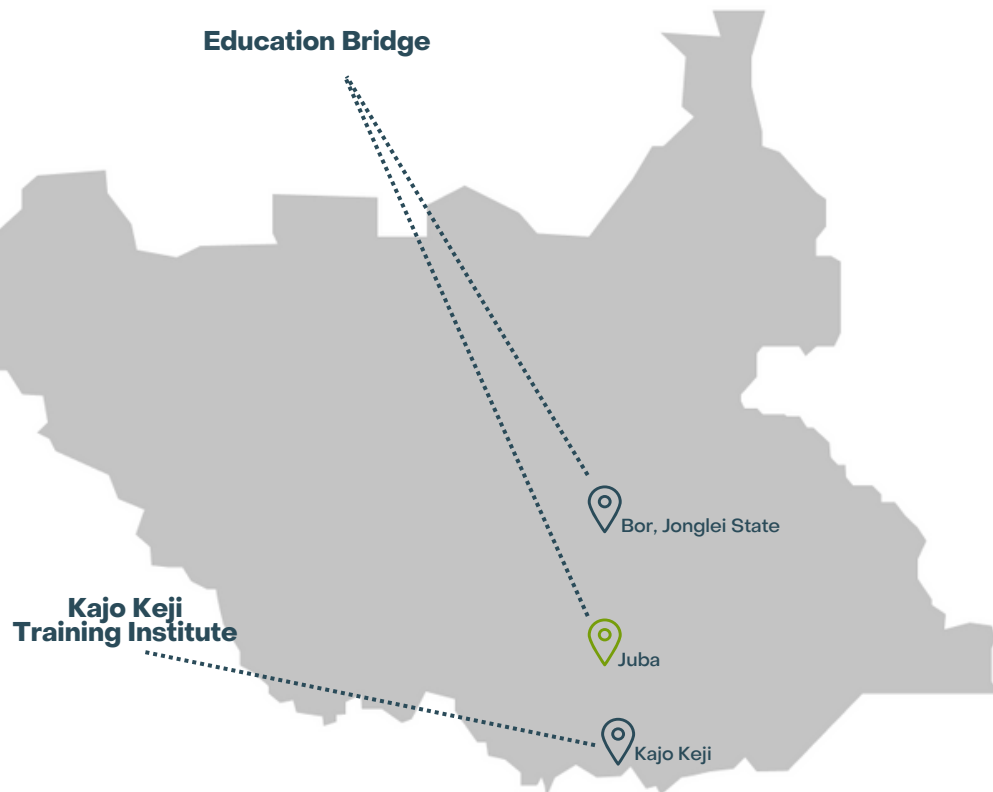


Education Bridge is building a network of schools to foster peacebuilding and leadership development in South Sudan. It is founded by Majak Ngor, a young South Sudanese who spent six years living and attending school at Kenya's Kakuma Refugee Camp, due to a lack of education opportunities in his home country, South Sudan.

Highlights

- Education Bridge currently has 507 students enrolled in their Bor campus. 24 students dropped out during the term due to pregnancy, family relocation and dismissal.
- The focus this quarter has been to help students catch-up following the Covid-19 school shutdowns. They built-in extra classes to ensure that teachers have more time to complete the curriculum.
- They are set to open their new secondary school campus in April. Located in Juba, this campus is targeting to enrol 240 students in the new term.

Education Bridge





Kajo Keji Health Training Institute



Kajo Keji is providing trained medical staff for one of the poorest and war-torn countries in the world. Their 3-year medical training program prepares young, South Sudanese to serve and save lives as clinical officers, medical laboratory technologists, nurses and midwives. They have 220+ alumni, majority of whom are employed in South Sudan earning a monthly income between \$500 - \$2,000.

Highlights

- They enrolled 157 new students in the first term, the highest that they have ever enrolled. They've previously averaged at 70. They have a total of 358 students enrolled which is 58 students more than their 300 target.
- KKHTI has expanded their health outreaches from one refugee camp to two. They are now in Rhino (63km away) and Palorinya (160km away) refugee camps. They see 260-300 patients per outreach.

Tanzania



Msichana Initiative



Rebeca Gyumi started Msichana Initiative to advocate for girls' education and changes in discriminatory laws that were especially affecting girls and women. In 2016, she won a landmark court ruling in Tanzania which raised the minimum age of marriage from 14 to 18. In addition to advocating for changes in discriminatory laws, Msichana runs community platforms and school programs to address girl issues and promote women and child protection rights.

Highlights

- Working through already existing women and child protection committees, Msichana helped follow-up gender-based violence cases of which 111 were resolved (perpetrators reprimanded). 53 were teen pregnancies, 41 were child marriages, 7 were rape and 10 were child abuse cases.
- Msichana participated in the national caucus meeting to review the re-entry guidelines for young mothers. Last year, Tanzania's government made a decision to re-admit teenage mothers into the formal education system. However, the guidelines do not cater to the psychosocial and economic needs of these mothers, making it impractical for them to re-enrol.



Pastoral Women's Council



24 years ago, 10 Maasai women came together under a sacred osiki tree in a remote village in northern Tanzania to discuss how they could improve their lives. They had been denied education and were frustrated that their culture forbade them to speak publicly about important issues that affected them. Today PWC runs programs to enhance the ability of pastoralist women to claim their rights, to improve access to quality and inclusive education, to improve women's health, to facilitate clean water, to adapt to climate change and to economically empower women in their community.

Highlights

- 145 students from PWC's Emanyata Secondary School reported back for the new term, a 28% decrease in their typical enrolments. They are following up to establish dropout causes.
- They had 100% pass rate from their 2021 finalists. Emanyatta continues to be the top ranked secondary school in the district.
- They have continued their work with 670 women's groups (~6,000 women) across 3 districts. Women are supported through collective cattle rearing, business training & establishment, savings groups and property ownership.
- PWC received a certificate of appreciation by the Regional Commissioner of Arusha for their exemplary involvement in increasing access to quality of education in the region.
- PWC was recently named as one of MacKenzie Scott's gift recipients



Women's Agri-Enviro Vision (WAEV)

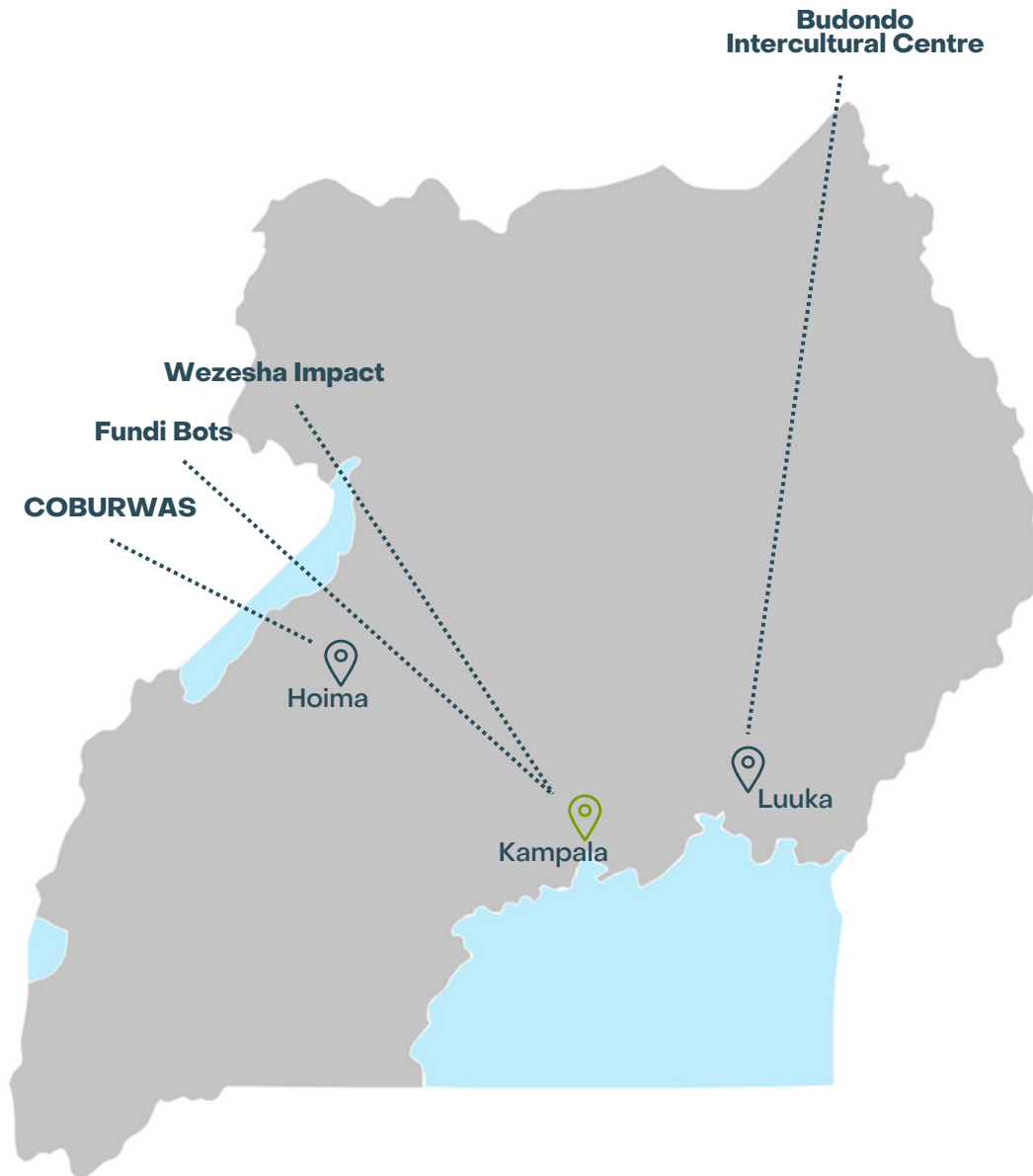


WAEV works side-by-side with women in rural Maasai communities in the Monduli district of Tanzania to improve their economic, social, and environmental health. Women are trained in agricultural and entrepreneurial practices and given start-up capital as well as business and group savings training.

Highlights

- WAEV is a recipient of a one-year \$7,000 grant from GRIC earmarked towards running a literacy project in poorly resourced Maasai primary schools. WAEV will conduct remedial classes with 100+ students in grades 3-5 to help them improve their numeracy and literacy.
- 7 women's groups have been trained on agriculture, business skills, table banking and given capital to start businesses.
- They have planted 800 trees in 2 local schools in Monduli this quarter. They also started a tree planting project at the Lendikinya village hospital where 150 trees have been planted. Their women groups came up with this idea around International Women's day to show their contribution to the community. They want to show the men in the community that women can contribute and add value in other ways.

Uganda



Fundi Bots



Fundi Bots provides hands-on, practical Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education to children and youth in classrooms, communities and universities. It was founded by Solomon King Benge, a Ugandan who was frustrated by an education system that did not foster experimentation, curiosity and creativity. He started Fundi Bots as a way to bring skills-based, practical science education in Africa schools.

Highlights

- With schools finally re-opening in Uganda, Fundi Bots' school program resumed with more demand for their programs than seen before.
- 6,727 students benefitted from their program this quarter (3,294 female students). 5,300 of these students benefitted from the enhanced science curriculum (ESC) which uses practical learning tools, modules, teacher guides and student guides to augment and amplify the science national schools curriculum in Uganda.
- They engaged 50 schools through the ESC and Robotics curriculum. Schools are reporting improvements in test scores for science subjects as well as improvements in students' capacity to make meaningful deductions during experiments.
- 61 teachers (9 female) received training in STEM/ Robotics.



Budondo Intercultural Centre



Budondo Intercultural Centre runs two Level 3 health facilities and a community health outreach program providing quality maternal, antenatal, neonatal, pediatric and general preventive and curative health care services to the rural poor in Luuka and Luweero districts in Uganda.

Highlights

- BIC admitted 369 inpatients and saw 2,799 outpatients at their Suubi health center that has a 12 bed capacity
- With PFE support, BIC has been able to subsidise the cost of child delivery, antenatal, postnatal for at least 20–30 mothers every month. This has increased the number of deliveries at their health facility. Their target is to subsidise costs for 1,200 pregnant women by July 2022.
- Due to increased demand for maternity services, BIC has embarked on a construction project to expand space for their maternity ward. This quarter, they have managed to complete 50% of their planned expansion activities.



CIYOTA



COBURWAS International Youth Organization (CIYOTA) is a refugee-founded & led organisation providing formal education, leadership, and social entrepreneurship training for refugees in Kyangwali refugee settlement, western Uganda. This settlement has a population of over 150,000 refugees 81% of whom are women and children and 19% are youth aged between 15–24 years.

Highlights

- CIYOTA re-opened their primary school in January after 2 years of government school shutdowns. Contrary to projections of decline student re-enrolments due to lockdowns, their school enrolled 883 students versus 816 pre-Covid-19.
- They have also launched their secondary school enrolling 143 students in forms 1–3 and are set to add more classes by May 2023. This will be the second secondary school in Kyangwali refugee settlement, serving a population of over 150,000 refugees.
- 70 students are being sponsored at various universities through partnerships with third parties such as ASHINAGA and the MasterCard scholars program. MasterCard sponsors half of their students.



Wezesha Impact



Wezesha Impact creates opportunities for young people mostly from disadvantaged backgrounds by equipping them with entrepreneurial and job readiness skills. With 94% of youth in Uganda dropping out of school before completing secondary education, Wezesha focuses on out for school of youth as well as youth in vocational institutions whose curriculum excludes entrepreneurship.

Highlights

- Wezesha established partnerships with 63 vocational institutions and Community Based Organisations to train over 2,000 youth in entrepreneurship and business skills.
- Under the Urban Local Coalition Accelerator Wezesha engaged in the Back to School and End Violence against Children Campaign Humanitarian Project to ensure that children are safe and return back to school after 2 years of school shutdowns. Through this project, 40 girls received scholastic materials to facilitate their transition into school.
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New Partner



Solid'Africa

In Q1 2022 we welcomed Solid'Africa to the PFE Local Leaders Portfolio.

Founded by Isabelle Kamariza, Solid'Africa ensures that patients in public hospitals in Rwanda have access to free meals that are suitable for their condition and recovery. Since its opening in 2010, they have provided over 3.5 million meals to patients in eight public hospitals. In 2021, they served approximately 1,095,000 meals to 1,000 patients in 6 public hospitals, each getting 3 meals a day.

Not only are Solid'Africa ensuring that patients have the food and nutrition they need, but they are creating hundreds of jobs through their own farms and commercial kitchens.



FOR
VULNERABLE PATIENTS
IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Founder & President: Isabelle Kamariza

- 2011: Young African Women Leaders Forum Award by Michelle Obama
- 2013: Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers Award by the Imbuto Foundation, the organisation of the Rwandan First Lady
- 2014: Featured on CNN African Voices.
- 2018: Recognized by Queen Elizabeth II as the 55th Point of Light Awardee
- 2019 Aspen New Voices Fellow and a One Young World Ambassador
- 2021: Winner of the Forbes Woman Africa Social Impact Award in 2021



[Click here to watch Solid' Africa's Profile Video](#)

Founder Spotlight



Wendo Aszed is the founder and Executive Director of Dandelion Kenya. Born in a rural village in Kenya, she went on to study in different schools in Kenya and abroad before starting a career in the banking sector.

It was when she lost her best friend to HIV, she knew she needed to be part of improving the access to information and healthcare services in her community.

In 2010 she founded Dandelion Africa, a grassroots organization focused on the multidimensional concept of economic empowerment through quality and accessible healthcare to communities in hard to reach rural areas. In her role as Executive Director of Dandelion Africa, she works in advocacy, championing to end Female Genital Mutilation through boys engagement in the rural areas of Nakuru, Baringo, Kajiado and Narok counties in Kenya and is currently overseeing the construction of a three level medical facility and creation of over 30 safe spaces for mother and child health in marginalized areas.

Wendo is rooted and lives in the rural community where she works. She has been selected for several fellowships, featured in different publications and has been recognized for her community work both locally and internationally.

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Capacity Support

A key component of the Local Leaders Portfolio is capacity support offered to partners. We work alongside leaders and their teams to develop and strengthen skills so they can scale and grow sustainably.

Partners for Equity engage specialist consultants who are experts in their field to work directly with teams to achieve key milestones.

One-on-one meetings, formal support programs with regular weekly or fortnightly sessions and professional development workshops are provided. We take a tailored approach with each partner.

Support Areas:



Marketing & Communications



Monitoring & Evaluation



Fundraising



Professional Development Workshops

"Working with Partners for Equity is the best thing to have happened to PACE. Our output has transcended levels projected and we have scaled faster, further placing the future of PACE on a strong pedestal in the impact space. It is very rare to find a partner so deeply invested with an eye on impact."

Dr. Paul Moturi, Executive Director PACEMaker International

"With PFE's support, we have improved our photography and the way we tell our impact stories. We are now sending quarterly reports, professional annual reports and our social media presence has connected us to some of our current partnerships."

Through the support, not only did we launch a new website, we had over 200 people subscribe to our newsletter within a month. We now have the processes, knowledge and tools we need to do a great job each day. We feel grounded and supported."

Mercy Kafotokoza, Executive Director Wandikweza

Major Partner Challenges

- Our partners in Uganda have resumed in-school programs following 2 years of school closures due to Covid-19. Majority are seeing a significant increase in student numbers beyond what schools can handle as a result of 2 years' worth of new students entering the education system for the first time.
- Most partners offering youth training are struggling with job placements for their graduates. LakeHub has noticed that organisations offering training under 1-year are struggling with employment. They are exploring extending their 6-month training to 2 years and believe that this will improve their employment rate to at least 90%.
- Rising commodity prices mean that the majority of our partners are experienced severe price fluctuations which has affected previous budget projections and effective program delivery. Rising commodity prices are also placing a demand on increasing staff salaries.
 - In Uganda, prices of some essential items went up by 85%.
 - In January, food inflation in Kenya was at 9%
 - Malawi's inflation rates reached double digits at 11.5% by the beginning of the year
- Kenya is gearing up for elections in August. Political tensions are high with predictions that elections are likely to be violent, which will affect program delivery. Some of our partners plan to shut down their offices during weeks leading up to the election.
- The Tanzanian government is currently planning the eviction of over 70,000 Maasai and more than 200,000 livestock from a 1,500 km² area in Loliondo and handing the land over to an Arab company for tourism purposes. Our partner Pastoral Womens Council has mobilised 42 NGOs to stage protests and also filed lawsuits. If the government is successful, 15 villages where PWC works will be relocated. These villages host 300 women groups (3,000 women) 5 primary schools that PWC works in.



photo: Dandelion Africa

Fails and Lessons Learned

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Our Team



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Sarah Lambert
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Coming up

- Portfolio Manager, Eve Omala, is travelling to East Africa during the months of May and June. Eve will be visiting over 30 projects during her time in the region.
- Professional Development workshops will commence in June focusing on report writing and design, monitoring & evaluation and scale. We have recommended that some partners participate in Segal Family Foundation's Budgeting workshop in May.

Discover More



Wendo Aszed featured on Philanthropod. Available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts



Umra Omar featured on Philanthropod. Available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts



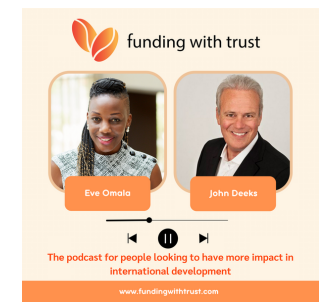
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Wawira Njiru featured on Philanthropod. Available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts



Willie Mpsuka presented at the Skoll Forum on the topic of Redefining Scale. [Click here to view.](#)



The Funding With Trust podcast, hosted by Evelyn Omala launches this month



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