



Bread and Water for Africa[®]
Providing a Brighter Future for Africa's Children

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WHO YOU HELP



BREAD AND WATER FOR AFRICA® MISSION

The mission of Bread and Water for Africa® is to promote positive change in Africa by supporting and strengthening grassroots initiatives for community self-sufficiency in health and education.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®,

At Bread and Water for Africa®, our primary mission is to enable impoverished Africans to reach their full potential and have a thriving quality of life. To further this mission, we have provided loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children in the past year and ensured they get an education and the healthcare they need to lead happy, healthy lives. In FY23, throughout sub-Saharan Africa, we continued providing clean water for thousands in rural, remote villages, shipped millions of dollars' worth of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment to hospitals and clinics, supported agricultural training for hundreds of women farmers and fed hundreds of schoolchildren in the slums of Nairobi, and much more.

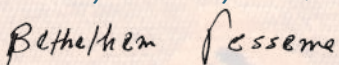
We are also pleased to announce our new partnerships with grassroots organizations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where we worked with Technologies Appropriées pour le Congo (TAC ASBL – Appropriate Technologies for Congo, Association Sans But Lucrative), in Kinshasa to provide clean water for thousands, and in Tanzania where – thanks to our generous and loyal supporters across the country – we were able to prevent an orphanage operated by Watoto Wa Africa (Children of Africa) from imminent closure by government authorities due to substandard living conditions with grant assistance for new beds, bedding, mosquito netting and more for the nearly 100 orphaned and abandoned children living there who would've been turned out onto the streets.

Simply put, none of this would be possible without our generous supporters and nonprofit partners here in the U.S. Without them, we would not be able to fund the good works of our partners who rely on us on their way to self-sufficiency. I especially want to recognize our Combined Federal Campaign and State Campaign donors, our in-kind partners who provide medicines, medical supplies and equipment, agricultural equipment, books, and school furniture, and more that we can ship to our grassroots partners in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sierra Leone and elsewhere on the continent. Together, we are all working in tandem to improve the living standards for untold thousands year after year – and saving lives!

Our hope for the coming year and beyond is to be able to continue our humanitarian support envisioned by our late founder Eugene “Gene” Krizek, and his partner in life, his wife, Adeline “Addy,” despite the fiscal and economic challenges posed today by rampant inflation in several of the countries where we work to keep orphaned and abandoned children sheltered and fed as prices for food staples increase on practically a daily basis.

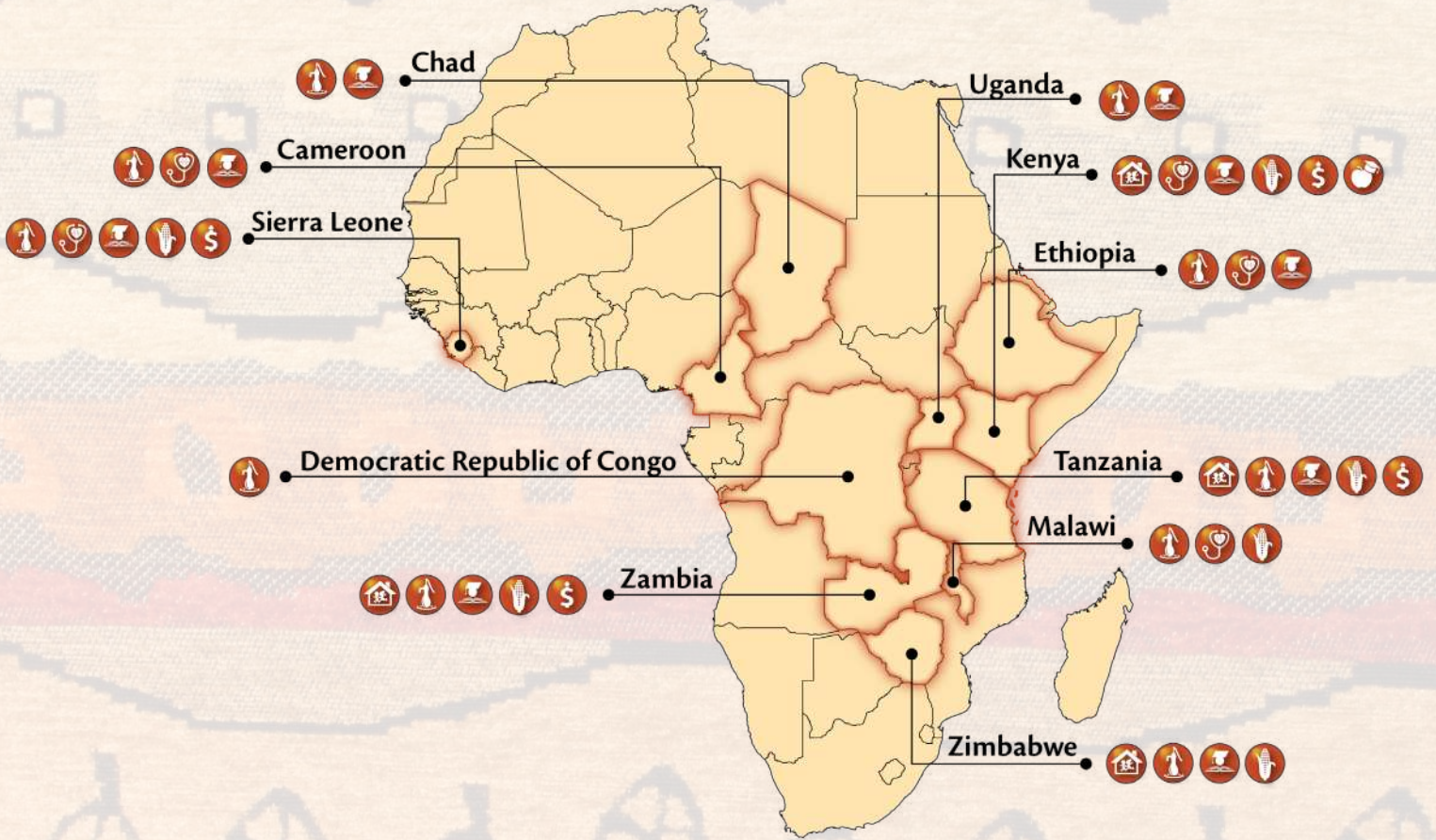
On behalf of those tens of thousands whose lives have been improved and who cannot speak for themselves, our Board of Directors, and our inspirational international spokesperson Phyllis Keino, the founder of the Lewa Children's Home, I say THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Thank you for all you do,



Bethelhem Tessema
Executive Director

WHERE WE WORK



Agriculture



Education



Water Wells



Basic Relief



Health Care



Food Self-Sufficiency



Orphan Care



Income Generation



School Feeding

WHO WE ARE

Since our inception more than 25 years ago, Bread and Water for Africa® has been committed to promoting positive changes in Africa. Through the generosity of our supporters and in partnership with local grassroots organizations, Bread and Water for Africa® supports and strengthens impoverished communities and promotes self-sufficiency through improvements in health, education, clean water development, agricultural best practices, and sustainable energy.

Our Programs



Train men and women in sustainable farming methods to provide food for their families and surplus to sell at local markets and provide seeds and basic farming tools.



Provide basic relief support for unexpected disasters and crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic impact support since 2020.



Provide the initial funding to our program partners to create income generating projects to help sustain their programs' future funding needs.



Provide loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children, including the necessities of food, clean water, health care, and an education so they can build a better life as they enter adulthood.



Offer quality education at preschool, primary and high school levels, as well as vocational training to give children and young adults the best opportunities for self-sufficiency.



Provide essential medicines, medical supplies, and equipment to save lives and support the operations of clinics and hospitals in remote villages.



Dig water wells and support clean water development projects to provide life's most vital resource.





ORPHAN CARE

Challenge

In sub-Saharan Africa, millions of orphaned and abandoned children have no one to care for them, unsure where they will sleep at night and when they will get their next meal.

Our Solution

Bread and Water for Africa® has been supporting loving homes since 1997 in Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe, where vulnerable children have found a “mommy” and “brothers and sisters” and where, upon arrival, they become part of a family and share a roof over their head, three nutritious meals daily, have the opportunity for an education – all with no more worries.

Highlight

281

orphaned and abandoned children were supported

through our orphan care program, including 148 in Zambia, 86 in Tanzania, 33 in Kenya, and 14 in Zimbabwe.



Rumbie Finds a Better Home Thanks to Supporters of Bread and water for Africa

Rumbidzai had gone through a lot in her young life: abandoned by her mother, suffered severe malnutrition, and exhibited convincing evidence of physical and mental abuse.

“Rumbie,” as she is now fondly known, is just two years old and had spent the first years of her life in unimaginable pain, hunger, and fear.

But that is all history now, as she has found herself in a loving home at the Lerato Children’s Village in Zimbabwe and the caring arms of founder and director Margaret Makambira.

When Rumbie arrived at Lerato in August 2022 after being referred there by the country’s Department of Social Development, Margaret reported she and staff noticed immediately that she had what they described as “a running stomach” and that “the child had swollen legs and this clearly shows that the child was severely beaten.”

After decades of taking in children in such distress, Margaret knew exactly what needed to be done. She said they started the healing and recovery process by “giving her shelter, love, care, clothing, and food,” something the toddler had never known before.

“Rumbie was undernourished, and when given food, she would quickly grab...and eat hungrily,” she added.

In the past months of eating a balanced diet of healthy foods at three meals daily, she gained weight and is now no longer considered to be malnourished.

“Rumbie was also taught socialization skills – such as clapping hands when given something, greeting elders, saying ‘thank you’ and kindly asking for what she wants,” Margaret reported.

Margaret wants our supporters to know that because of them: “The child has found a better home whereby she plays with other children and enjoys her right to basic needs: shelter, food, clothes and love.”

What more could one ask for?





"Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia will never cease acknowledging and appreciating the trust and confidence that Bread and Water for Africa® has placed in us for the many years we have been loyal partners. Through the strength of our relationship, we work together with the goal of giving the vulnerable and disadvantaged orphaned and abandoned children in our care the equal opportunities they deserve to transform their lives."

Mrs. Angela Miyanda Founder and Executive Director Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre, Zambia





EDUCATION

Challenge

Even impoverished children and youth dream of attending school and completing their education, knowing it is their only path out of a life of dire poverty and menial, backbreaking, hard labor. Sadly, far too often, it is a dream that is unrealized.

Our Solution

Through our school fees support program, every year, Bread and Water for Africa® makes it possible for hundreds of orphaned and destitute girls and boys to attend school and provides them with the mandatory school uniforms and supplies necessary to attend classes without fear of being put out due to an inability to pay.

Highlight

836

students were supported through our

education program, including 438 students in Sierra Leone, 183 in the Republic of Chad, 115 in Zimbabwe, and 40 in Cameroon; in addition, 58,000 in Ethiopia benefited from a shipment of more than 20,000 textbooks and reference books for use in classrooms and school libraries.

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Laure: On Her Way to Becoming 'A Nurse With a Difference'

In Chad, Laure Pitimbaye, who today is a student at the Université le Bon Berger in N'Djamena, lost her mother in a road accident in 2020 and whose father has been incapacitated for many years due to a prolonged illness and had been reliant on his wife for all his care.

"At this point, Laure lost all hope," reported Esther Ndichafah, founder and director of our partner in Cameroon, Hope International Foundation, who oversees our school fees support program in Chad. "One of her relatives took her to N'Djamena with the hope of furthering her education but ultimately could not send her to school because of her heavy responsibilities and priorities for her children.

"Laure stayed home for one year with no one to help her."

However, little could Laure have known that help was coming for her, thanks to Esther and our generous supporters.

"When we went for our schools tour, we heard her story, and she was enlisted into our school fees program as one of our first university beneficiaries," Esther told us.

"Without this timely assistance, she would have continued to stay at home – and as is their culture – easily married off."



Instead, "thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, she returned to school and successfully passed all her coursework during her first two years. She is now completing her third and final year, hoping to become "a nurse with a difference."

According to the HIF representative in Chad, who knows her and her family's situation and monitors her academics, Laure's dream of becoming a nurse is very strong and would have been wholly dashed without this school program funded by Bread and Water for Africa®.

And in Laure's appreciation after completing her 2022-2023 academic year, she wrote:

"HIF and Bread and Water for Africa® completely changed my life, and I will work hard to give other destitute children opportunities someday".



“Shinga Development Trust is very grateful and proud of the partnership over the years and would like to thank all Americans for supporting the organisation and our zeal to assist the less privileged in Zimbabwe.”

Margaret Makambira, Founder and Executive Director Shinga Development Trust, Zimbabwe





CLEAN WATER

Challenge

Water is among the five elements of the earth, essential for life – but for millions in sub-Saharan Africa without access to safe, clean drinking water, it can bring illness and death through waterborne diseases and parasites.

Our Solution

Through our clean water development program, each year, we construct deep water wells and boreholes, which bring clean water up from the underground aquifer, repair nonfunctioning wells that haven't been operational for years, and protect underground spring sources from human and animal contamination.

Highlight

54

clean water projects were completed, including 24 wells

repaired in Ethiopia, 12 springs protected in Uganda, ten water wells in Malawi, four water wells in Zambia, three water wells in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and one well in Tanzania, combined benefiting thousands in rural villages.

'Water is Now at Their Doorstep' for Hundreds in Kalabo District

The rural Kalabo District in Zambia is a difficult area to work in as the terrain is mainly deep Kalahari sand, resulting in most villages not having basic water supply infrastructure, according to Elisha Ng'onomo, executive director of one of our newest partners, Village Water Zambia (VWZ).

Thankfully, for more than 1,286 residents (including 699 children) of Kasheshe, Musasa, and Mungongo villages, VWZ specializes in working and drilling the region and has the technology and ability to drill wells under such demanding conditions.

The boreholes funded by Bread and Water for Africa® in the three villages are within 500 yards of the hundreds of people residing in each, relieving them of the burden of walking much farther distances to potentially contaminated water collection sites.



The wells produce a minimum of 40 liters (10.5 gallons) of water per person per day in the country where some 5 million residents do not have access to an improved drinking water source, according to Elisha, who adds that 90 percent of rural Zambians "remain without access to improved sanitation facilities.

"Lack of access to these basic amenities is among the key factors contributing to widespread poverty among the rural populations." The results are evident.

"The aspect of having an improved and safe drinking water access point has created the difference," he reported following the completion of the projects.

"The households can now access drinking water confidently, knowing that the water they consume is secure and safe for their health. They are not worried about diarrheal diseases, walking long distances to fetch safe water, and the need for collection of more firewood to boil their drinking water.

"Water is now at their doorstep."



“Bread and Water for Africa”, has brought a transformative change in the health, water, sanitation, hygiene, and livelihoods of thousands here. Children and women now have access to safe drinking water, families are learning how to improve their sanitation and hygiene practices and farmers are able to access a reliable and sustainable water supply for local agriculture – we all offer a very big thank you to Bread and Water for Africa® and your generous supporters.”

Mr. Richard K. Bataringaya Founder and Executive Director Action for Ngoni Basin Reforestation, Tanzania





HEALTH CARE

Challenge

Without adequate and free, or at least affordable, healthcare services in rural and remote regions throughout sub-Saharan Africa, countless hundreds of thousands, if not millions, die needlessly from easily preventable and treatable illnesses.

Our Solution

Through our healthcare program, we ship millions of dollars' worth of essential medicines, medical supplies, and equipment each year and provide cash grants to healthcare partners to operate a mobile medical clinic in Malawi.

Highlight

92,000 +

Over 92,000 individuals were served in 45 hospitals and clinics in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, and Sierra Leone, supported with cash grants, medicines, medical supplies and equipment, wheelchairs, and more.



Transforming Lives of Mothers-to-be with Micronutrient Supplements and Ensuring Healthy Births

According to a recent UNICEF report, acute malnutrition among pregnant women and girls and breastfeeding mothers has increased by 25 percent in the past two years in a dozen countries, mostly all located in sub-Saharan Africa.

We know firsthand the great need for multiple micronutrient supplements in Cameroon through the efforts of our partner there, Esther Ndichafah, founder and director of Hope International Foundation (HIF), which operates hospitals and clinics providing free healthcare to impoverished individuals, particularly pregnant women, and young mothers.

Among them was 20-year-old Melanie Ntumfon, an internally displaced person from the unstable northwestern region of the country who fled to Douala "because there was regular gunfire and many civilian casualties around her due to the Anglophone crisis" and was living with a relative who had taken her in.

When Melanie became pregnant, she received little support from her relatives "because her situation was unexpected and demanding on the family assisting her," said Esther.

So, she turned to HIF there, and during her first visit, she was given prenatal multiple micronutrient supplements, "which was a great relief for her.

"She took it regularly as long as the midwife prescribed, and her appetite increased dramatically."

As for Melanie, who gave birth to a healthy child, "I appreciate Bread and Water for Africa® and HIF for all their efforts in helping me and every pregnant woman with this vitamin."

At Bread and Water for Africa®, we are doing all we can to prevent such needless deaths by shipping prenatal micronutrient vitamin supplements to our partners who distribute them to women in need, such as Hope Services, our U.S. partner which supplies the vitamins, MAP International, and, of course, our compassionate and generous supporters who made it all possible.





“This was the first time that the medicine I needed cured my sickness., Many times before I was advised that I required a surgical operation. Thank you to the Catholic Medical Mission Board and Bread and Water for Africa® for curing my condition.”

*Madam Madam Foday
Mokpendeh Village, Sierra Leone
Healthcare program beneficiary*





AGRICULTURE

Challenge

Paltry agriculture harvests are not the fault of the hardworking smallholder farmers, primarily women, who work their fingers to the bone trying to cultivate crops on their small tracts without adequate knowledge of best farming practices and the tools, supplies, fertilizers, and pesticides they need.

Our Solution

Through our agriculture and food sustainability program, hundreds of female and youth farmers are provided with the training and items they need to guarantee successful harvests year after year to feed their families and even generate a surplus to sell at local markets.

Highlight

302

individuals benefited directly through an agricultural development/food self-sufficiency program in Tanzania and capacity-building training projects in Malawi and Sierra Leone; in addition, more than 9,000 individuals benefited indirectly in Sierra Leone.

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Electrostatic Sprayers Making a World of Difference for Smallholder Farmer's Crops

Farming is a challenging endeavor, especially for hardworking growers in sub-Saharan African countries – primarily women –struggling to grow enough food to feed their families of mostly young children – much less harvest any surplus to sell at the village market.

But thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, we have been working for years with our grassroots partners in Sierra Leone, who offer



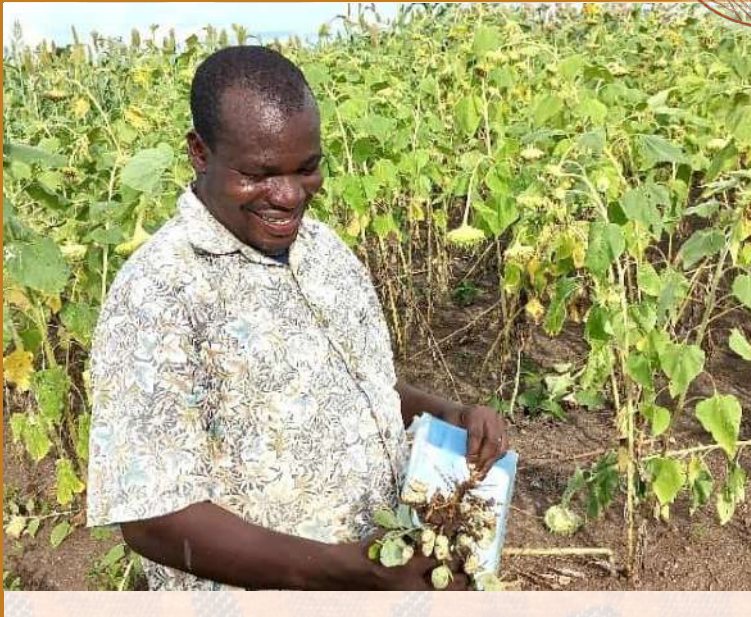
agricultural training courses for women and youth to teach them the best farming practices, as well as provide them with the seeds, fertilizers, and tools they need to grow bountiful harvests.

Among them is the Rural Youth Development Organization (RYDO), which operates an agricultural training program for women and youth which also assists them in establishing small businesses to sell their surplus produce at local markets.

When RYDO Founder and executive director Joseph Kobba informed Bread and Water for Africa® Executive Director Beth Tessema that he could use surplus electrostatic sprayers being offered by Bread and Water for Africa® Board of Directors member Tom O'Brien that could be used by farmers in the training program to much more effectively and efficiently apply fertilizers and pesticides to their crops, she arranged for about two dozen to be shipped to him.

Joseph subsequently reported that the sprayers are being put to good – and much-needed use – to control pests and apply organic liquid fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides to help prevent fungi that damage plants and unwanted vegetation.

“Farming and small-scale business in rural communities is a means of saving lives and decreasing malnutrition,” says Joseph. “Investing in women and youth in farming and entrepreneurship lays a solid foundation for development and prosperity.”



"I am so thankful to God, and grateful to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, for the training and tools I received for my farming activities which made it possible for me to cultivate four acres of both vegetables and groundnuts (peanuts) to feed my children and sell the surplus in the local market to support my family."

*Francis Ngegba
Beneficiary from food self-sustainability training program Sierra Leone*





BASIC RELIEF

Challenge

In the massive slum of Kibera on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya, children go hungry daily as their parents (if they have them) cannot afford to purchase even the most basic foods to feed them.

Our Solution

For nearly 200 children attending the Seed School in Kibera, thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, they can rely on receiving two healthy, filling meals each school day all year through our relief support program.

Highlight

189

children attending the Seed School in the Kibera slum of

Nairobi received two healthy, filling meals each school day through its school lunch program with funding from Bread and Water for Africa®



Meeting Goals 'Beyond Imagination' for Hundreds of Students in Nairobi Slum

In the Kibera slum on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya, our partner, the Seed Foundation, operates its Seed School, which serves as an educational oasis amid sheer and unimaginable poverty.

Without it, it is highly doubtful that the nearly 200 children who attend the primary school would not only not be getting an education but instead would be wasting their days away toiling long hours for a few Kenyan shillings (less than one penny) a day to help support their family if they could even find work.



And thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, for the past few years, we have provided grant funding to allow the school to serve two meals to students every day classes are in session.

Seed Foundation founder and executive director Patrick Odongo reports that with the support from Bread and Water for Africa®, school administrators can budget for the meals "for the school term and beyond."

Each week, they can purchase essential food items such as beans and rice, ground corn to prepare "ugali" (a Kenyan staple similar to thickened grits), vegetables, and fruits to prepare the meals, likely the only meals the students receive regularly.

"Children at the Seed School were provided with two hot meals throughout the term," he told us. "This enabled healthy growth and effective attention and concentration in class." "We can now positively report with the great success stories we have achieved from the grant support from Bread and Water for Africa®," he says today. "Children have been well fed, enabling them to attend classes regularly at the Seed School and grow up well and healthily.

"Our goals were met beyond our imagination."



“Our program is geared towards fighting the major root causes of poverty, especially the lack of educational opportunities for children and youth in Kibera. We humbly request support from Bread and Water for Africa® to enable us to continue to realize our objectives and mission for the longtime success of our students.

Patrick Odongo
Seed Foundation
Founder and Director





Financial Statements

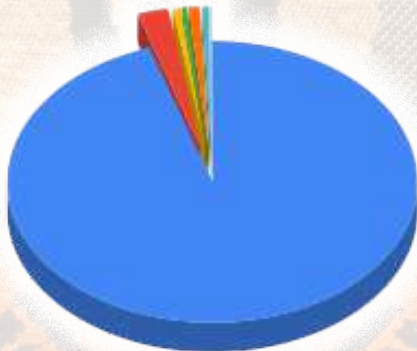
Statements of Activity-year ended June 30, 2023. The financial results are derived from the Bread and Water for Africa® June 30, 2023, audited financial statements containing an unmodified audit opinion. Our complete audited financial statements can be obtained at www.africanrelief.org; or by calling 1-888-371-6622 and requesting a copy.

Statement of Activities

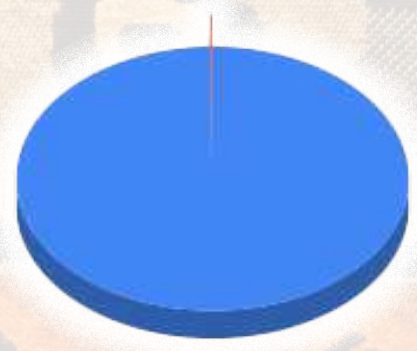
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
(With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

| | 2023 | | | 2022 Total |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total | |
| REVENUE AND SUPPORT | | | | |
| ● Noncash contributions from affiliate | \$27,645,897 | \$- | \$27,645,897 | \$ 22,348,029 |
| ● Cash contributions from affiliate | 500,000 | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| ● Other cash contributions | 94,507 | 106,537 | 201,044 | 113,532 |
| ● Workplace campaign contributions | - | 62,826 | 62,826 | 60,649 |
| ● Wills and bequests | 143,250 | - | 143,250 | 60,171 |
| ● Investment (loss) income, net | 64,668 | - | 64,668 | (113,109) |
| ● Donated Stocks | - | - | - | 41,685 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | | | | |
| Satisfaction of time restrictions | 52,037 | 52,037 | - | |
| Satisfaction of purpose restrictions | 142,699 | 142,699 | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT | 28,643,058 | (25,373) | 28,617,685 | 23,010,957 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Program Services: | | | | |
| International Programs | 28,382,577 | - | 28,382,577 | 23,024,103 |
| ● Total Program Services | 28,382,577 | - | 28,382,577 | 23,024,103 |
| Supporting Services | | | | |
| Management and general | 31,613 | - | 31,613 | 26,559 |
| ● Development and fundraising | 28,662 | - | 28,662 | 5,796 |
| ● Total Supporting Services | 60,275 | - | 60,275 | 32,355 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 28,442,852 | - | 28,442,852 | 23,056,458 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 200,206 | (25,373) | 174,833 | (45,501) |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 694,477 | 332,554 | 1,027,031 | 1,072,532 |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | \$ 894,683 | \$307,181 | \$ 1,201,864 | \$ 1,027,031 |

Revenue and Support



Expenses



99.86% of Total Expenses go towards Program Services!



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We could not do it without you!

Thank you to all those who continue to believe in our mission and support Bread and Water for Africa® and our partners! We especially thank all Federal and Military personnel who have contributed to our organization through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and state, local, United Way, and corporate campaigns across the country.

We would also like to express our gratitude to:

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 Bread and Water for Africa's Board of Directors.
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 Peter Thomson for the support of education and healthcare programs in Kenya.
 Phyllis Keino, Bread and Water for Africa® international spokesperson.
 Richard and Nancy Schaffer for years of support to different BWA programs.
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 Steve Herman (Late) for support of education and healthcare programs.
 The Reuse Network
 Thomas M. (Tom) O'Brien, for the support of the agriculture program in Sierra Leone.
 The Winston-Salem Found. - Carr Family for years of support to different BWA programs.
 University of Virginia Hospital Medical Inventory (MERICI) Program.

And many individual donors, from school children collecting pennies to runners logging miles (and dollars) as they raced for proceeds directed to Bread and Water for Africa®.

Dick and Toini Landis: A True Partnership with Bread and Water for Africa® In Every Sense of the Word



For many years, Richard “Dick” Landis and his wife, Toini, have been partnering with Bread and Water for Africa® to help improve the lives of Kenyan children.

First was his support of the Lewa Children’s Home, the Kipkeino Primary School, and Baraka Farm, all integrated under the direction of Bread and Water for Africa® international spokesperson Phyllis Keino.

A successful retired businessman and track coach, Landis and his wife, Toini, have committed the most significant part of his retirement to work in Kenya, so far making the 18-hour trip some 40 times, notes a 2017 article in the Cornell College alumni magazine, his alma mater.

As noted in the article, he and Toini created a foundation to support their efforts: building a high school and medical clinic with one of his former runners at Coe College in Iowa, Titus Korir, who today is a tribal elder.

That school is Kebeneti Secondary School in the town of Kericho. Bread and Water for Africa® and Mr. Landis have been partnering for the past several years, first establishing the start-up school and then working on improvements and upgrades year after year. Kebeneti opened in 2015 with 50 students and has grown to an enrollment of 1,216 as of January 2023.

In 2011, Titus determined a new secondary school in the community was necessary as there was no secondary school in the area, forcing children who had graduated from primary school to walk many miles to the nearest secondary school to continue their education or leave their family to attend a boarding school (if their parents could afford it).

Since the opening of the school, Bread and Water for Africa® has teamed up with Mr. Landis to construct classrooms, a chemistry lab, and a physics lab, which was then equipped with modern equipment. Mr. Landis quickly recognized the generous contributions of Unilever and the Finley Trust, who supported equipping the labs. Two new classrooms are being constructed during Fall 2023.

In 2019, through the generosity and compassion of Mr. and Mrs. Landis, the construction of a dining hall and kitchen was completed, which was celebrated in grand style with a ceremony commending them and Bread and Water for Africa®. A card written by a student expressing gratitude on behalf of the entire student body was presented to them at the ceremony and stated: “Thank you for the lovely gift! Thank you for your kindness; thank you for being the person you are. You are a person who makes life easier and better for everyone in need. You put others before yourself, making us feel special and important.”

A plaque on the exterior of the dining hall states: “The construction of this hall was funded with donations from Mr. Richard Landis of Montana, USA, and Bread and Water for Africa. Richard Landis and his wife, Toini, officially opened it on Sunday, 24th November 2019.”

In 2023, we were pleased to announce the completion of a school library (The Toini Landis Reference and Reading Centre), which Titus noted “was very important since the school community of staff and students did not have a library before.” As for the students, “We promise to work smart and utilize what you have given us. We appreciate all you have done for us from the bottom of our hearts. You have made Kebeneti Secondary School the best place to be!”

In addition to the school, today, thanks in large part to the unwavering support of Richard Landis Family Foundation and Peter Thomson during the past several years, a clinic in Kebeneti, which opened in 1966, now provides preventative and curative services, maternal and childcare, lab tests as well as giving medicines to patients in need.

Through their support, we have also been able to construct maternity and delivery wards, a modern, fully equipped lab and staff housing – a necessity in such an isolated area – which serves nearly 150 individuals monthly, the vast majority of whom otherwise would go without medical treatment and the medicines they need.

And as for Titus, speaking on behalf of all the patients and clinic staff: “The entire community of Kebeneti Village sincerely appreciates your continued support of our clinic – which has saved many lives and improved the overall health of our community.”

Mr. Landis notes that it was while visiting Kenya decades ago when he first met Phyllis Keino and immediately fell in love, not just with her, but with her orphanage and all the children to whom she was providing an opportunity to improve their own lives – according to their initiatives and her encouragement and love.

“It was during the transition of becoming more involved that I learned about the work that Bread and Water for Africa® was providing and how carefully they administered the funds entrusted to them. Mr. Landis explained that he needed to have an ethical and legitimate conduit with which he could trust to work to continue being able to provide his funding to the projects.

“Bread and Water for Africa® welcomed our support and gave us the assistance and advice that we needed, and has continued to do that for about 20 years now,” he said in October 2023.

Throughout the years, Mr. and Mrs. Landis have partnered in the project at the Lewa Childrens Home, its Kipkeino School, and Baraka Farm – all overseen and managed by Phyllis – as well as the wonderful work that has been done at the Kebeneti Secondary School and the Kebeneti Dispensary.

Mr. Landis will never forget that when he was a young man, his life’s mentor told him: “You will get all that you desire if you help enough other people get what they desire.”

“Toini and I have been very fortunate to have been placed in a position that allowed us to help many other people achieve the positive goals that have improved their lives, and we have been truly blessed by the result. Watching the school at Kebeneti evolve from just an idea to more than 1,200 students today was part of God’s plan for them, and we were a part of the mechanism that ensured its success. Bread and Water for Africa® has been our partner in every step of the projects we have completed, and we are blessed to call them our partner.”

Mr Landis also noted, “Of course, it would be wrong for us not to mention our in-country partners, Phyllis, the efficient and dedicated Board of Trustees of the Lewa Trust, Titus, and all his wonderful citizens in Kebeneti. “These are the real workers. We were just a tool with which they could build wonderful things.” And why have Mr. and Mrs. Landis remained such loyal, dedicated, and generous supporters of Bread and Water for Africa® for all these many years?

“Initially,” he says, “it was because of the warmth, charm, and Christian approach of (Bread and Water for Africa® founder) Gene Krizek that struck me, and his initial advice was invaluable. And after that, Gene’s sons, Paul and Bryan, and Executive Director Beth Tessema took over with the same wonderful approach. “We would never have been able to accomplish the wonderful things that we have without their sensational honesty and candor. We have been supremely blessed to have had their guidance. “Ours is a true partnership in every sense of the word... Toini and I and Bread and Water for Africa®.” Krizek that struck me, and his initial advice was invaluable.

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Words from our partners

As the years go by, we realize that more and more children depend on the school fees support program to trace a beautiful path to their future. The impact of this program is tremendous, which we will fully realize in a few years to come when these children are spread across society, living their dreams and multiplying the impact.

Esther Hadassah Ndichafah
Founder and Executive Director
Hope International Foundation, Cameroon



The entire community of Kebeneti village in Kericho, Kenya, sincerely appreciates the continued support of Americans to our clinic, which is helping to save many lives and has improved the overall health of our community.
Titus Korir

Board of Directors member
Kebeneti Dispensary, Kenya

The Seed Foundation, together with the communities in the favelas (slums) of Kibera, will not give up – we will continue delving through the murky ways and unreachable terrains to help deliver our wonderful children out of the doldrums of poverty. The continued support from Bread and Water for Africa® and their American supporters has kept us steadfast over the past several years. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for this critical support, and we pray that it will continue to enable us to make a substantial difference in the lives of children who call Kibera home.

Patrick Odongo
Founder and Director
Seed Foundation, Kenya





Words from our partners

The most significant achievement is that the ten borewells will benefit many marginalized people for years. This means that many people have access to clean water, which protects their lives from infections, and today, thousands of people who previously had no access to clean water now have easy access to borewells and a reliable water supply.

The project has delivered sustainable health and hygiene benefits to the rural population by improving and enhancing water supply and environmental sanitation services while promoting the long-term sustainability of the rural water supply and sanitation.

Sabrina Vatanshoeva
Global Program Manager
Our AIM Foundation, Malawi



The program continues to provide what the objectives were intended for since its formation. Today, many children have found new life – they have emerged from the old life to a better one. Many children have achieved their dreams and are grateful for the chances provided by the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®.

Angela Miyanda
Founder and Executive Director
Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre, Zambia

Today, I am a proud farmer because I now have the farming skills I need to grow ground nuts and corn on a larger scale to feed myself and my family and sell the surplus for my planned vocational schooling. Farming is costly today, but the farming training and support I received from the Bread and Water for Africa® COVID-19 Relief Program has helped me to take a significant step forward.

Foday Samuels
Farming training participant
Rural Youth Development Organization, Sierra Leone





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