

# GIVE International

## Our Quest for Sustainability

### 2018 Annual Report



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## Executive Summary

GIVE International is a Canadian-based charitable trust working in relief and development; supporting community-based development projects in East Africa since 2005.

Our objective is to engage in sustainable development initiatives that are reflective of the region's social, economic, and cultural landscape by supporting projects that are established by members of the local community, thereby enhancing the probability of sustainability. GIVE International partners with locally run organizations by providing human, material, and financial resources to projects that focus specifically on health care, child & youth development, and education.

In conjunction with our sustainable development initiatives, each year GIVE International coordinates one or two well-organized, safe, and meaningful volunteer opportunities for individuals interested in building cross-cultural relationships while learning about East Africa's development challenges, through hand-on experience in projects that GIVE International manages, funds and partners.

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## Our Achievements Since Inception

- Supported 20 community-based organizations in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Currently supplying 310 children with nutritious breakfasts each week.
- Coordinated safe & meaningful volunteer opportunities for 578 volunteers since 2005.
- Organized 13 mobile health clinics in rural communities, benefiting over 3,900 people.
- Our volunteers have dedicated 102,000+ hours in support of our projects.
- Created access to safe water and sanitation facilities for over 300 individuals.
- Planted over 3,500 tree seedlings to help reduce soil erosion and off-set our carbon emissions.
- Refurbished 9 schools, providing a more conducive space for children to learn.
- Built and maintain four 10,000 litre rainwater-harvesting tanks for clean, potable water.
- Constructed 4 Latrines to reduce water and sanitation challenges in Jinja, Uganda.
- Partnered with a Kenyan doctor to distribute postpartum kits to 117 new mothers in Kibera.
- Constructed 5 classrooms, 2 teacher's houses, 3 latrines, and an office at the Kiryowa School.
- Distributed over 1800 Family Kits to those identified as the 'poorest of the poor' by local community leaders and social workers.

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## The Kiryowa Development Initiative

GIVE International has partnered with community-based organizations in the village of Kiryowa, Uganda to improve health and education opportunities for its residents. With the construction of a new primary school - and working alongside local community-based organizations with the delivery of health care, malaria prevention initiatives, child-nutrition programs, and Family Kit distributions -- we are implementing a holistic approach to community development. The positive impact has been noticed by the local Ugandan authorities, calling our Kiryowa initiative an "exemplary success".

- 5 new classrooms constructed
- 2 teacher's houses built, so educators can live conveniently in Kiryowa
- 3,100 village residents treated at our free mobile health clinics
- 8,000 nutritious breakfasts supplied to 85 primary students, providing energy to succeed
- 550 Family Kits (including bed-nets) distributed to families identified by community leaders
- 3 pit-latrines constructed, creating a clean and private space for boys and girls
- 50 (3-seater) desks constructed for functional student learning
- 1 playground built to encourage social and physical development
- 180 school kits distributed, ensuring students have the tools to learn
- 4 x 10,000 litre rainwater-harvesting tanks for providing clean, potable water





### Mobile Medical Clinics

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that three-quarters of the world's AIDS population lives in Sub-Saharan Africa; many having no access to lifesaving drugs, testing facilities, or even basic preventative health care. One of the major factors inhibiting medical professionals in Africa from treating this disease is the inability to access vast areas of the continent with adequately equipped medical facilities. To help alleviate some of this challenge, GIVE International purchases the needed medical supplies and medicines, and then supports mobile health clinics which are staffed by Ugandan lab technicians, nurses and other Ugandan health professionals trained in clinical evaluations and in the distribution of essential medicines.

- In 2017, GIVE International funded and facilitated 3 mobile medical clinics in Uganda's Busoga region, benefitting over 930 people.
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### Railways Primary School Breakfast Feeding Program

Located in one of the poorest areas of Busoga District, the Railways Primary School is an oasis of hope in the midst of immense poverty. Three-hundred children between the ages of 6 to 14 attend this school with the goal of furthering their education. However, the teachers report that the vast majority of the children attending this school do not have anything to eat before they start classes. In response to this need, GIVE International has partnered with Railways Primary School by providing financial support and the coordination of a nutritious breakfast feeding program throughout the school year.

- Building a new kitchen (2018) at the school to assist with the preparation of school breakfasts.
- Supplied 280 school children with nutritious breakfasts.
- Supplied 30+ neighbourhood children with nutritious breakfasts
- Provided employment for 3 women from the community to shop for supplies, prepare the food, and serve it to the children.





### Grandmothers to Grandmothers

In partnership with the Grandmothers Advocacy Network (Canada), and PEFO (Uganda), GIVE International is bringing awareness to the plight of grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa who are raising a generation of children. The HIV/AIDS epidemic in countries such as Kenya and Uganda has resulted in more than 15 million children being orphaned, and the United Nations (2015) estimates that approximately 60% of these children are cared for by grandparents.

Gender inequality and poverty are closely related, resulting in women of all ages being more vulnerable to physical, sexual, and emotional violence. In Sub-Saharan Africa, violence against women is both a cause and a consequence of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, making grandmothers and the children in their care particularly vulnerable. Working in partnership with GAN and PEFO, we identify opportunities to advocate for policies and programs that will have a positive impact for the grandmothers of Uganda who bear a disproportionate burden.

- Hosted 11 Canadian grandparents from the GRAN Advocacy group, raised public awareness, advocated to National policy makers, and built a working relationship with PEFO Uganda
- Distributed 45 family kits with bed-nets to grandmothers raising orphans & vulnerable children
- Provided school uniforms, textbooks, school kits, hot breakfast program, and a medical clinic for Railways Primary School and Kiryowa Primary School.

# Volunteerism



## Our Volunteers

GIVE International manages, funds, and partners with community-based organizations throughout the year, working to enhance their institutional capacity, and eyeing the goal of sustainability. In addition, each year GIVE International coordinates one or two volunteer trips for individuals interested in seeing our work first-hand, and enhancing their world view through committing their time, skills and resources into education, child development, and health care focused projects.

Although the 'development impact' over a 2-12 week volunteer experience is challenging to accurately assess, the results from the past 13 years have shown that local community-based groups are encouraged when they can show their work and results to others, donors are more connected to the project when they have seen the results for themselves, and volunteers have their 'world view' and international understanding influenced through an experiential learning experience.

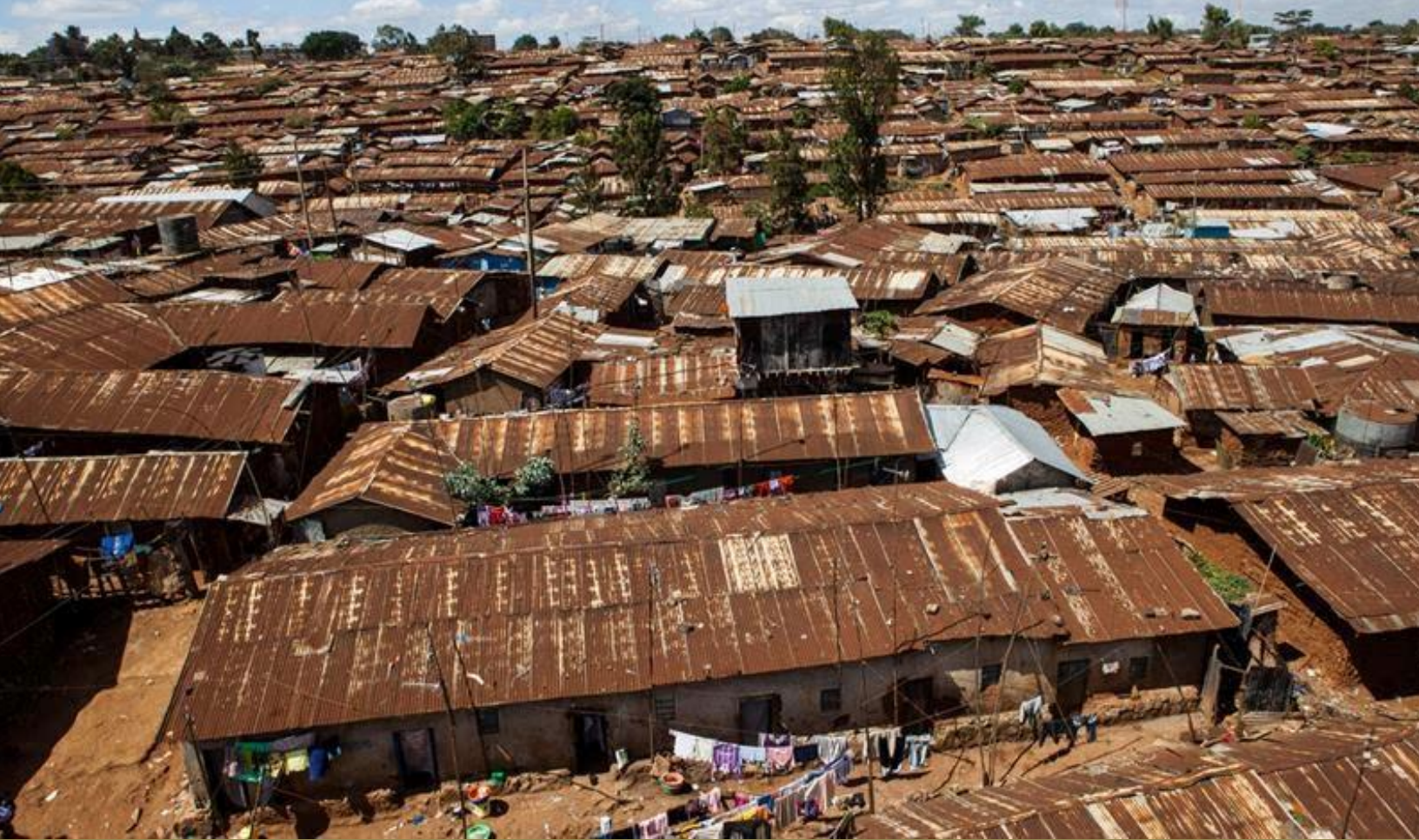
- Volunteer placements were facilitated for 13 individuals from multi-cultural backgrounds; including grandmothers, students, nurses, teachers, and a doctor.
- 1 professional development workshop was facilitated for 14 Ugandan teachers.
- 1 professional development workshop was facilitated for 8 Ugandan nurses.

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## The Kibera SEED School & Our Kenya Breakfast Feeding Program

Located in the heart of Kibera, Nairobi's largest informal community, The SEED School provides quality education for 62 vulnerable primary-level children from the local community. Five days per week, they are taught by 4 incredible teachers in one of the most challenging and difficult settings. Upon the SEED School's invitation, GIVE International has provided the funding for a daily breakfast feeding program – and the staff / teachers to manage it – thereby enhancing the learning opportunity for these incredible children.

- Provided salary support for 4 teachers, 1 program coordinator, and 2 breakfast cooks
- Raised private funding for 62 children to receive a nutritious breakfast each weekday morning.
- Supplied school kits (ie. pencils, pens, workbooks, erasers, rulers, and a backpack) for each of the 62 children.





### The Senje Clinic & Mama Upendo Kits

In partnership with Dr. Dorah Nyanja – a volunteer doctor running the Senje Clinic in Kibera, Kenya, GIVE International was requested to create and distribute a much needed 'postpartum kit' for all new mothers containing essential items for both mother and baby that would be useful after birth. As per Dr. Nyanja's suggestions, these Mama Upendo (Mother Love) Kits contain the traditional porridge, packs of sugar and salt, basin and soap, baby blanket, packs of diapers, baby clothes (sleeper, vest, hat, socks), packs of sanitary pads, painkillers, towel and slippers.

- Distributed Mama Upendo postpartum kits to 75 new mothers in Nairobi's poorest community
- Provided funding for Dr. Nyanja to run postpartum classes for the new mothers
- In 2019, this program will be expanded to other neighbourhoods in Kibera





## Reforestation & Environmental Sustainability

Unregulated logging, charcoal and timber production, and ever increasing urbanization have eroded Kenya's woodlands. According to the Kenya Forest Service (2014), as much as 10% of the country's population relies on forest products to make a living. Woodlands act as 'water towers' by storing and feeding rainwater throughout the year to the rivers and lakes that account for most of Kenya's water resources. Yet when these woodlands are depleted, the environmental impacts (soil erosion, erratic rainfall, loss of livelihoods, etc) can be devastating. As a result, GIVE International has partnered with rural Kenyan high schools in Magadi and Nyahururu to help mitigate these environmental consequences.

- In 2018, over 600 indigenous tree seedlings were planted to help reduce soil erosion, off-set our carbon emissions, and promote environmental sustainability.

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Following the six key aims and objectives outlined by the United Nations Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), GIVE International continues to work towards enhancing public awareness of the challenges facing many East African communities, partnering with community-based organizations to further enhance their institutional sustainability, integrating gender and diversity into our programming, maintaining the privacy of our donors as set out in Canada's Privacy Act, promoting multi-culturalism on both our domestic and international teams, and working with committed volunteers to reduce management expenses. Practically speaking, this manifests itself in a variety of ways:

- Charging a nominal fee (\$0.03) to individuals using the latrines, to help fund their maintenance
- Partnering with high schools to plant trees; reducing soil erosion & offsetting carbon emissions
- Promoting experiential learning through volunteer trips, with 91% returning and/or donating
- Bi-annual volunteer teams maintaining school classrooms, water tanks, etc, while in-country
- Partnering with generous individuals for financial donations towards our breakfast feedings
- Volunteer teachers and nurses conducting pro-development workshops for local employees
- Paying 'fair wage' salaries to GIVE's international staff so they can sustain their livelihoods

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## Financial Report

As required by Canadian Law, our financial accounts are audited by an approved accounting firm within 6 months of the end of our fiscal period. This information is sent to all Canadian donors at the end of the year, and is posted by the Canada Revenue Agency. Since inception in 2005, GIVE International has had its audited financial statements approved annually by the Canada Revenue Authority without issue, thus ensuring the transparency and accountability of our efforts and partnerships in East Africa. Thanks to our mostly volunteer office staff in Canada, we are able to keep our overhead low, and promote our development initiatives with very little management expense.

### Reporting period ending: December 31, 2018

(all figures in CAN\$)

#### Revenue

- Received donations \$ 167,462 (99%)
- Government funding \$ 1,138 ( 1%)
- All other revenue \$ 0 ( 0%)
- **Total revenue:** \$ **168,600**

#### Expenses

- Charitable programs \$ 159,885 (91%)
- Management and administration \$ 10,769 ( 6%)
- Fundraising \$ 4,393 ( 3%)
- Political activities \$ 0 ( 0%)
- Gifts to other registered charities \$ 0 ( 0%)
- Other \$ 0 ( 0%)
- **Total expenses:** \$ **175,047\***

\*note: Deficit of \$6,447 carried over from 2017





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