



*Bread and Water for Africa*®

*Providing a Brighter Future for Africa's Children*

# 20 YEARS

## Providing a Brighter Future for Africa's Children

### 2017 Annual Report





# Bread and Water for Africa®'s 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.

Happy Children at Haramaya Model School, Ethiopia, 2017



Young girls at the Kebweza Village, Zambia, 2017



# Message from the Executive Director

Greetings Friends and Supporters,

Another end of a successful year, and not just an ordinary one but a significant one! Fiscal Year 2017 marks a 20-year milestone anniversary of partnership between Bread and Water for Africa® and you, our partners! As usual, this report highlights our mission in action and the impact it has made on the lives of thousands of orphaned and abandoned children, families, and entire communities in several countries throughout sub-Saharan Africa, including Kenya, Cameroon, Chad, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Because of your compassion and generosity, the last twenty years have been nothing short of transformative for all concerned. From the civil war and Ebola crises in Sierra Leone to the orphans affected by the AIDS epidemic across the continent, the emotional and economic impacts have been crippling. Bread and Water for Africa® continues to work diligently to fund programs that offer creative solutions to meet the needs of those struggling to survive in the most difficult and challenging circumstances imaginable.

Sustainability is a key milestone with which we can measure success. We encourage and support self-sustaining projects and programs which allow our partners to wean themselves off our funding and towards self-sufficiency and independence. This allows us to move on to other communities that need the same kinds of assistance.

Your generous support over the years has enabled us to impact the lives of tens of thousands of children, women and men in numerous ways. The school fees program and completion of Hope Academy opened doors to many children in Cameroon. A similar program in Chad also afforded educational opportunities to children. In Ethiopia, the water well projects and library support programs have enabled self-sufficiency and educational opportunities in the Haramaya region, and the vocational and adult training programs in Malawi and farmers' training program in Kenya have opened up opportunities for unconventional student vocations. The orphan care programs in Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe have been a wonderful

success and allowed these children to thrive.

This year, I had the opportunity to travel to Zambia and Ethiopia to visit our partners and witness first hand their progress on the ground. As you may recall from the last report, the most innovative and successful project we funded in the last two years was that with our Zambian partner, the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre. Two ponds were constructed to raise thousands of Tilapia fish to feed the children at the Kabwata Orphanage, with the surplus sold in the local market. I am glad to report these ponds are still in operation, providing a good source of income for the Centre. With your loyal support over the years, some of the children from the Orphanage have grown into young adults who have graduated high school and college, pursuing their own careers.

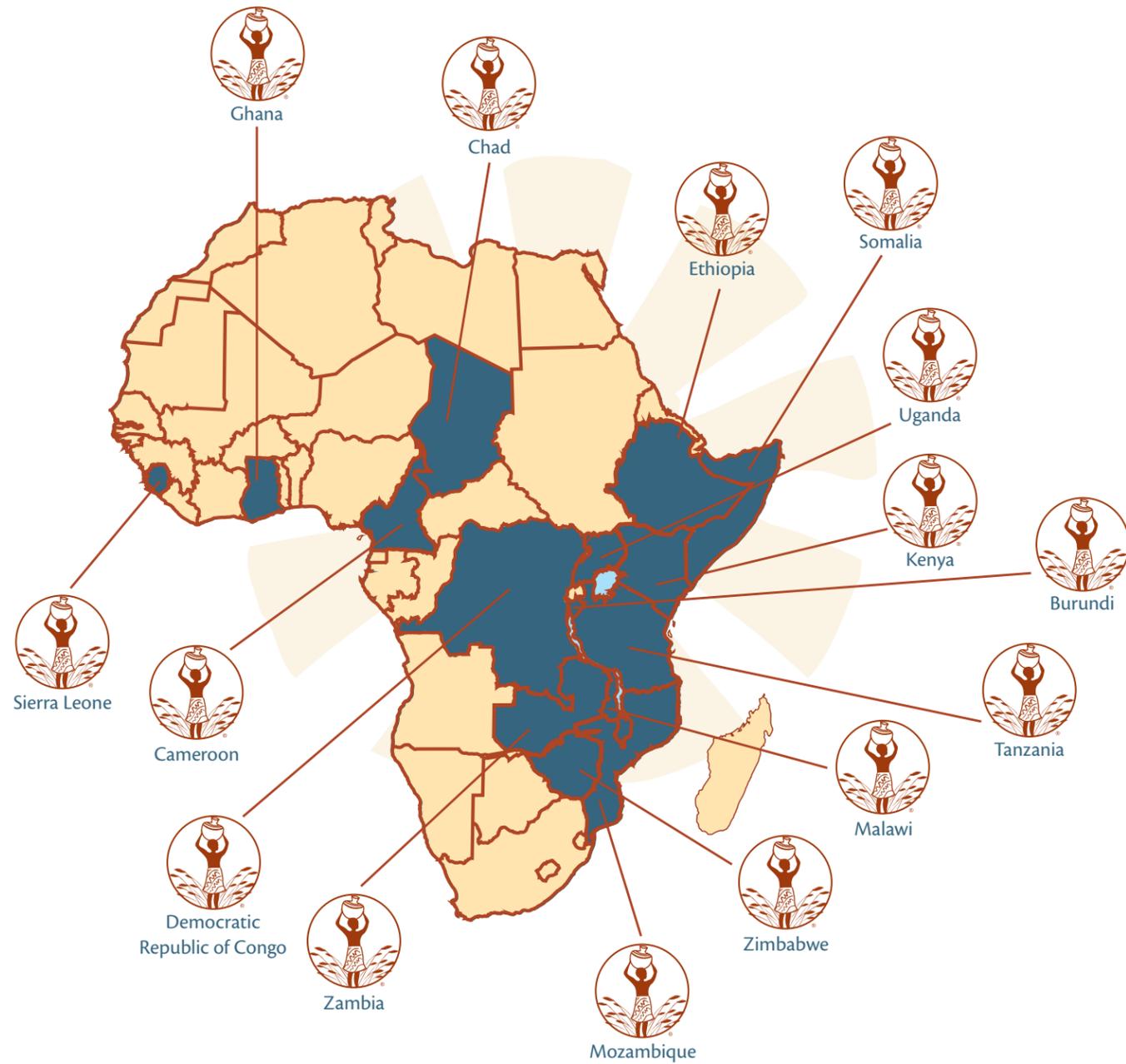
These achievements would not have been possible without your unwavering commitment and confidence in Bread and Water for Africa®. We are partners in this mission together and I believe that as you read this report, you will feel the fulfillment of your individual touch to each of those children and their communities. I cannot express my gratitude and appreciation enough for your steadfast support. Your generosity and compassion literally has saved the lives of thousands of people you may never ever meet.

On behalf of our Board of Directors; our International Spokesperson Phyllis Keino, founder of the Lewa Children's Home; dedicated volunteers and staff; grassroots communities' partners in Africa; and most importantly, the children we have served in the last twenty years, I say THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of so many! I look forward to your continued partnership as we work to build a future filled with hope for the children of Africa. ✨

Sincerely,

Bethelhem Tessema  
Executive Director

# Bread and Water for Africa Celebrates 20 Years of Providing a Brighter Future for Africa's Children

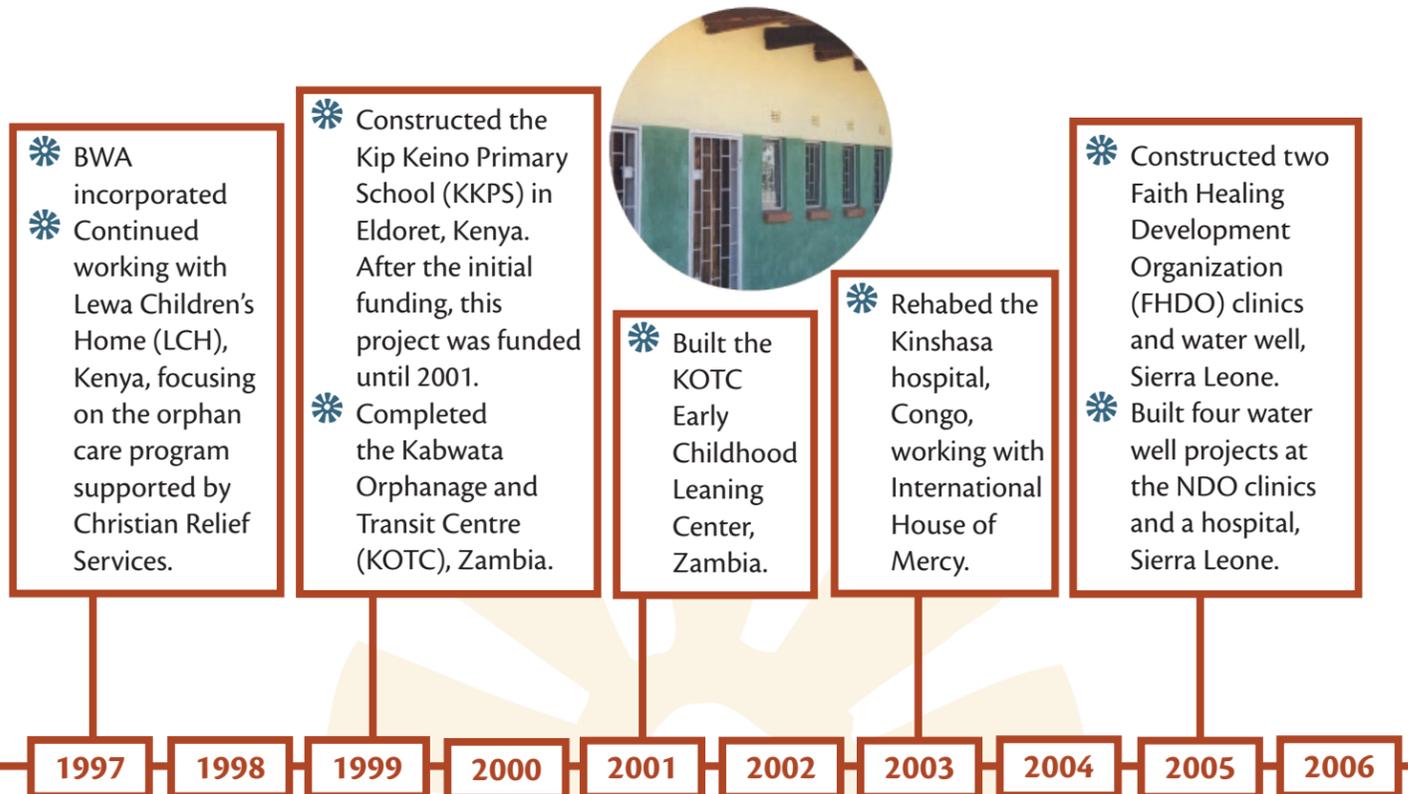


## OUR PROGRAMS

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**Orphan Care**  
 Provide loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children, including the basic necessities of food, clean water, health care, and an education so they can build a better life as they enter adulthood.
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**Education**  
 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.
- 
**Clean Water**  
 Build water wells and support clean water development projects to provide life's most vital resource.
- 
**Agriculture**  
 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.
- 
**Healthcare**  
 Provide essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment to save lives and support the operations of clinics and hospitals in remote villages.
- 
**Income Generation**  
 Provide the initial funding to our program partners to create income generating projects to help sustain their program's future funding needs.
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**Fish Farming**  
 Build community food security and self-sufficiency.
- 
**Basic Relief**  
 Provide basic relief support for unexpected disasters and crises such as the Mudslide disaster in Sierra Leone in 2017.
- 
**Vocational Training**  
 Provide training for youth to help them gain productive employment and economic empowerment through technical skills and build crucial life skills.

# Bread and Water for Africa®'s Most

# Important Program Activities since 1997



Total Program Services from 1997-2017: \$110,772,947

# WHO WE ARE

Since our inception 20 years ago, Bread and Water for Africa® has been committed to promoting positive changes in Africa. Through the generosity of our donors 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.

## THE CHALLENGES

- \* In Zambia, there are 1.2 million orphans under 15 years of age – 800,000 are affected by HIV and AIDS. An estimated 20,000 children are living in the street. A third of the children in Zambia lose one or both parents before they reach adulthood, with 19 percent of orphans having lost both parents. One-third of the country's orphans are living with a grandparent<sup>1</sup>.
- \* Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest level of undernourishment in the world. In many countries, the worsening situation in 2015 and 2016 can be attributed to adverse climatic conditions, resulting in poor harvests and loss of livestock. In 2016, there were about 224 million undernourished people in sub-Saharan Africa.
- \* The bulk of undernourished people live in eastern Africa. The high number of undernourished also reflects the fact that population growth averaged about 2.8 percent during the past 10 years<sup>2</sup>.



Children at Kabweza Village, Zambia, 2017

- \* For the most part, maternal and newborn deaths are preventable with proper pre-natal and post-natal care for the mother and infant. Despite that, of the 20 countries around the world with the highest maternal mortality rates, 19 are in Africa, and the sub-Saharan region has the highest neonatal death rate in the world<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58104#.Wjp7-WeGPcu>  
<sup>3</sup> <http://www.who.int/bulletin/africanhealth/en/>  
<sup>4</sup> <http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/education-africa>  
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.voanews.com/a/globally-more-children-survive-to-age-5/4098243.html>

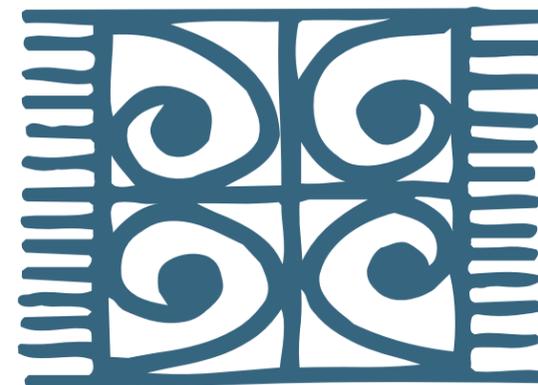
- \* For millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa, their greatest wish is to attend school with the knowledge that education is their pathway out of poverty and towards a bright future. But many youth are denied that opportunity. More than one-fifth of children between the ages of 6 and 11 are out of school, and that number jumps to one-third for youth between the ages 12 and 14, and to nearly 60 percent of teens between the ages of 15 and 17. For girls, the situation is even worse – 9 million girls between the ages of 6 and 11 will never go to school at all, compared to 6 million for boys<sup>4</sup>.
- \* Child malnutrition is a severe problem in sub-Saharan African countries, as a lack of food not only means the child is hungry and underweight, but it can exacerbate other health issues and lead to death as malnutrition weakens the immune system, leaving the child unable to fight off disease. Although more children are living to their fifth birthday, 46 percent of child deaths occur shortly after birth. Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for the second-highest newborn death rate in the world at 38 percent, and five countries including Ethiopia account for half of all newborn deaths<sup>5</sup>. \*



Children playing at the Kabwata Orphanage in Zambia, 2017

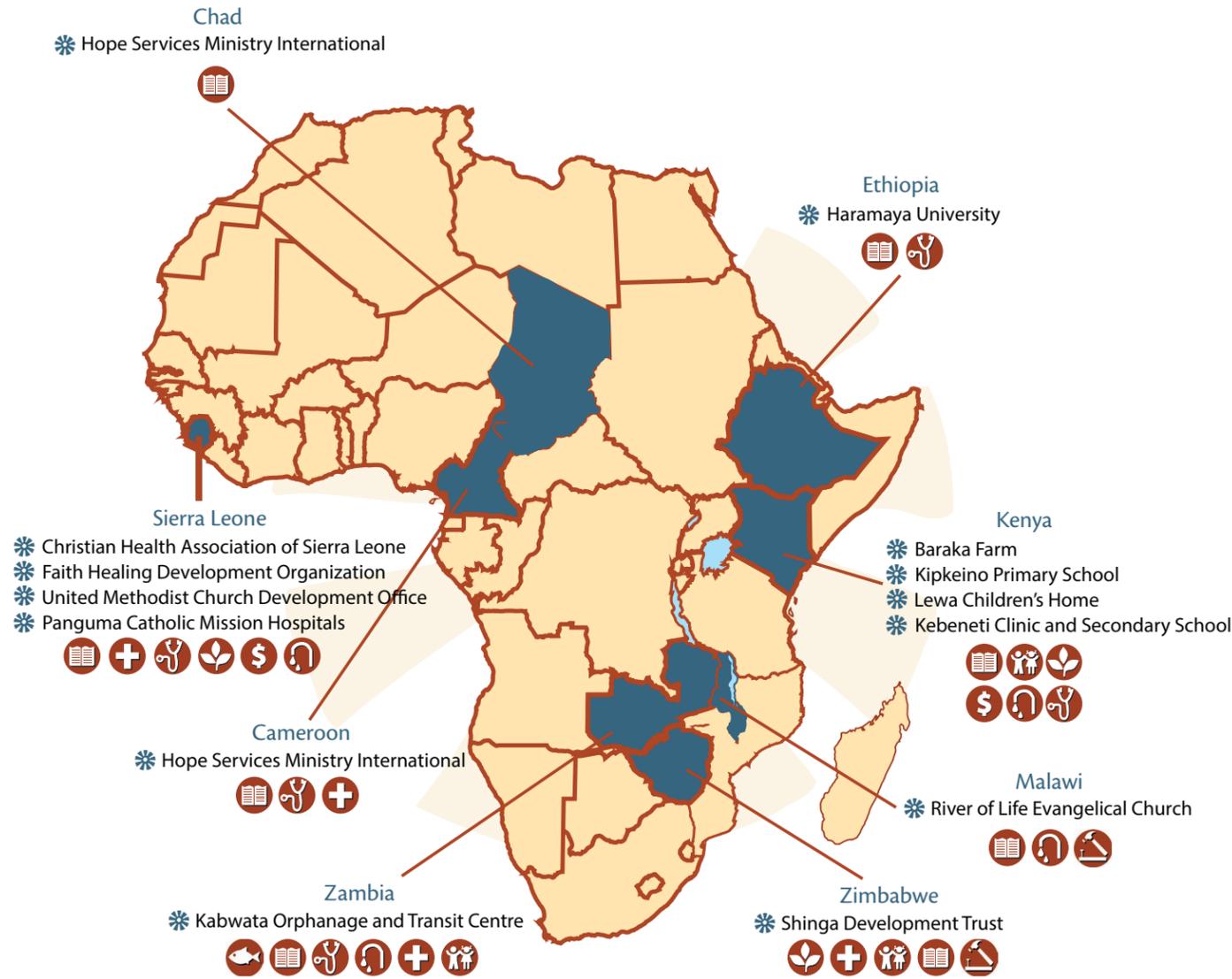


BWA donors Mike and Delane Salkeld visiting the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre, Zambia, 2017





# OUR CURRENT PARTNERS



# PHYLLIS KEINO: A LOVING FRIEND AND MOTHER TO ALL OF AFRICA'S CHILDREN

Phyllis Keino has been the voice of Bread and Water for Africa® since its inception. Phyllis is the founder and director of three of our most successful program partners, the Lewa Children's Home, the Kipkeino Primary School, and the Baraka Farm. Her hard work and determination to providing African children with a brighter future has been a true inspiration to us here at Bread and Water for Africa®.



**Phyllis Keino, 2009**

Phyllis' humanitarian work began in 1964 when she and her family founded the Kip Keino Children's Home now called the Lewa Children's Home. The Keino family decided to open the Home after their very good friend and his wife were killed and the Keinos took in their four orphaned children. From then on, the Keino family, including Phyllis' seven biological children, took in as many needy children as they possibly could and have cared for more than 600 children over the years.

model farm in Kenya, and provides sustainable farming and practical dairy trainings for local farmers.

In 1978, Phyllis formally opened what is now known as the Lewa Children's Home. Today, the Home shelters 56 children and offers additional support in the form of school fees and other various benefits to 72 more children in surrounding communities. Each child comes to the Home with his or her own needs and tragic past, but Phyllis loves them all as her own and, with her help, each child is given the chance for a brighter future.

Phyllis expanded her efforts in 1999 with the construction of the Kipkeino Primary School, understanding that a good education offers the greatest possibility for both personal and community-wide growth. The students at the school receive the district's highest quality education and participate in extracurricular activities such as scouts, sports and musical groups. Today, the school is among Kenya's top primary institutions, providing a strong educational foundation to 420 children aged 4-14.

The Baraka Farm was established in 1990 on the vast estates of the orphanage. The farm grows corn, vegetables, fruit, has a pasture for livestock for the Lewa Children's Home and Kipkeino Primary School, and sells the surplus to the local market. Today, the farm is very successful, is touted as a progressive

Phyllis' unconditional love and her tireless resolve to strengthen her community one child at a time is an inspiration to us all. Serving as the volunteer spokesperson for Bread and Water for Africa®, she has helped us spread her message of love and hope across Africa, and for that we are forever grateful. \*



# ORPHAN CARE



For two decades, Bread and Water for Africa® partners operating on the grassroots level in African villages and local communities have been working to provide loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children. This includes the basic necessities of food, clean water, and health care, as well as an education, so they can build a better life as they enter adulthood.

## 2017 ORPHAN CARE HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 53 children who were living at the Lewa Children's Home in Eldoret, Kenya received food, health care, and other basic needs, as well as an education. In addition, 68 orphaned, abandoned or destitute children were supported through foster care and extended family living arrangements.
- \* 96 orphaned children found a loving home at the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Lusaka, Zambia, which provided for all of their basic needs, including food, shelter and healthcare, as well as educational opportunities, vocational training, and counseling. Another 84 children living in foster care received food support, a living allowance, assistance with school fees, and basic health care through Kabwata's outreach program.
- \* 13 orphaned or abandoned children were the first to live in Shinga Development Trust's Lerato Children's Home, which opened in April in Mutare, Zimbabwe. An additional 75 children were served through Shinga's orphan feeding program. \*



Children at Lerato Children Home, 2017



# HOPE FOR NYUMA AND HER TWIN SISTER

The only home Nyuma and her twin sister have ever known is the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia, where they were brought at 16 months old – severely malnourished and on the verge of death – following the death of their mother.

That was 2000, and 17 years later, Nyuma is a happy, healthy teenager doing well in secondary school with big dreams for a bright future.

Nyuma is among the nearly 100 children who found a home and a mother, Kabwata founder and director Angela Miyanda.



Nyuma and her twin sister, 2017

“We can never thank you enough for your continued support to the cause of the suffering and underprivileged in Zambia.”

- Angela Miyanda, Founder and Executive Director of Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre.

me, people that know me, and also people that are able to wipe a tear away from my face and bring joy to my life.”

At Bread and Water for Africa® we believe every child should have an opportunity to live up to their potential and fulfill their dreams in life, regardless of their circumstances.

Working with our partners, such as the Kabwata Orphanage in Zambia, the Lewa Children's Home in Kenya and the Shinga Development Trust in Zimbabwe, and thanks to our generous supporters, we are able to provide these countries' most vulnerable children – orphaned, abandoned or abused – with loving homes where all their basic needs in life are met, their school fees are paid, and where they become part of a family they never had.

We have followed her progress over the years, and now, on the verge of adulthood, Nyuma recently told us:

“I am a child that has a dream that one day I will become a doctor or lawyer. Growing up for me at Kabwata has been such a good stage, where I was given whatever I need, even up to now.

When growing up I did not know that there was Bread and Water for Africa® that has been helping Kabwata Orphanage until I grew to understand things around me.

While I was growing I began to understand that there are people that love me, care for

“We can never thank you enough for your continued support to the cause of the suffering and underprivileged in Zambia,” said Angela Miyanda, Founder and Executive Director of Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre. \*



# EDUCATION



At Bread and Water for Africa®, we strongly believe that educating children is not just an investment in the future of Africa – it is the future of Africa. Our partner organizations strive to get the youngest children off to the best start possible, beginning before primary school age, as well as helping young adults acquire vocational skills to build a career or start their own business.

## 2017 EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 460 children were provided with an education at the Kipkeino Primary School in Eldoret, Kenya, including orphaned and abandoned children living at the Lewa Children’s Home. An additional 34 vulnerable children in the Eldoret area received financial aid for school tuition, supplies, and uniforms through Lewa’s outreach program.
- \* 250 students at the Kebeneti Secondary School in Kericho, Kenya benefited from the use of equipment provided to the school’s science laboratory by Bread and Water for Africa®.
- \* 1,083 students received primary school and secondary school educations provided by four nurseries, four primary schools and three secondary schools operated by Faith Healing Development Organization in Sierra Leone.
- \* 162 orphaned and destitute primary school and secondary school students in Cameroon and Chad benefited from a school fee support program.
- \* 58 orphaned and impoverished students benefited from a school fee support program in Zimbabwe.



Lunch at Kipkeino Primary School, 2016



Science lab at Kebeneti High School, 2017

- \* 34,989 high school and junior college students had access to 44,000 textbooks and reference books distributed to 23 high school and three junior college libraries in Ethiopia. \*



## ONE DAY, I WILL BE DR. KABWEZA

“One day I will be Dr. Daniel Kabweza,” says Daniel, who thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa® was able to not just attend school, but excel, and is now set to graduate and is looking forward to going to university to study medicine.

Daniel is one of 58 primary and high school students in Zimbabwe who has benefited from the Bread and Water for Africa® school fee assistance program for the past several years.

As explained by Bread and Water for Africa® Executive Director Bethelhem Tessema, once a child is accepted into the program, we feel a duty to fund their education through high school graduation. “Once we start our investment in a child, we continue,” says Beth.

But the future wasn’t always so bright for Daniel.

“I lost my parents when I was very young and lived in the villages with my grandparents and some family members,” he told us. “Life for me and my sister was very hard in the hands of some relatives.”

And while some might give up all hope and believe there is no future for them, Daniel was not one of those.

He did not know how it would happen, but he had faith – a faith that was realized through the generosity of the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa® and the love and dedication provided to him by our partner there, Margaret Makambira, founder and director of the Shinga Development Trust.

While it is because of our supporters that we are able to provide the funding for our school fee assistance program, it is Margaret who is

able to spot those “diamonds in the rough” such as Daniel and enable them to reach their full potential – oftentimes more than they even realize for themselves.

“I had a dream to become educated and become a medical doctor one day, but I did not know how this was going to be without a reliable source of funding until my friends took me to a Shinga program where I was selected to benefit from your education funding,” Daniel told us.

“This made me work harder at school and this year I finished high school,” he added. “I know I will pass and qualify for university.

Thank you for your kindness and love. I have hope for a very bright future. God bless you all.”

And thanks to our supporters, hundreds of students just like Daniel have the opportunity not only to attend school but to successfully complete their education and work towards their career dreams. \*

Daniel Kabweza, 2017





# HEALTH CARE AND CLEAN WATER



Access to adequate healthcare services in communities of sub-Saharan Africa is vital to the survival of the residents there, especially infants and children under five years old and their mothers. The most common illnesses treated in fiscal year 2017 included malaria, typhoid fever, hypertension, gastritis, measles, respiratory tract infections, and HIV/AIDS. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Bread and Water for Africa® is able to provide our partners with life-saving medicines, medical supplies and equipment.

## 2017 HEALTH CARE AND CLEAN WATER HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 65,000 people received medical care, counseling and health education from the Faith Healing Development Organization, Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone, and the Panguma Catholic Mission Hospital in Sierra Leone.
- \* 4,000 residents were provided with free or low-cost healthcare through the Kebeneti SDA Dispensary in Kericho, Kenya with laboratory equipment and medical supplies provided by Bread and Water for Africa®, which are critical to the operation of the clinic.
- \* 76,000 people received medical benefits from the Haramaya University Health Care Program through five hospitals and nine clinics in Ethiopia, which was made possible by the donation of three 40-foot containers filled with medicines and medical supplies shipped to Haramaya.
- \* 1,225 children at the Lamgie Full Cycle Elementary School in Ethiopia have clean drinking water from a well that was completed in May on the school grounds. \*



Above: Nixon Memorial Hospital, Sierra Leone, 2016

Right: The well at Lamgie Full Cycle Elementary School, 2017



# PROVIDING FOR BASIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN KERICHO, KENYA

At Bread and Water for Africa® we believe health care and clean water development go hand-in-hand. Without clean safe water for drinking, cooking, bathing and washing, there is real possibility of contracting a serious – and potentially life-threatening – illness or parasite.

It is especially true for hospitals and clinics – such as the Kebeneti SDA Dispensary in Kenya – where doctors and nurses must wash their hands several times a day, surgical equipment must be sterilized, and the clinic in general must be spick-and-span from floor to ceiling to prevent infections.



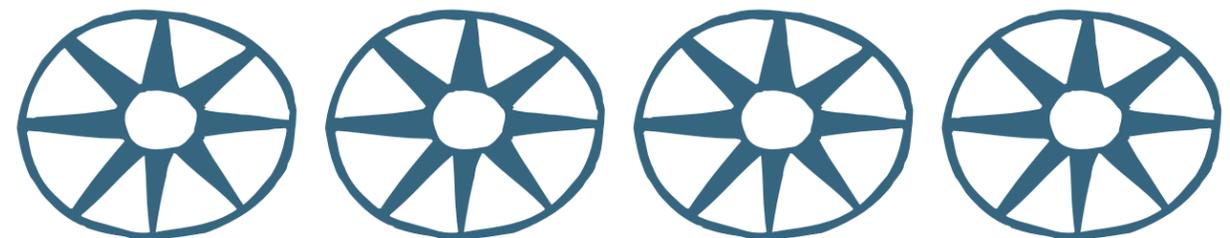
The new incubator in use for newborn twin girls, 2017

Bread and Water for Africa® has provided medical equipment for Kebeneti’s laboratory and medical supplies to better serve the thousands of low-income residents in its service area who otherwise would have nowhere else to turn in times of illness or injury.

And, as hot water is critical to keeping hands, equipment and surfaces such as countertops even more sanitary, Bread and Water for Africa® recently installed solar hot water heaters at Kebeneti.

To ensure the clinic has a reliable source of clean water, and would be no longer reliant on rainwater stored in water tanks, we funded the installation of water pipes from an uncontaminated source two miles away, providing the clinic staff with all the water they need to adequately treat patients safely.

The Kebeneti clinic has been serving children in the Kericho area for more than 50 years from its humble beginnings in a two-room mud building. We are proud of our supporters who have enabled us to help modernize the clinic, and we look forward to a long relationship with the leadership at Kebeneti and assisting them in their never-ending mission of providing healthcare to those in desperate need. \*



# AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY



Many of the poor living in rural Africa, if nothing else, have a small tract of land to call their own. Bread and Water for Africa® partners are working to provide training on how to get the most from that small plot by using best practices and sustainable farming methods to not only provide food for their families, but in many instances, enough surplus to sell at the local market.

## 2017 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 200 local farmers were trained in cattle feeding, calf rearing, milking and milk hygiene, and Napier grass management through the Baraka Farm Practical Dairy Training Program in Eldoret, Kenya. Baraka Farm also expanded its food production capacity to support the Lewa Children's Home and Kipkeino Primary School's food supply needs as well as generate additional revenue for the organizations by selling surplus produce and dairy products including butter, cheese and yogurt.
- \* 150 female farmers received training and supplies from Faith Healing Development Organization in Sierra Leone to establish small farming operations, which sustained their need to provide for themselves and their families. \*



Farmers training at the FHDO farm site, 2017

## WE ARE THE WOMEN OF SIERRA LEONE

On a warm day in February 2017 in Sierra Leone, three women, Kama, Kadiatu and Yeabu, were busy peeling cassava tubers in the shade while enjoying each other's company.

As they sat on the ground, peeling tuber after tuber, they were all happily sharing in the joy and knowledge that they would be able to feed their children that night, and for days, weeks and months to come.



Kama, Kadiatu and Yeabu peeling cassava, Sierra Leone, 2017

The vast majority of farmers in Sierra Leone are women just like Kama, Kadiatu, and Yeabu who work from sunup to sundown struggling to eke out a crop on their tiny hardscrabble piece of land.

But thanks to the supporters Bread and Water for Africa®, hundreds of these women – in fact, about 500 or more living in the most remote area of the country – are not all alone in their efforts.

“Women who were mostly affected during the war, who could not afford to provide a day's meal for themselves and their families, are being provided jobs at FHDO's farm.”

- Reverend Francis Mambu, FHDO Executive Director

up, not a hand out” as they strive to realize their greatest dream of feeding their family.

The cassava tubers peeled that day were grown in their own yards, from seedlings distributed by FHDO, helping them get off to a better start early in the growing season. With assistance in learning the best practices for growing cassava – a tuber similar to what is known as yucca in the Americas and a staple food in Sierra Leone – the women were able to harvest a bumper crop, much more than what their family needed.

With the proceeds of the sale of their surplus cassava, the women are able to buy what they need for their household, as well as pay school fees so that their children can obtain the education they never had the chance to receive.

And thanks to the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®, not only are Kama, Kadiatu and Yeabu able to feed and support their families, so are hundreds of other women just like them. \*

While this impoverished country is still rebounding from a tragic mudslide in 2017 and the deadly Ebola outbreak of 2014-2015, Bread and Water for Africa® and its partner Faith Healing Development Organization (FHDO) has provided Kama, Kadiatu and Yeabu, as well as hundreds of local small farmers, with “a hand

# ANGELA MIYANDA, A MOTHER TO HUNDREDS OF ORPHANED AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN FOR 20 YEARS

Angela Miyanda, founder and director of the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia, is our second-longest serving partner. It was in 1998, just one year after the incorporation of Bread and Water for Africa®, that we joined forces to provide loving homes for orphans in the AIDS-ravaged country.

Angela was the “Second Lady” of Zambia whose husband, Brigadier General Godfrey Miyanda, served for seven years as vice president of the country. In her role, she encountered the tragic realities of the HIV/AIDS crisis on a daily basis.

Despite being the mother of four and a politician’s wife, Angela says she knew God had given her a higher calling because she found it impossible to stop worrying about all the orphans who lost their parents to the illness.

“I founded the Kabwata Transit Centre in response to the plight of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS,” Angela told us. “Quickly, however, that mission grew to include Lusaka’s orphaned street children, many also victims of HIV/AIDS.”

At the time, Angela reported that by many estimates, Zambia has the highest proportion of orphaned children in the world, primarily due to HIV/AIDS. “The enormity of our HIV/AIDS crisis has stretched Zambia’s social fabric to the breaking point,” she said.

“It became obvious that we needed to address root causes of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and also the needs of local communities,” she said, noting that working with community leaders



**Angela Miyanda, former Second Lady of Zambia, visiting BWA office in 1998. BWA's founder Mr. Gene Krizek is on the right.**

and volunteers the Transit Centre’s operations quickly expanded.

Angela also explained that there is no formal, legal adoption process in Zambia, and orphans are traditionally absorbed into their larger extended families.

Although Kabwata was not intended to become a permanent home, instead focusing on community-based foster care and supporting children from pre-school through grammar school, many of the orphans had nowhere else to go. The need for an orphanage became clear, and in 1999 Bread and Water for Africa® provided Angela with the financial resources she needed to build an actual orphanage.

Kabwata was a special project for Angela to oversee while Second Lady and 20 years later, it has stood the test of time. In 2015, Angela was named the Country Winner from Zambia by South Africa’s CEO Magazine in its 2014-15 issue of Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government.

Angela received the award in the “Welfare & Civil Society Organizations” category, which recognizes those who “are very active in the field and have acquired an in-depth knowledge of children’s rights, enabling them to make considerable contributions towards improving the lives of children.”

“The FY 2017 was a year of reflection. The program that started in 1997 reached 20 years of its existence. As we reflect on the goodness of our partners, we see the deliberate support of BWA from far back as 1998. Your kindness has made us achieve.”

- Angela Miyanda, Founder and Executive Director of Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre

The African Union notes that it is civil society organizations, such as Kabwata, which work with children in Africa and have unrivaled knowledge and experience of their situation, which makes them indispensable.

“Their efforts are critical to the sustenance of a morally upright and equal continent,” the CEO magazine noted in presenting the award to Angela and recipients from other African countries.

This past summer, the Daily Mail of Zambia reported “Kabwata Orphanage: Many successes 20 years later” noting that in the past 20 years, 563 children have passed

through and their lives and have benefited from Kabwata.

“The orphanage was born out of Mrs. Miyanda’s compassion for children who were left behind by parents who died of AIDS and related illnesses,” the article states, adding that when Angela opened “HIV and AIDS was at its peak” and it was at that time she decided to create a shelter for such children.

And, to date, children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic still make up the largest number of those who have gone through Kabwata. Angela sadly notes that in its 20 years of existence they have lost 13 children, mostly due to HIV and AIDS.

“The oldest was 11 years old,” Angela said.

But Angela does not dwell on those lost, but those who now have a great life and hope for the future.

“The greatest achievement we celebrate are the children who have made it and are able to fend for themselves,” she said. “I have had very wonderful people around, we cannot even claim that we have done it all by ourselves at the Centre. It has been a collection of so many people. It is not me and myself but God.” ✨



**Angela Miyanda, 2017**



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