

AFRICAN  ROAD

YOUR 2016
ANNUAL REPORT



Giving Thanks to You



AFRICAN ROAD

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW: 10 Years Of Friendship!

Dear friends,

How amazing to realize that ten years ago, a trip to Rwanda and Burundi began friendships that inspired the birth of African Road three years later. You, as a partner and friend, have helped transform life for women, children, families and entire communities across East Africa.

Because of you, 2016 was a year of significant growth and maturation. New communities participated in the exciting Village Cooperative Banking and business training (VICOBA.) Three villages in Burundi succeeded in growing their own food for the second year in a row. We found our third and much-needed staff member and expanded our circle of African Road friends on this side of the world.

Based on this strong foundation, now business start-ups equip women and girls to lift up entire communities, and education gives children vision for the future. Thriving farms bring much-needed health and nutrition to families, and training for innovation and cooperation empowers people to change their lives.

All of this was possible because of your commitment to lift up remarkable Changemakers in East Africa. In a world facing many challenges, it is humbling and heartening to see genuine, deep change take place when people join together to make a difference.

In Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania, dignity and hope are rising up thanks to you. Imagine what the next 10 years has in store as we continue forward together!

This 2016 Annual Report is your story. A beautiful story.

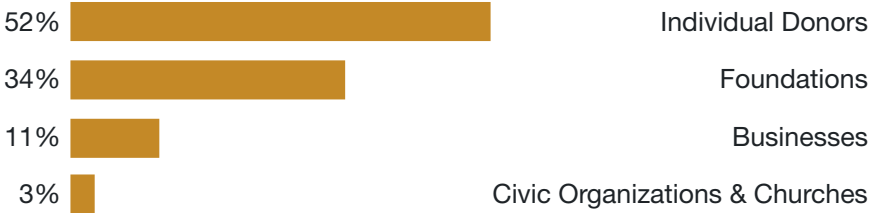
Thank you for being on the African Road,



Kelly Bean

2016 FINANCIALS

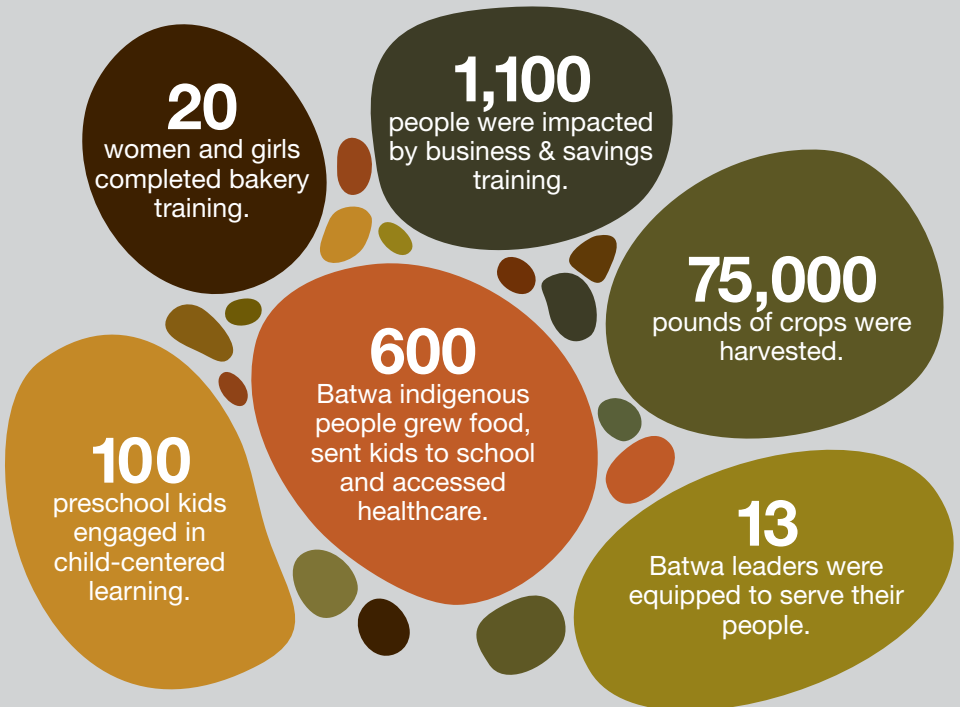
YOUR DOLLARS RECEIVED



YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

In 2016, African Road spent \$475,000 to bring impact across Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania. Your donations made 19 projects possible. Your greatest investment was in Rwanda, where we partnered with two Changemakers for eight projects. Your reach was expanded in Kenya and Tanzania with new community partnerships.

2016 ACTIVITIES



Your Stories

2016 Highlights and impact

Hope for water in Kenya

Step one complete – secured land and survey for new well!

Veronica travels 23 miles every day with her oxen and her children to collect and deliver water. Villagers in Kibwezi now can have hope for step two: a well bore.

“With clean water I could start farming, and my seven children could go to school.”



KENYA

YOUR IMPACT IN

Kenya

- Sustainable Livelihoods business trainings • new women’s VICOBA group • clean water well assessment • VICOBA assessment

The corner store brings income in Rwanda

“For me the Corner Store is a really fantastic thing!”

You equipped Providence and Steven, supporting their family and their work with genocide survivors. Providence sends her thanks.

“I can provide for my family. I feel happy because I can be productive.”



RWANDA

YOUR IMPACT IN

Rwanda

- women’s bakery training and business • preschool teacher training • land expansion for orphans • East African peacebuilding initiative • Soccer for Conflict Resolution training • small business expansion • VICOBA Training-of-Trainers • Corner Store business for sustainability • healthy farms • strong community • cultural dance training

Thankful for education in Burundi

“It fills me with joy...”

...to see that our children are equally treated with their classmates. If I could meet African Road supporters, we could dance together, and I would carry them in my arms.”

Julietta, a 75 year old Batwa indigenous woman on seeing children from her tribe enroll in school for the first time ever.



BURUNDI

YOUR IMPACT IN

Burundi

- nutrition and farming training • first-time students • leadership training • computer training • financial training • healthcare access • reduced discrimination

New businesses = employment opportunities in Tanzania

Meet Habiba, Food Court Cook

Thanks to you, the Elimika Women’s group opened a food court business, and Habiba got a good job!

“Before this I was in a desperate situation. Today my daughter is in school, and I am able to take care of my family. I am happy with my life!”



TANZANIA

YOUR IMPACT IN

Tanzania

- 20 flourishing businesses • women training women • business plan for survivors of modern slavery • new women’s VICOBA group • new African Road friends and partners • dignity • leadership • financial freedom