



AFRICAN  ROAD

2021+2022
Annual Report

Standing Together in Global Partnership

African Road partnerships and projects always begin with the formation of a long-term relationship with an East African, grassroots leader, known as a Changemaker, who is already committed to – and doing – remarkable work in their own community.

On the foundation of these deep partnerships, African Road comes alongside each Changemaker to see their work thrive. African Road listens to, learns from, collaborates with, and invests in each Changemaker and the communities they serve, as they move toward the goal of self-sustainability and flourishing. African Road is also present to see the Changemakers equipped to succeed in expanding their work to achieve their communities' visions. Across East Africa, African Road is investing in capacity building, community-informed flexibility, shared insights, and co-created initiatives for lasting change.

Intentionally, and with respect and care, we are going forward together with thoughtful pacing, peer to peer learning, and regular reflection for long-lasting results. You are part of this journey, as together, we lean into mutual learning, with a commitment to growing alongside one another. African Road is all of us together.

RWANDA | partnership since 2010



Steven Turikunkiko
Togetherness Cooperative Founder & Director



Penina Mukashema
Togetherness Cooperative Administrator & VICOBA Plus Rwandan Facilitator



Providance Turikunkiko
House of Bright Hope Founder



Philbert Kalisa
REACH Rwanda Founder

Agility: Community-informed flexibility in Rwanda means supporting Changemakers as they adapt to the changing needs of their community during global lockdowns and reopening.

BURUNDI | partnership since 2013



Evariste Ndikumana
ASSEJEBA Indigenous Founder

Well-being: Capacity building with Batwa leaders in Burundi includes access to trauma healing workshops to address historical oppression and violence against indigenous people.

EAST AFRICA REGION | partnership since 2015



David Clemy
Uganda
VICOBA Plus Founder

Grassroots Expansion: Co-created initiatives with VICOBA Plus includes investing in the creation of a facilitator's manual for self-replicating expansion.

TANZANIA | partnership since 2016



Consoler Wilbert
New Hope for Girls Founder



Eliya Wilbert
New Hope for Girls & VICOBA Plus Tanzanian Facilitator

Collaboration: Shared insights and resources in Tanzania means strengthening the financial sustainability of New Hope for Girls and VICOBA Plus groups.

Your 2021 Stories of Resilience and Innovation



Rwanda

Soccer Dreams Becoming Reality at Togetherness Cooperative

Soccer is at the heart of the Togetherness Cooperative. Through African Road partnership, Phase I of a FIFA junior regulation-sized, graded soccer field was professionally completed in 2021 – incorporating proper drainage, spectator seating for 400, and modern toilets. This further reinforces Togetherness as a permanent, engaged partner, and serves hundreds of young people across the region.

“The soccer pitch is evidence that transformation is possible. Our hillside is strong without trouble from flooding and collapse any longer. It is clear to everyone that we have a purpose of serving the society around us.”
– Steven Turikunkiko, Togetherness Founder and Director



Burundi

Secure Dwellings for Batwa in Burundi

African Road began supporting the construction of simple brick homes, moving from leaky grass huts, in Gahombo village – starting with 10 homes. Providing security and peace of mind, housing is a significant step in advancing the wellbeing of the indigenous Batwa people.

“I am now totally free from stress and fear. During the night, we used to keep the fire burning in the hut to stay warm and I was afraid it would catch fire and we would all die in it. Now, we are able to sleep peacefully and without any fear.”
– Césalie Mutenga, Gahombo resident and recipient of a brick house



Tanzania

Innovation and Businesses at New Hope for Girls

In partnership with African Road, the New Hope for Girls family of 60+ is creating ways to increase their financial self-sufficiency. Successful businesses established in 2021 include: a growing pig farm, small-scale hot sauce and drinking-yogurt production, and a revamped sewing and tailoring shop. Expanding income-generating businesses provide opportunities for the young women to learn important skills.

“It was my dream to have a large sewing supplies store, and to be a tailor. And now it is a privilege to sew for my fellow Tanzanians! I am happy because my beloved customers love and enjoy the clothes I make for them.”
– Veronica, daughter of the New Hope for Girls family



East Africa Region

Strengthening VICOBA Plus with Impact Evaluation Training

African Road and VICOBA Plus facilitators participated in a year-long Impact Evaluation Training Process through 2021. This process enabled seven dedicated VICOBA PLUS facilitators to gain skills to gather meaningful data from the communities they serve, to prove and improve the impact of the VICOBA Plus model, and to inform next steps.

“VICOBA is a family. That bond, that spirit of togetherness, that is more than projects. That has taught us something new. If you get down, you can get up. And if we can hold your hand when you get up, we will hold your hand.”
– Eliya Wilbert, VICOBA Plus Facilitator

Your 2022 Stories of Growth and Impact



Rwanda

Growth and Land Expansion for Togetherness

In 2022, African Road supported Togetherness in purchasing land adjacent to the existing property, providing more access to the main road and more room to grow. This strategic addition to Togetherness’ land means they now have expanded ability to launch new initiatives to serve the surrounding community.

“Our vision is to see how Togetherness can continue to grow as a resource to spread good news to the community.”
– Steven Turikunkiko, Togetherness Founder and Director



Burundi

Identity Kits for Batwa Indigenous People

Most Batwa people in Burundi live as internally displaced peoples with no legal recognition. Identity Kits unlock access to legal rights, removing barriers and addressing discrimination. In 2022, African Road partnered with ASSEJEBA to bring ID Kits to 1,988 people in 16 villages in Burundi, helping them gain legal citizenship and human rights.

“I realize that our status in society has changed. My children are getting medical treatment and going to school, just like others.”
– Alphonsine Niyonzima, ID Kit recipient in Ndava Village



Tanzania

Empowering Education for Young Women at New Hope for Girls

New Hope for Girls creates opportunities for girls, many rescued from modern slavery or child marriage, to rediscover hope and laughter, and develop life skills to build independence. African Road equipped 10 older members of the family with university education and vocational training in 2022. New skills empower each young woman to have confidence in their future, and benefit the entire household.

“A number of girls are pursuing education and vocational training for their future, an increase from previous years...as a mother, my heart feels so much joy to see these young women getting these chances to proceed with their futures.”
– Consoler Wilbert, Founder of New Hope for Girls



East Africa Region

VICOBA Plus Expansion in Rwanda

African Road supported the expansion of VICOBA Plus to Kirehe, Rwanda in 2022 – bringing this program to 50 more people in REACH Unity groups. This furthers the vision for a regional VICOBA Plus training hub in Rwanda. A new hub for training will expand skills and support, sparking individual transformation, stronger communities, resource mobilization, and increased income.

“I felt the atmosphere in the room was empowerment and inspiration - practically all the women and men had something to say about their personal and group dreams.”
– David Clemy reflecting on VICOBA Plus training

2021-2022 Impact Highlights

1,000+



community members equipped and empowered through sports, sewing, and school at Togetherness.



60+

girls received loving care and safety in the New Hope for Girls house.

88



pounds of delicious bread produced and sold daily at the Togetherness Bakery, enabling steady income for the bakers.

283



Batwa children in primary and secondary school, preparing them for bright futures.

700



VICOBA Plus participants worked together to learn, be inspired, share stories of hope, and resume saving money after the pandemic.

1,988



Batwa indigenous people received legal identity for the first time ever, affirming dignity and civic rights.



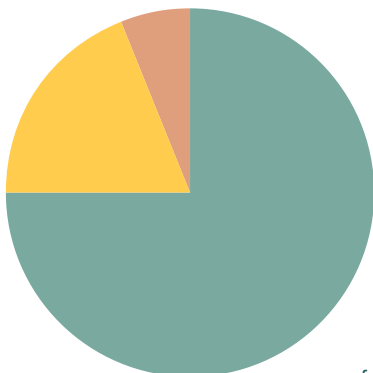
271,660

pounds of crops harvested in Batwa communities in Burundi, increasing food security.

Your Dollars at Work in 2021-2022

African Road's combined revenue for 2021 and 2022 was \$2,785,936.

Your generosity and participation in this work enabled partnerships with eight Changemakers to flourish, reaching 100's of people, across four countries in East Africa.



Responsible Use of Funds:

PROJECTS	75%
OPERATIONS	19%
FUNDRAISING	6%

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