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Right Sharing Challenge

\$250,000 DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH



"Right Sharing of World Resources is a Quaker organization where every gift makes a big difference. I know of no other organization where a relatively small amount of money can enable a woman to start a business and feed her family. That your gift will be matched makes this an even better opportunity to give."

— Jacqueline Stillwell,
RSWR General Secretary



"LET US THEN SEE WHAT LOVE CAN DO." – William Penn, 17th Century Quaker

GOD CALLS US TO THE RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES, FROM THE BURDENS OF MATERIALISM AND POVERTY INTO THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE, TO WORK FOR EQUITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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Stories from Our Project Partners

RURAL INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (RICE)

BO DISTRICT, SOUTHERN PROVINCE, SIERRA LEONE

RICE is a cooperative founded by members in Sierra Leone who wanted to improve their local communities. The region where this project is located was devastated by the Ebola epidemic, and the main goal of this project was to assist women to start businesses in order to eradicate hunger and poverty. The group received a RSWR grant in 2018. In the one-year report in July 2019, the group detailed its successes. The 40 initial beneficiaries all received a loan from the RSWR grant of \$83 to grow rice, cassava, and ground nuts. Funds have since been revolved to 20 additional women for initial loans. Since starting their businesses, the women's average monthly income has risen from \$33 to \$85. In addition, each woman is saving around \$3 per month, and most have already saved almost \$40 to date.



Some of the women from the RICE group in Sierra Leone pounding the rice they grew, harvested in January 2019.

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SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION TO EMPOWER THE POOR – URBAN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TRUST (STEPUIPT)

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU, INDIA

The initial beneficiaries of the STEPUIPT group were 25 women who were previously working in construction and agriculture, but could no longer find employment in those fields. With a loan from the RSWR grant, the women opened up small shops run from their homes or nearby areas. The loans were distributed in July 2018 and RSWR received their six-month report in April 2019. All of the businesses are running profitably and 11 new women have received loans from revolved funds.

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P. Janagi is a member of the STEPUIPT group. She has two sons, one of whom is intellectually disabled and lives with her. Her husband left her ten years ago. Prior to becoming part of the STEPUIPT group, she struggled to find regular employment to support and feed herself and her son. She received a loan through the RSWR grant to start a business selling milk packets near her home. The loan, in combination with the business training she received, enabled her to begin what has become a successful business. She now earns about \$4 per day and is able to buy nutritious food and support her family.

YOUR GIFT WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR

Thanks to a generous group of challenge givers,
all gifts to Right Sharing of World Resources will be matched up to \$250,000.

WHAT COUNTS?

1

NEW DONORS

100% OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEW AND LAPSED* DONORS WILL BE MATCHED

2

CURRENT DONORS

ANY INCREASE ABOVE PREVIOUS YEARLY GIVING FULLY MATCHED

GIVE TO RSWR AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

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*Lapsed donors are those who have not given since Dec. 31, 2017.

KANO WOMEN GROUP

BUNGOMA, KENYA

Kano Women Group is a group of younger women, ages 20 through 40. The women were all running businesses in a nearby urban center when they applied for a RSWR grant. Upon visiting the group, the Right Sharing team was impressed by their organization and business knowledge, and their initiative to have already sought out training. It was clear that the women's businesses were small only due to lack of capital, since they possessed drive, organization, and eagerness to learn. The group received a RSWR grant in 2018 to scale up their businesses. In the six-month report the group noted that, in spite of a drought, all the businesses are running well. They put special emphasis on saving, and each woman puts \$3.50 into a group saving plan every month for future emergency needs.

Josephine, a member of Kano Women Group, sells cereals in the market.





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Are you looking to advance community and equity in the world? Is your meeting or community organization seeking to grow together through shared purpose and learning?

Right Sharing offers the option for individuals, meetings, and other groups to sponsor a specific RSWR project in one of the regions we serve (Kenya, India, or Sierra Leone) through a Donor Designated Project (DDP).

This can be a wonderful opportunity for you and your meeting to come together around a fun piece of business: raising funds, choosing a project, learning more about the

history and culture of the region, and sharing reports from the group. It also provides the occasion for education and sharing about how our choices affect others, and the reality of global wealth inequality.

INTERESTED?

For more information, including cost, contact Program Director Sarah Northrop at sarahnorthrop@rswr.org.

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