

Right Sharing OF WORLD RESOURCES

“Let us then see what love can do”

William Penn, 17th Century Quaker

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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.



Siobhan Walshe

Building Partnerships

When you meet Siobhan Walshe from Eustace Street Friends Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, the first thing you notice is that she radiates joyful energy. Siobhan and her small Quaker meeting of approximately 30 members have raised funds to sponsor four Right Sharing of World Resources projects. It all started when Siobhan traveled to Kenya in 2012 for the 6th World Conference of Friends. There she went on a field trip to visit the local Right Sharing projects. Siobhan says: *“We met 12 groups in total and visited 30 individual businesses ... ranging from selling bundles of firewood, cereals and vegetables, mushroom farming, raising poultry or livestock, to dressmaking, knitting, or banana fibre handcraft. Everywhere we were greeted with heart-warming welcomes and great hospitality.*

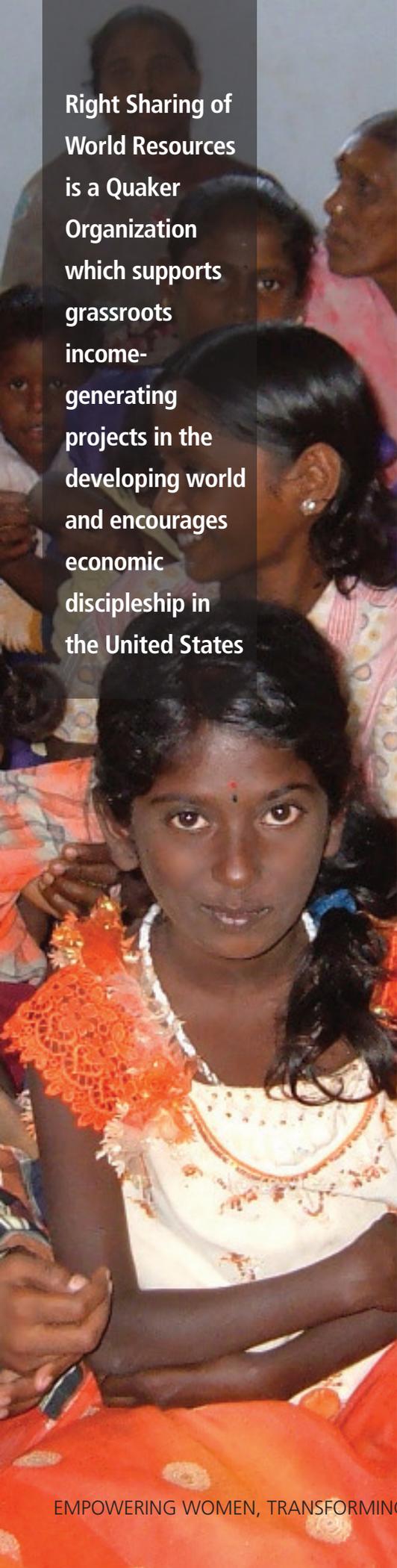
“When I asked how starting a business had affected their lives, almost without exception the women answered, ‘I can now feed and send my children [or my grandchildren] to school.’ One woman from Shivikhwa Friends Women Group said, ‘I walked with my head down; now I can walk with my head up. I’m empowered.’ She also said she no longer had to beg her husband for money for salt. Another woman from the same group said, ‘The grant has changed our lives – the future is bright.’”

Siobhan returned to Ireland inspired, saying: *“Sponsoring a RSWR project seemed to me to be a way of acknowledging the enormous efforts that these women were making to improve their own lives and those of their families. In Ireland we take universal access to education for granted, but that huge privilege isn’t available in Kenya. From talking with Samson Ababu, who led the tour and who is RSWR’s field representative in Kenya, I understood that this method of micro-grants and micro-lending is very successful in changing the quality of people’s lives.”*

Siobhan’s meeting enthusiastically agreed to help the women in Kenya by sponsoring a project through RSWR. Initially, once a month, she baked cakes and bread to be sold after Meeting for Worship during Sunday social time, but she soon realized that it would take too long to raise funds for a project with this effort alone. So a small, informal committee was charged with finding additional ways to fundraise. The group organized a concert with two choirs, which was a great fundraiser and social success. They made successful applications to two Irish Quaker Funds – Irish Quaker Faith in Action (IQFA) and Dublin Monthly Meeting Concerns Fund. Recently, they provided lunch for about 40 Friends who were attending Yearly Meeting committee meetings. Little by little, they raised enough funds to sponsor four RSWR projects.



Continued on page 3 Daughter and mother selling grain and beans at local market



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World Resources
is a Quaker
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Financial Summary | 2015

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PROVIDING
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FINANCIAL
SUMMARY
for fiscal year
7.1.2014 through
6.30.2015

<i>Revenue</i>	Contributions	\$	510,711
	In-Kind Donations	\$	7,288
	Earned Revenues	\$	74,336
	Restricted Contributions	\$	10,270
	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>602,605</u>

<i>Expenses</i>	Program Services	\$	428,824
	Administrative & General	\$	31,941
	Development Outreach	\$	76,499
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>537,264</u>

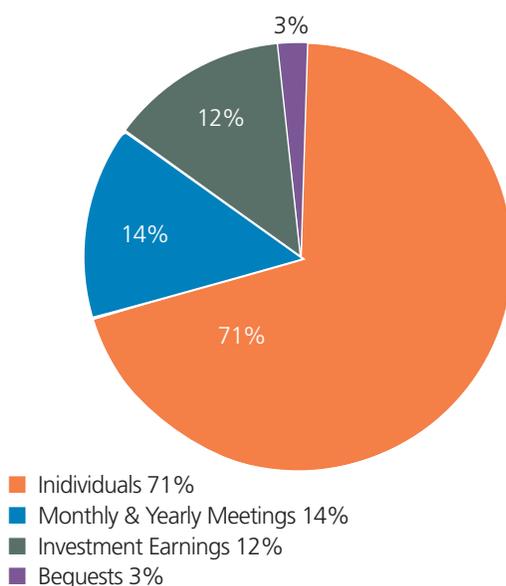
<i>Assets</i>	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	413,845
	Accounts Receivable	\$	9,820
	Prepaid Expenses	\$	1,231
	Fixed Assets (net)	\$	2,922
	Deposits	\$	1,900
	Investments	\$	1,293,712
	<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,723,430</u>

<i>Liabilities</i>	Accounts Payable	\$	3,359
	Grants Payable	\$	58,775
	Notes Payable	\$	217,472
	<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>279,606</u>

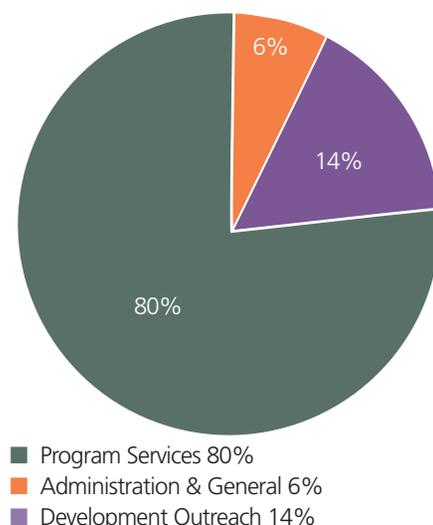
<i>Net Assets</i>	Endowment Fund	\$	1,348,323
	Temporarily Restricted	\$	30,160
	Unrestricted – Other	\$	65,341
	<u>Total Net Assets</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,443,824</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 1,723,430

2015 FISCAL YEAR
Total Revenue = \$602,605



2015 FISCAL YEAR
Total Expenditures = \$537,264



Siobhan added, “Ireland is coming through a recession, marked by poverty, unemployment and homelessness throughout the country. We are struggling with this as a nation and as Quakers. Organizations such as Right Sharing of World Resources remind us that it is within our power to support our sisters and brothers in developing countries who also need our practical help and spiritual support. Fundraising for RSWR projects has given Eustace St. Friends Meeting an opportunity and the means to do this. Last month our Meeting agreed to fundraise for another three years to continue supporting RSWR projects in Kenya.”



Eustace Street Friends Meeting

Eustace Street Friends' Sponsored Projects



Lokirimo Friends Women Group, which is located in the remote Turkana region of Kenya, received their funds in July 2015. Lokirimo Friends Women Group (LFWG) decided to start something to sustain themselves for a longer time. Shown above are some members of the group in front of a rental house their group is building.



Elizabeth of LFWG has a 5th grade education. She had been losing money selling charcoal. With her RSWR grant she began a business selling used clothing. Once a month, she travels 7 hours one way by bus to the nearest “big” city to buy clothing in bulk. She resells it for almost twice the cost in her sidewalk stall in Lodwar. Elizabeth has a husband and a 2-year-old. In the monthly meetings of her women’s group she is learning to manage her business finances, save regularly and use the bank.

Avakali Vo Vulavu Women Group received a grant in July 2014. Mama Rose (right) sells handmade soda ash filters in her stall along with dried fish, beans and other household items.



Matioli Friends Women Group received their RSWR grant in January 2013. Jen (above) was unable to send her 6 children to school because of required school fees. Then, as a member of the Matioli Women’s Group, she received a micro-loan to start a business selling charcoal, vegetables and fingerling fish. Her husband is a farmer, so she will sell his vegetables when they are harvested. Now she buys a few onions and tomatoes to attract buyers. Her additional income is enough to send all her children to school.

Mugunga Friends Women Group also received their RSWR grant in January 2013. Here the women are working in their community garden in April 2014.



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