“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

$250,000 DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH

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

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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 Funds have since been revoked to 20 additional women for initial loans.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.

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 revoked funds.
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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You can contribute to Right Sharing by saving used postage stamps. Visit www.rswr.org/stamp-program/ for more information and send your stamps to: Stamps for Right Sharing, c/o Indianapolis First Friends, 3030 Kessler Blvd. East Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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Regular giving from a checking or savings account, or by credit card, is a great way to support RSWR all year long! Sign up at: www.rswr.org/recurring/

PLANNED GIVING

Consider making RSWR a part of your estate plan. Find out more at: www.rswr.org/planned-giving/

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?

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