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IAS 2015 Sustainability Programme Selected Projects

At the 8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis Treatment and Prevention, the conference organizers offer delegates the opportunity to contribute to a sustainability programme by ticking a box on the registration form.

All donations given by IAS 2015 conference delegates will support two different projects providing environmental, social and economic benefits.



The Stephen Lewis Foundation

Toronto, Canada

The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) works with grassroots organizations turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2003 the SLF has funded over 1100 initiatives, partnering with over 300 community-based organizations in 15 countries. These grassroots groups are a lifeline for their communities: they provide education and counselling about HIV prevention, care and treatment; distribute food, medication and other necessities; reach into the homes of the sick and vulnerable through holistic home-based care; help children orphaned by AIDS and other vulnerable children gain access to education and cope with their grief; and support grandmothers, who are overwhelmingly the caregivers for their orphaned grandchildren. The Foundation exists to collaborate on this important work, and to support the processes by which grassroots groups share ideas, strategize for change, and build unified networks across the African continent.

The Phoebe Education Fund for AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children



The Phoebe Education Fund for AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children (PEFO) is a long-standing partner of the SLF. It was founded in 2003 by three brothers who were helped to attend school by a local missionary after their own parents died of AIDS. Knowing that education is the key to the future, they created PEFO to support other AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in their community to access education, gain confidence and realize their potential. PEFO's programmes have grown to reach over 1,450 orphans and vulnerable children in the four Ugandan districts of Jinja, Lira, Bikwe and Busia.

Early on in their work, PEFO realized that the great majority of the children orphaned by AIDS were being cared for by their grandmothers, who themselves were urgently in need of help to meet the pressing demands of raising a generation of orphans. PEFO's strategy is to provide holistic support to both the orphans and the grandmothers. They assist the children with access to education, while at the same time empowering grandmothers with the livelihood, nutrition, health, psychological and housing support that allows them to create stable, nurturing homes for their families. The children and the grandmothers are gaining new strength, self-reliance and hope for the future through programming that addresses the full range of their needs.

PEFO's new TRADES project will reach more than 800 children and their grandmothers in the Jinja and Busia districts. The project will offer bursaries to off-set the cost of school fees for children's secondary and vocational education. The grandmothers will be supported to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence that will help them to venture into profitable enterprises and build some basic income security for their families. Grandmothers' self-help groups will also be supported, for savings and loans, and also to strengthen the grandmothers' voices and contributions to decisions that affect them in their communities.

Township Patterns

Cape Town, South Africa



ASB (Afrique du Sud, Bidonvilles) is an NGO that forms part of a social enterprise. The NGO was initiated in 1997, when a social need was recognised by the founder, to give skills to women in the township and assist them to start their own businesses in sewing; thus affording them the chance to play a role in creating opportunities for themselves and others in their communities.

The social enterprise is committed to four things:

- A new business model to alleviate poverty through business,
- 100% commitment to women empowerment,
- Exclusive use of eco-friendly materials, and
- To contribute to the Africa rising movement: Pulling Africa out from its economic seclusion.

This is delivered through a unique business model that consists of three entities, Township patterns, ASB and a Network of co-operatives. Township Patterns is a sales and marketing company that provides a range of business solution quality bags made out of natural fabrics. With the exclusive use of organic material in making their bags Township Patterns has given their clients an opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment by limiting the use of plastic bags. Furthermore; Township Patterns is registered with the World Fair Trade Organisation and is in partnership with WWFSA to demonstrate the significance of wildlife and natural resources conservation.

ASB is a production company with two objectives; timely delivery of quality products and is the cooperative development support. They provide business training in different business aspects, to expand the knowledge of the women in running a business. Through the support, ASB is strengthening the co-operatives to ensure that they develop into sustainable businesses.

The autonomous co-operatives which have been beneficiaries of the business support and 100% of Township business are all based in the township. Most of the women who own these co-operatives are single mothers and sole bread winners. This opportunity does not only allow them to implement change but also to be active within their respective communities as they work in the vicinity of their homes.



Over the years ASB has made a difference in the lives of over 100 women, and the impact has been even greater as relatives and communities members have benefited directly or indirectly. Currently the network of 6 co-operatives employs over 50 women, providing an average income of R3500 per month to each. With continuous support from our clients, IAS and other organisations we will continue to build sustainable fair trade co-operatives which contribute to economic transformation of South Africa and Africa.