S.O.U.L. Foundation fosters sustainable and vibrant Ugandan communities through unique partnerships focused on education, women’s empowerment, food security, and maternal health.
Dear friends,

When my father and I set out on our backpacking trip to East Africa in 2009, we had no idea the adventure that the next eight years would take us on in Uganda...

Even when I founded S.O.U.L. later that year, our success was anything but assured.

Thankfully at that time, a small group of family, friends, and supporters rallied around S.O.U.L.’s mission to foster sustainable and vibrant Ugandan communities through unique partnerships, based on the simple act of listening.

Eight years later, we are still listening to the 30 communities we partner with, and we are taking the time to reflect on the incredible milestones we have accomplished in 2016 and 2017 through this report.

Because of your generous support, 2016 and 2017 truly has been a time of growth and excitement for S.O.U.L. Foundation and the over 14,000 Ugandans we partner with in Jinja and Iganga Districts.

We have seen the continued expansion of our women’s business and agricultural cooperatives, the outstanding success of our sponsored students who are achieving their educational dreams, women who are finally able to access life-saving maternal health care and education, and so much more.

Reflecting on our achievements and programs not only gives us the opportunity to celebrate the impact of our community partnerships and the lives reached through our sustainable programs, but also allows us to contemplate the challenges and obstacles that our team and partners have faced.

Uganda is still a deeply impoverished country, and for many, the scant access to opportunities, or a hand up, causes people to continue to live in desperation and hopelessness.

As an organization, we know there is still so much more to do to bring hope for a better future.

Lastly, we thank YOU for allowing S.O.U.L. Foundation to continue to fight for a world in which all Ugandans have equitable access to educational, economic, and health opportunities that allow them the chance to design and achieve their own futures.

Today, we are witnessing this vision coming to light in ways we once only could have imagined.

As we celebrate eight years of community partnership and two outstanding years of growth and impact in Uganda, we know we are only reaching our goals because of our dedicated staff, board, volunteers, partners, and you.

So as we reflect on 2016 and 2017 through this report, we look forward to the future of S.O.U.L. Foundation with a bright sense of hope and, with your continued support, the capacity to bring that hope and a better future to the lives of the many Ugandans we serve every single day.

In solidarity,

BROOKE STERN OKOTH
CO-FOUNDER/CEO
**EDUCATION**

450 students enrolled in the Sponsorship Program

56% of sponsored students are female

**FOOD SECURITY**

2,459 farmers participated in the Food Security Program

10,000 beneficiaries have been impacted

**WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

10,746 active beneficiaries reached through our sustainable business coops

300% increase in women’s income

**MATERNAL HEALTH**

30,000 doses of prenatal vitamins administered

209 birthing kits distributed
EVERY WOMAN DESERVES THE RIGHT TO QUALITY

maternal healthcare

MATERNAL HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

1,417
women, men, and community leaders impacted

172
free ultrasounds administered

810
graduated from the Antenatal Education Center

WHAT’S NEW

• 1.8 acres of land was purchased to build the Community Birthing Center

• Began the rollout for a Village Emergency Transport System in Jinja District
SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRACTICES SHOULD CREATE

zero hunger

FOOD SECURITY BY THE NUMBERS

12 women started a Fish Cage Farming Cooperative

200 farmers trained at the Livestock Learning Center

100% of Chicken Cooperatives reached financial sustainability

WHAT’S NEW

- S.O.U.L.’s Goat Cooperatives expanded to Iganga District
- An industrial Maize Mill was built in Jinja which is operated and managed by women
ECONOMIC GROWTH IS THE PATH TO

gender equality

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT BY THE NUMBERS

117
women participated in Tailoring Groups

19
financially sustainable cooperatives are operating

90%
of women’s cooperative members opened a group savings account

WHAT’S NEW

• A streamlined curriculum for the Women’s Empowerment Programs was created

• 11 women trained to sew reusable sanitary pads as part of the Sanitary Pad Program
BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH education

EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

85% of students in secondary school levels S4-S6 (ages 16-18), received computer training

964 students have been impacted across 6 schools in S.O.U.L.’s Mentorship Program

84.6% of students passed end-of-year exams, which advances them to the next school level

WHAT’S NEW

• S.O.U.L.’s second solar powered computer lab was opened in Iganga District

• The Sanitary Pad Program was launched to eliminate the significant barrier to female students’ education caused by their menstrual periods
INNOVATING COMMUNITIES TO move forward

WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR PARTNER COMMUNITIES.

- Break ground on the community birthing center
- Roll out next steps for an emergency transport system
- Increase women’s business skills in the community
- Maize mill reaches financial sustainability
- Ensure all female students receive sanitary pads
- Integrate career readiness program into mentorship program
- Finalize plans for solar drip irrigation system
- Stock fish cages with 20,000 fish
- 2018
ENSURING MAXIMUM IMPACT AND COMMUNITY

transformation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIALS

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INCOME REPORT

- Individual Giving: 34.9%
- Corporate Giving: 17.8%
- Foundations: 32.9%
- Events and Sales: 12.1%
- Uganda Revenue: 1.6%
- Fees, voluntourism, and miscellaneous: 0.8%
YOUR SUPPORT MEANS EVERYTHING TO US

thank you

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