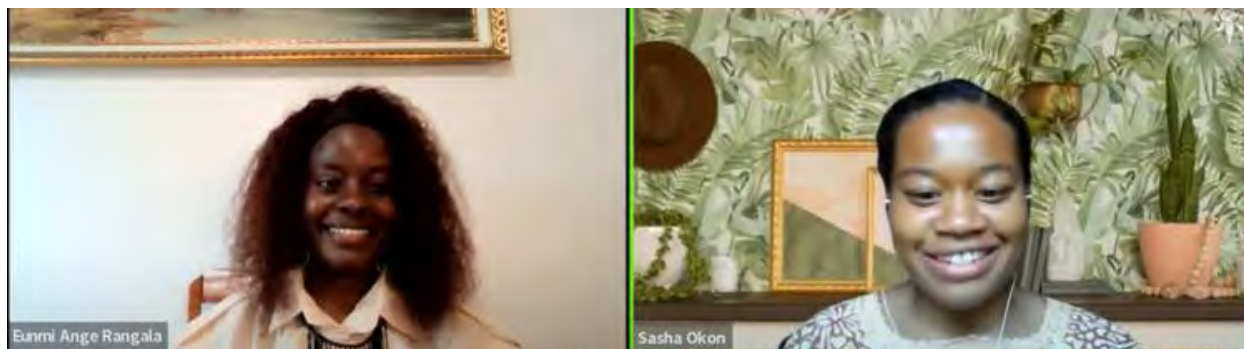


WFWP USA Schools of Africa Project: Shine Africa - The power of Education

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WFWP USA is continuing its annual contributions to the Schools of Africa Project! "Shine Africa: The Power of Education" was the theme of this month's national Schools of Africa fundraiser held virtually on August 7, 2022. Throughout the evening, participants heard the profound impact a quality education can have on a young person's life, allowing them to shine bright, reach their dreams, and make their country proud.



The program opened with a greeting from two young women who co-emceed the evening, Ms. Sasha Okon and Ms. Eunmi Rangala, who also shared about their personal connections to Africa. They guided the program with enthusiasm as we shared about the schools and their impact, encouraged people to donate to this worthy project, and also shared a glimpse of the rich and vibrant cultures in Africa.

WFWP USA President, Mrs. Angelika Selle opened the event with her message, read by Vice President Katarina Connery. The message reflected on the heart behind this program and reminded the audience of the history of the founding of WFWP by Rev. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1992. Mrs. Selle shared her gratitude to Japanese missionaries who set a foundation to serve the world; and in particular, those who were able to build these schools in eight African countries.



Miss Fannie Smith, National Coordinator of the Schools of Africa Project

Followed by this incredible message, warm welcome greetings were given from Miss Fannie Smith, National Coordinator of Schools of Africa Project; in her greetings she expressed the vision and heart behind this project and how many people need our support; especially the children who are counting on us to give them a bright future. She continued by stating; "This program is also a way for WFWP USA to show to our hardworking founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon that her efforts have not gone in vain." After Ms. Smith's message, the program got an infusion of rhythm and music. There was a beautiful and invigorating African style drumming performance given by Father Bayo Adrien, an Cameroonian American, an ordained Catholic priest with Imani Temple African American Catholic Congregation, and who is also married to Mrs. Ayano Ishii Adrien, WFWP VA Representative.



Dr. Ewa Ikpi Ewa

Father Bayo's performance was followed by a rousing message from Dr. Ewa Ikpi Ewa, who was most recently honored with the Rainbow Push "International Humanitarian Guard Award 2022." He is an international public policy expert and renowned for his tireless work and advocacy for communities and for the African diaspora. President Barack Obama, by executive order commissioned Dr Ewa Ewa as a "Goodwill Ambassador to African Communities" in 2008. Before giving his message, Dr Ewa first expressed his deepest gratitude for being able to join such an amazing program and stated that; "I pray and wish that this project can truly go beyond what it is currently doing because it is a project that increases and improves the livelihood of our children of Africa."

Dr. Ewa centered his message on how many African politicians have in most instances diverted the resources of education to their own political well-being. As a result, education is no longer a very strong priority in most African countries. Dr. Ewa concluded his message by encouraging people to do their best to "donate

to the Schools of Africa Project as it is one the projects that will lead many children in Africa to be educated."



The program continued by welcoming WFPW Japan President, Mrs. Moriko Hori. WFPW Japan continues to directly take care of schools in Africa and Mrs. Hori and other WFPW Japan members and volunteers regularly visit the schools. Mrs. Hori sent a message that expressed her thanks to WFPW USA for the continuous support for Schools of Africa. President Hori concluded by voicing that "WFPW's support has certainly produced positive results. Thousands of children have received quality education with free or very low tuition. Among them, many could get jobs, and some even study abroad."



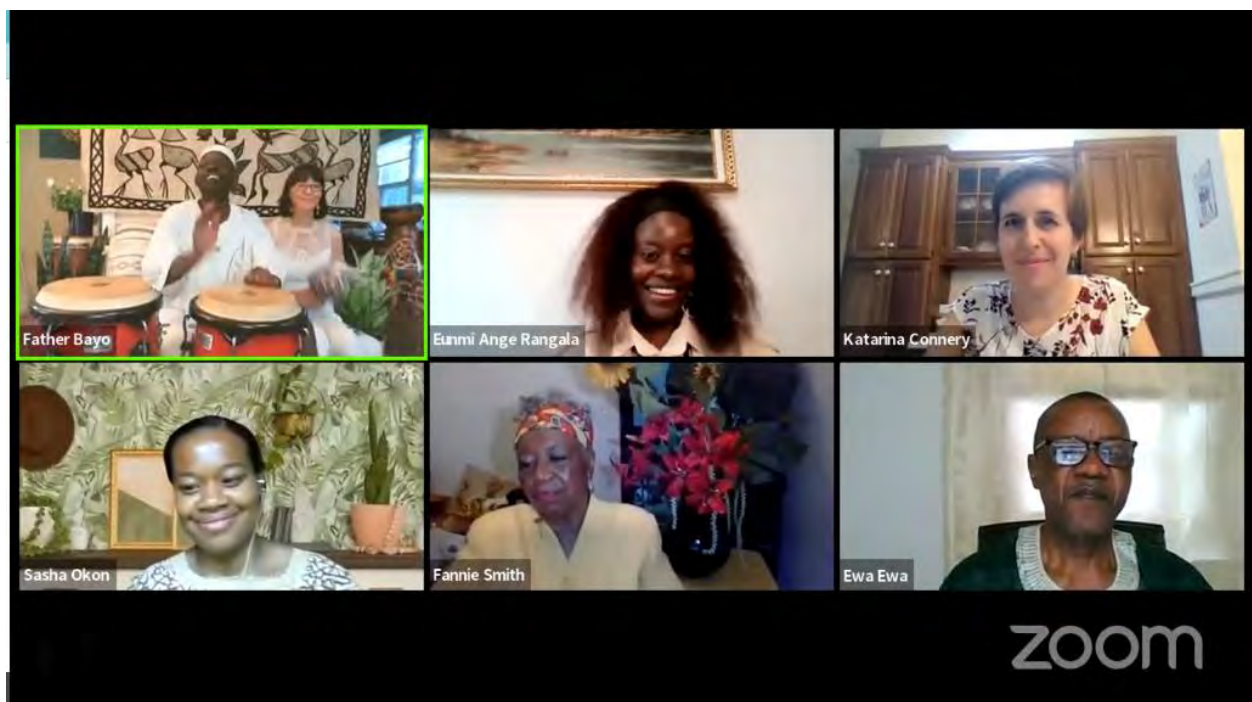
Some fun and exciting entertainment from talented young Kenyan woman and man brought inspiration and upliftment: a song from Ms. Zawadi Soowan Rangala and a performance on the saxophone by Mr. Taechan Tanui.



A major highlight of the evening was to hear directly from the students who are impacted and supported by the Schools of Africa Project. We heard three heartfelt testimonies from students studying at the Sun of Mozambique Secondary School founded in 1995. The testimonies truly showed proof of the incredible work this project has been doing and how even the smallest donations one gives to this project can make such a big impact on these students' lives.

An exciting auction was then held where viewers were able to purchase the auctioning items which were donated by President Agelika Selle and National Coordinator of Schools of Africa, Ms Fannie Smith, beautiful items from several African countries as well as a Japanese doll. Towards the end of the program, \$3,700 was raised for the Schools of Africa Project and donations are continuing to come in. The virtual event ended with an exciting raffle and some viewers were able to win \$50 gift cards, which were donated by a generous donor.

We deeply thank all of those who contributed so far and WFWP is continuing to raise funds for these schools and the young women and men it impacts. If you would like to give a donation or watch the exciting program, please [click here](#). As participants experienced throughout the program, African countries each have a rich history and culture, there is so much more to learn, and a quality education in which students are allowed to pursue their passions, expand their minds and hearts, and grow under the guidance of committed teachers, is key for securing a hopeful future for the students and for Africa. Let's continue to help Africa shine through the power of education!





Schools of Africa



Did you know that...

Globally, 58 million children of primary age were not in school in 2012. Out of that number, 65% were in Africa. And half of all African children will never see a classroom.

As a unique organization that cares for the world's children with a mother's heart, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) initiated the Schools of Africa Project. The schools started in 1994, when the Founders of WFWP commissioned volunteers from WFWP Japan to serve underdeveloped nations. Those volunteers established schools, training projects and other additional educational initiatives in numerous African nations. In 2000, WFWP USA excitedly joined in support of the Schools of Africa Project, as an offering of peace, love and empathy.

Each year, local chapters and members across USA organize innovative and engaging events to raise funds for the ten schools throughout eight African countries. These funds have helped to continually maintain the schools, finance school supplies, improve buildings and classrooms, secure funds for scholarships to low-income students, and much more. Since 1994, these schools have provided meaningful opportunities to 20,000 graduates, and continues to provide an education to 2,000 students.

Thanks to many generous donors, since 2001 WFWP USA has sent over \$549,900 to the schools. WFWP USA owes this success to local chapters and supporters for their continuous efforts to make children and education a priority. Thank you for your generous donations and continued support in securing a promising future for

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Pilar Momo Elementary School since 2011 and Motoko Shiroma Primary School since 2001

WFP established two schools in Equatorial Guinea. Motoko Shiroma Primary School was named after Ms. Motoko Shrioma, a Japanese volunteer teacher who lost her life during her service. WFP USA continues its support in the improvement and maintenance of the buildings and securing the safety of the students in both schools. So far, the schools impacted more than 272 graduates in Equatorial Guinea. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



GUINEA BISSAU

Sunac Elementary School since 2003

Despite political and social instability in Guinea Bissau, Sunac offers classes regularly throughout the year, making the school zone a safe place for children to grow. Also, the school has a high female enrollment rate. Sunac has been able to reach 369 graduates since 2003. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

LIBERIA

Peace Hana School since 1998

Initially, Peace Hana was established to equip economically disadvantaged children from 3-6 years old with reading and writing skills and extracurricular courses. Later in 2002, the school was expanded to become an elementary school. Despite Ebola outbreaks in the country in 2016 which forced the school to close for 6 months, classes continue thanks to WFP support. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



MOZAMBIQUE

Sun of Mozambique Secondary School since 1995

After a civil war in 1992, the country lacked resources and infrastructure for quality education. Sun of Mozambique offers quality education at a low fee. In addition to this, the school also provides scholarship programs to deserving students, and a library and computer lab facilities. The school has earned a worthy reputation, impacting the lives of 10,397 graduates, many of whom have gone to attend university. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



KENYA

Handow Secondary School since 1998

Handow is located in a poor neighborhood village far away from the capital with limited electricity and running water. Since its establishment, the school has successfully educated 2,130 graduates. With continuous support from WFP, the school became accredited as a public school and later implemented a tuition-free policy in 2008. Donations have been utilized in the construction of the school's infrastructure and providing school supplies to the students. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

ADULT EDUCATION



RWANDA

New Hope Technical Institute since 1998

The institute was founded to help women and ex-soldiers after the Rwandan genocide become financially independent by equipping them with skills in culinary arts, dressmaking, and hairdressing. This has not only brought a sense of independence amongst the 2,231 graduates, but also a sense that they are loved and valued. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



SENEGAL

JAMOO Social Self Support Assistance since 1995 (two locations)

WFP trains women in lace-making, dressmaking, home economics and embroidery skills. They also learn skills in business administration so they can manage or start their own businesses. Further, the support also provides an on-the-job training center, especially to support women with disabilities. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



ETHIOPIA

One Hope Garden Literacy Class since 2014

The One Hope Garden provides free classes to women and men in Amharic, basic math, basic English, family planning, business management, and childcare. Some families are starting to get out of poverty thanks to the classes. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

MAKE A DONATION

You can support this project by making a donation online, or by mailing a check to:

WFP USA, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001

[Donate Now](#)

FUNDRAISE FOR SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

If you are interested in creating your own local fundraiser for the Schools of Africa, (even a tag sale makes a difference!) we have several resources to help you share about the project and its impact.

[Resources](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

To help organize or support a local fundraiser in your area, check out the [upcoming events page](#), or contact the [chapter nearest you!](#)

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\$4,251 raised by 70 people \$30,000



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Attendees

Yoshi Mori \$50
I donated in support of this campaign.

8 days ago

Gabriela Nodarse \$100
To support the Schools of Africa project, I bid on the Elephant Shadow box. This donation is for the auction & shipping, Much success

8 days ago

Emma Reed \$210
I fully support the Schools of Africa.

9 days ago

Anonymous
Thank you for your caring African people.

9 days ago

Simone Miyazaki \$25
Love to Africa <3

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Offering this donation to pay for the elephant tote bag that I won in the auction!

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Marisa Bell \$21
I wish I could donate more.

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Yoshiko Des Lauriers \$140
Japanese Doll by silent auction.

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Irmgard Baynes
paying for the Auction Item I won, \$50.00 plus 10.00 shipping fee. Thank you.

13 days ago

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I'm donating in support of campaign

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