### WFWP USA: Schools of Africa Program - Women's Self Reliance in Senegal

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For the past 20 years, Women's Federation for World Peace USA has been consistently supporting the Schools of Africa Project, thanks to the wonderful efforts of local chapters and members around the country that continue to find ways to give.

Since the project began in 1994 with WFWP Japan, it has grown to now include ten schools in eight African countries, ranging from elementary and high schools to technical institutes that provide women with training in marketable skills such as dressmaking or business administration.

Thank you for your support to purchase such equipment.

The students are working hard every day to become fine tailors in the future.

Please continue to support these girls so that they can become independent and fulfil their dreams.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely

Director

Mrs. Veronique DIOP

President of WFWP/Senegal

Mrs. Paule Cecile Sagna

JAMOO Social Self Support Assistance Center was started in Senegal in 1995 to train women in lacemaking, dressmaking, home economics and embroidery skills. They also learn skills in business administration so they can manage or start their own businesses. The support also provides an on-the-job training center.

We would like to share with you a recent letter of appreciation and pictures from the school, and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered donations and made this possible. Between the school's two locations six electric sewing machines, one industrial sewing machine, and four foot pedal sewing machines were purchased with the funds sent from WFWP USA in 2022.

To find out how you can become a supporter of the Schools of Africa today, click here.







# **WFWP Schools of Africa**

Support education and women's empowerment in Africa











"Thank you for your commitment to our community. It is organizations like WFWP that have enabled quality infrastructure for students in Kenya to access education irrespective of their social and home background. May God Almighty bless you and protect all of you."

Muzame Stanley (2020) Principal of the Handow Secondary School in Kenya

#### "We know your effort is not in vain." Ayum Hoxogawo (2020)



In 2017, contributions WFWP USA donors and supporters made it possible for the **construction and expansion** of Senegal's women social school JAMOO.

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The Peace Hana School in Liberia received a \$15,000 grant from WFWP USA at the end of 2019. This helped pay for the rent of the building for two years. They also built a new fence, bought 50 new chairs and desks, repaired the school partially, and prepared some pieces of equipment for the school reopening. The rest of was used for teachers' salaries.





Thanks to the support of 2016, the Sun of Mozambique High Shool was able to make the changes necessary to foster a supportive learning environment through various school improvements. As a result, 2017 – 2018 marked an excellent year for academic achievement among the students.

Thank you! uundreds of students vilies in Africa!

In the early 90s, the founders of WFWP commissioned 1600 volunteers from WFWP Japan to serve in underdeveloped nations. With willing hearts, these women went to the poorest nations, to neighborhoods in every corner of the world. They started schools, fed the undernourished, and worked to empower women.

Inspired by their dedication, WFWP USA initiated the "Schools of Africa" project to financially support 9 schools founded by those faithful volunteers.

You can donate by clicking above or mailing a check to WFWP USA, 481 8th Avenue, Suite 608, New York, NY 10001

#### SUPPORT FROM WFWP USA



Each year, WFWP chapters across the country hold dynamic and creative fundraisers for the Schools of Africa. Fundraising events may take the form of tag sales, silent auction galas, or luncheons that celebrate African food and culture.

Since 2002, thanks to many generous donors, WFWP USA has sent over \$410,000 to the schools.

This invaluable support has helped the schools purchase critical materials for lessons and provide scholarships to impoverished students. Contributions from WFWP USA has also supported school feeding programs, expanded and improved facilities, and paid for skilled staff. Many of the schools operate in the poorest neighborhoods, and have come to serve as a source of stability to their communities.

#### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Chan Sook Schwartz 😂 \$50 I donated in support of this campaign. about a month ago Asako Matsunaga 😂 \$25 I donated in support of this campaign. about a month ago

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Azama (left), graduate of New Hope Technical Institute, now works as a beautician. She learned massage therapy from Haruna at New Hope.

"One day my manager started to lay off workers but fortunately I am still working because I know how to massage which customers appreciate. I

can continue to help my family. I really thank Haruna and New Hope."



Virgilio, graduate of Sun of Mozambique, who now works as Country Manager for an engineering consulting firm.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank so much the Women's Federation for World

Peace for...everything that you've been putting into the education of Mozambicans."

#### **OUR SCHOOLS IN 8 COUNTRIES**

Click here to read more about the schools and WFWP USA support.

#### **Elementary Schools:**

- Peace Hana Primary School Liberia
- Sunac Elementary School Guinea Bissau
- One Hope Garden Primary School Ethiopia
- Pilar Momo Primary School Equatorial Guinea
- Motoko Shiroma Primary School Equatorial Guinea

#### Secondary Schools:

- · Handow Secondary School Kenya
- Sun of Mozambique Secondary School Mozambique

#### Technical Institutes:

- Social Self-Support Assistance Center "JAMOO" Senegal
- New Hope Technical Institute Rwanda



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## JAMOO SOCIAL SELF SUPPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER (2 LOCATIONS)



#### FOUNDED: 1995

The Social Self Support Assistance Center was founded with a vision to help women become independent. To encourage participation among women, advertisements are sent out to the community at Exhibition and Sale events hosted at the end of the academic year. Graduation ceremonies are held biennially where graduates showcase their work and are presented with certificates accredited by the government.

Since 2001, the school has offered the graduates an opportunity to work at the Salon de Couture JAMOO. This on-the-job training center hires graduates for two years so that they acquire an advanced competency level in their skills. Since the embroidery techniques taught at JAMOO cannot be found elsewhere, students come from other schools to learn these techniques. Thanks to the training shop for graduates which offers on-the-job training courses, many graduates are able to become financially self-sufficient.

In 2019, JAMOO 1 repainted their blackboards, repaired office shelves, purchased spare parts for sewing machines, and repaired sewing machine tables.

In 2020, both schools closed for a few months during the COVID-19 pandemic but both reopened safely. At JAMOO 2, a technology partnership was formed with an owner of three professional schools to improve the center's IT facilities and training. In March, the center made and distributed 500 masks as a service to the community.







"I am 19 years old, an orphan, living in Dakar City with my uncle's family. I don't know how to thank you and JAMOO because it has given me hope and a new vision for life. I was expelled from school because my uncle couldn't afford to pay the school fees. So I was condemned to stay at home cleaning the house, going to the market, and cooking for our big family. Every day was the same for 3 years. One day the women from JAMOO came to my place to explain about the school. It is helping poor families and girls in my situation! For 3 years now, I learned many things...I have confidence in myself and my future. After training, I will have a job to help my family. I thank you very much WFWP members for your financial support of JAMOO."



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