

WFP USA: Support for the Youth of Liberia - Schools of Africa Project

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WFP USA has been a proud supporter of the [Schools of Africa Project](#) for over 20 years, with the help of generous donor contributions. The project currently provides quality education for students in eight African nations, including Liberia.



[The Peace Hana School](#), established in Liberia in 1998, began with a vision to equip poor children from ages 3 to 6 years old with reading and writing skills, as well as several extracurricular courses. Peace Hana then expanded in 2002 to also include elementary education. Currently there are 98 students in the school. In 2022, Peace Hana School received a \$16,500 grant from WFP USA and the funds have been used to pay for much-needed improvements to the school and various expenses. We would like to share with you a letter of appreciation and pictures from the school, and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered donations and made this possible.



To find out how you can become a supporter of the Schools of Africa today, [click here](#).

Below is an excerpt from a letter from Peace Hana School written by Ayumi Hasegawa, WFPW Project Director in Liberia.

"With last year's support we purchased generators, fans, tanks for washing hands, and printers...

Also with this support, we were able to purchase three laptop computers, and we were able to focus on the computer class. Four blackboards, a new toilet, a new gate door, repairing part of the fence and roof, and we were able to pay the school rent until the end of 2023. The rest went to the teacher's salaries and the children's extracurricular activities...

The warm support of WFPW USA has supported the education of children from poor families in Africa. We really appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts."





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 \$582,900 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 thousands throughout Africa!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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

WFWP established two schools in Equatorial Guinea. Motoko Shiroma Primary School was named after Ms. Motoko Shiroma, a Japanese volunteer teacher who lost her life during her service. WFWP 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](#)





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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 WFPW 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 WFPW, 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)

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

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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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Liberia

PEACE HANA SCHOOL



FOUNDED: 1998

Peace Hana School was approved by the government of Liberia in September 1998. The school began with a vision to equip poor children from ages 3 to 6 years old with reading and writing skills, as well as several extracurricular courses. Peace Hana then expanded in 2002 to also include elementary education.

Due to the Ebola outbreak in 2015, the school had to be shut down for 6 months. Even after the official end of the outbreak declared by the World Health Organization, the school continues to implement hygiene and safety measures so that the children can continue to attend.

In 2018, donations went toward fifty new chairs and desks, a blackboard, repairing school walls and fences, and painting the school buildings. The pupils earned praise from other local schools by winning second place in the team competition and first place in the individual competition at a local spelling bee.

In 2020, the school was closed in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Peace Hana started take-home education with their students from May. In August, 6th graders were able to start attending the school again and regular classes were started. With support from WFP USA, the school could install fans and hand washing stations.

ENROLLMENT in 2020	
Nursery	31
Kindergarten	15
Elementary	58



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Schools of Africa

WFP USA BEGAN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT IN 2001



\$238,050

total sent between 2016 and 2021, providing for teacher salaries, critical repairs, school supplies, sponsorships for needy students, and more.

WFP BELIEVES THAT EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN ARE KEYS TO SOLVING POVERTY AND BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE.



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"Thank you for your commitment to our community. It is organizations like WFP 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 Hando Secondary School in Kenya

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"We know your effort is not in vain."

Ayumi Hasegawa (2020)
Project Director in Liberia



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

"I am very happy right now.
I will make clothes for my mom and sister.
I am grateful to you and JAMOO.
JAMOO is my family. The teachers and the other students are very kind.
I am very happy.
I will tell you my appreciation from my heart.
Thank you very much."

Aide Digne (1st grade class) 2018

The Peace Hana School in Liberia received a \$45,000 grant from WFP 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 it was used for teachers' salaries.



Thanks to the support of 2016, the Sun of Mozambique High School 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!
from hundreds of students
and families in Africa!

In the early 90s, the founders of WFP commissioned 1600 volunteers from WFP 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, WFP 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 WFP USA, 481 8th Avenue, Suite 608, New York, NY 10001

SUPPORT FROM WFP USA



Each year, WFP 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, WFP 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 WFP 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



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 WFP 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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