



Ripples foundation

Empowering African Women

2019 Annual Report

Give A Hand-Up

A message from our CEO

I am proud to say that Ripples Foundation has grown tremendously over the past decade. Our #giveahandup motto has continued to spread in the African continent to raise awareness and help the population by providing more opportunities and guidance. We continue to work with the Country President for Ghana, Nigeria and Madagascar to co-design and deliver sustainable programs that change the economic independence of women.

We are continuing to equip women with necessary skills and training to make change happen for them and their families. This year, we were able to successfully partner with **UNDP** to fund over 5,000 women to receive training for **Fair Trade** and **Organic Shea Butter** product certification.

This is a huge deal for our women. With Fair Trade and Organic Certification, our women can increase their income by **25-35%**. This means more children in school, healthcare for families and better economies in local communities. We are thankful UNDP and our partners for their support in helping us improve the lives of African Women one woman at a time. Our momentum is getting stronger with each passing day. We are excited to see what we will accomplish together in the future.

With gratitude,



Anne Toba
Founder & CEO
Ripples Foundation



"A little progress each day adds up to big results." -Satya Nani



MISSION & VISION

We are investing in the economic and social prosperity of the African village woman, improving her quality of life and making deposits into the future of African children. Ripples gives the African woman a 'Hand-up' and not a 'Hand-out', to take responsibility for their lives, and opportunities to work their way out of poverty in dignity.

We also offer college students unique fellowship opportunities to live, learn and fully immerse into African culture.



2019

Secured funding for fair trade & organic certification

2018

8,600+ Women aided by Sponsor a Woman Program

2017

Moved headquarters to the U.S.

2016

Supplied medical equipment to 8 cottage hospitals

2015

Shipped 4 containers of supplies quarterly

2014

24 graduated from the Apprenticeships for Girls Program

2013

Medical Outreach Program in 8 Villages

2012

Started Fellowship Program

2011

Launched Medical Outreach Program

2019

In partnership with *UNDP* and our *sponsors and volunteers*, Ripples Foundation secured funding for over *5,000 women* in Ripples Ghana to register for **fair trade** and **organic shea butter certification**.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

Through our holistic programs, we work within a community's culture to give women a chance to become earners, so they can make ripples of change by investing in schools, medical centers, and other essential services. We help these women revitalize their local economies so they can provide opportunities for their children.



*Sustainable Agriculture
Shea Butter
Fashion Design/Tailoring*

2015:

- 5,300 women involved in shea butter production
- 200 women involved in sustainable agriculture
- 220 women involved in fashion design and tailoring



WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Ripples works directly with women in their communities to figure out what will cause the greatest long-term impact. Ripples works with women leaders in their communities to co-design programs that will create long-lasting, sustainable improvements.





MEDICAL OUTREACH

We partner with local and volunteer healthcare practitioners to co-develop solutions that address local health concerns. Through funding from our donors and expertise of our medical volunteers we are able to provide basic medical services and equipment to even the most remote villages.

Our medical outreach provides medical care to vulnerable women and children, who otherwise would not have been able to access medical help.

2011:

Launched & started operations in Nigeria

2015:

12,828 patients served in 8 villages

2018:

4,560+ patients served in 3 more villages

2019:

Distributed 1,250 eyeglasses



Services include: blood pressure tests, HIV aids support, blood sugar tests, medical counseling consultations, and free medicines.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Our fellowship program gives graduate - level students the opportunity to live and work in African village and immerse themselves in its culture, while designing tailored solutions to local challenges. The fellowships serve the purpose of enriching US youth's experiences of African culture while applying knowledge and skills learned in school towards real world problems for a good cause.



VOLUNTEERING

RIPPLES REMOTE

We have a robust volunteer program that recruits professionals and students from **America, Australia, Europe, Asia & Africa**. In fact, the whole organization is run by volunteers.

Volunteers bring on their expertise and donate their time and resources to help us achieve our goals.

VOLUNTEERING IN AFRICA

We currently have around 220 volunteers in Africa. We are always open to volunteers, do not hesitate to sign up to join hands with us in achieving our goals at **Ripples!**

GAP YEAR

We provide an opportunity for recent graduates taking a gap year to travel internationally and explore the different cultures in Africa.



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