Burundi Friends International

Fighting Poverty. Educating Youth. Providing Hope.

Annual Report 2016

Burundi Friends International:
Fighting poverty in Burundi for 10 Years

Since 2007, Burundi Friends International (BFI) has continually expanded our efforts in education, healthcare, and economic empowerment. Burundi's alarming challenges in food security, scarcity of employment, and lack of infrastructure, motivate our staff and volunteers to empower Burundians to find solutions to these problems.

As a member nation of the East African Community, Burundi, and its citizens, are dedicated to learning English, the chosen language of the EAC. The goal of the EAC is to share goods, labor, and capital. In 2016, BFI supported 2,000 Burundian volunteer English teachers who have now reached all 19 provinces across Burundi. Our efforts in the classroom positively impact women farmers learning basic English to trade crops, provide children with access to English learning across academic fields, and teach young adults English in order to study solutions for Burundi's challenges in the greater world.

Sustainable economic empowerment accompanies BFI's efforts in education. Our teachers encourage the formation of savings groups outside the classroom. Together, the team of BFI and Burundians are building the way forward through financial literacy and group accountability. BFI provides tangible ways for Burundians to reach their inner potential.

Whether it is through our shipment of healthcare equipment, English instruction, or efforts in economic empowerment, BFI is filling a void in Burundi and providing hope to thousands. BFI English teacher, Vedaste Ngendakumana, expresses his hope as follows, "BFI gave me self-confidence and acceptance. BFI did not isolate me when I isolated myself and they have been my anti-depressant."

All of us at BFI want to extend our gratitude to our supporters. You are our foundation and we together continue to have an impact in the lives of Burundians.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Niyonzima-Aroian

Julie Marner

Education:

English Clubs, Scholarships, Community Development

BFI English Clubs

Our BFI English Clubs experienced rapid growth of 375% compared to last year. We have more than 13,500 students compared to 3,600 the previous year.

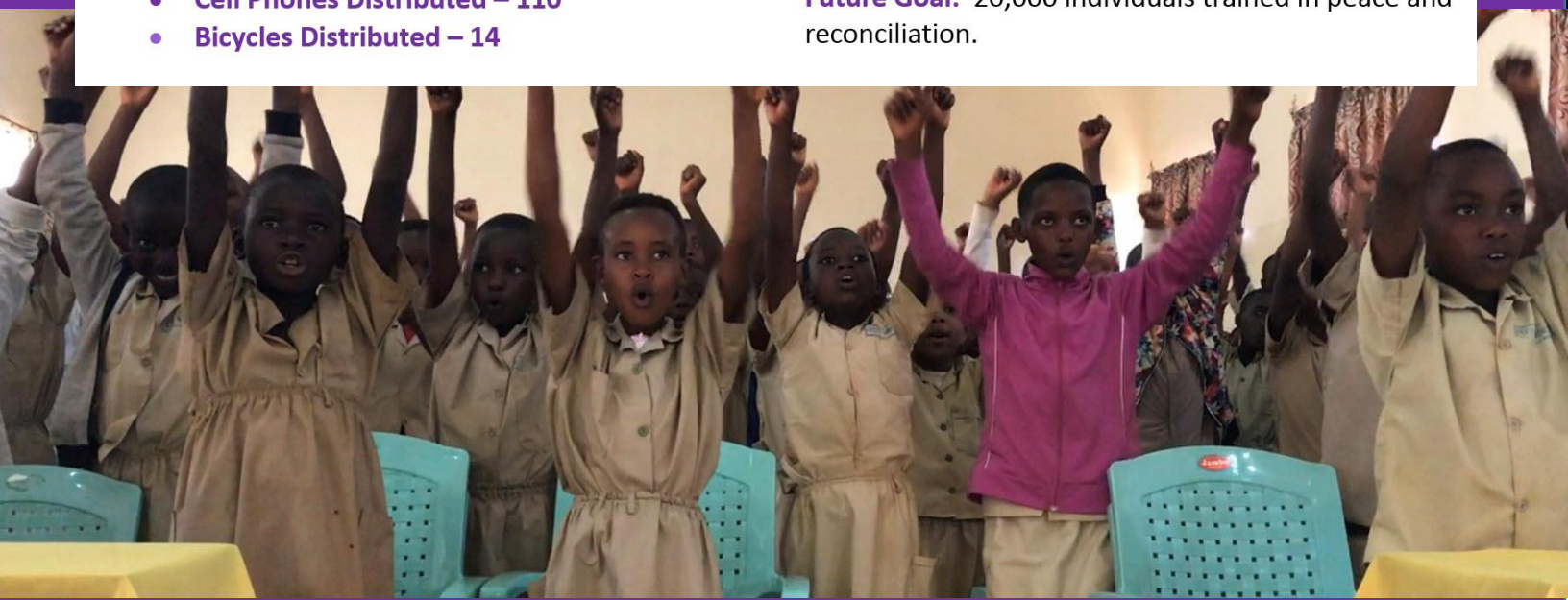
Some Quick Facts:

- **Teachers – 2,000**
- **College Tuition Program Scholarships – 23**
- **Container-Libraries – 4**
- **High Schools with English Clubs – 180**
- **Cell Phones Distributed – 110**
- **Bicycles Distributed – 14**

Davis Peace Project

BFI was awarded $10,000 through the Davis Peace Project at International House, New York. The resulting "Peace & Reconciliation" workshops in 4 different provinces throughout Burundi empowered 50 youth community members in each of 4 provinces to find their roles in peace-building efforts for their country.

Outcome: 200 Burundian attendees committed to serve as peace and reconciliation ambassadors.
Future Goal: 20,000 individuals trained in peace and reconciliation.



Healthcare:
Maternal Clinic at HIV/AIDS Center, Medical Container

Healthcare Focus: Equipment and Education

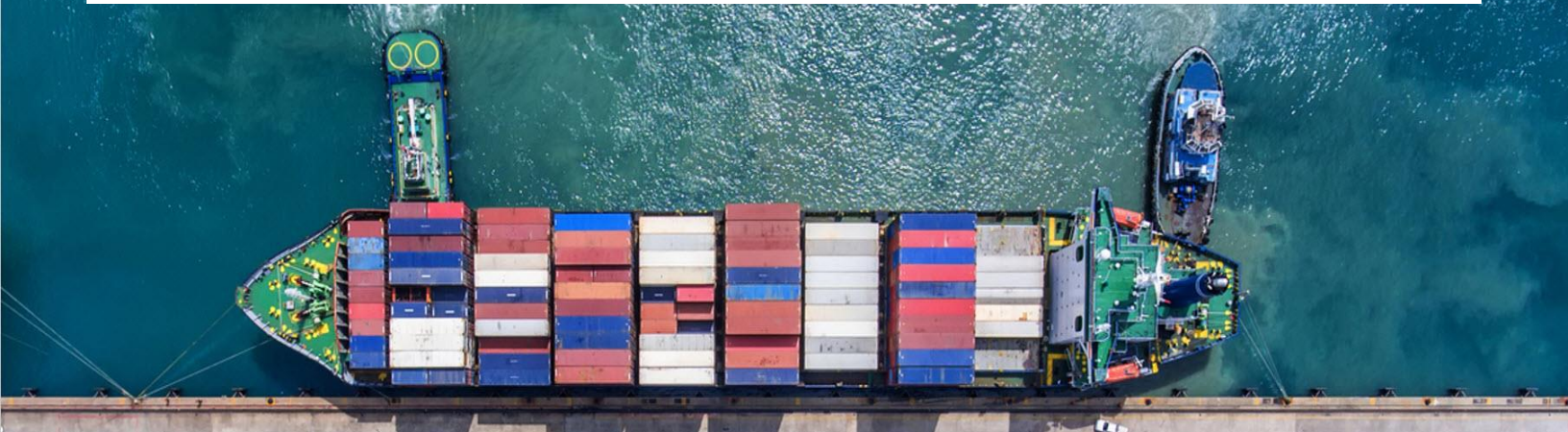
BFI managed the delivery and distribution of a container of medical equipment with an estimated value over **$500,000** to assist an AIDS clinic and teaching hospital in Bujumbura.

Our English Medical Club serves nurses and doctors in medical school, both in computer training skills and English medical knowledge. Over 1,500 Burundians have taken part in this program, increasing their ability to serve the local community and access healthcare information around the world.

Healthcare Education:

FUCOS, the Force des Universitaires Contre le Sida et Promotion de la Sante (Force of Universities Against AIDS and Promotion of Health) a Burundi health organization, and BFI partnered with a project called "**Better to Live in Area**" serving Burundi's most vulnerable indigenous Batwa community.

The project reached 4 provinces with vital health information and medical support. The emphasis was on training 200 members within the Batwa community who can then continue to train peers and family.



Economic Empowerment:

Building a Solid Foundation of Growth and Hope

BFI Continues to Support Economic Empowerment in Burundi

BFI partnered with COPED, the Council for Education and Development, on a $26,000 project empowering women and local farmers in both financial literacy and small agriculture projects.

BFI supported a **Milling Project** for Kaniga Village serving 1,976 individuals with this sustainable food project which provides an on-going source of revenue.

We distributed 120 goats to families, with each family receiving a male and female goat. A goat helps to lift a Burundian out of poverty with milk, butter and cheese production, fertilizer for crops, and offspring to pass on to others in need.

Women Vision Association, an organization run by young Burundi women, successfully opened a hair salon and restaurant with BFI support, launching successful business careers.

Financial Information:

100% of Administration Costs are Privately Funded

2014 BFI Budget: **$ 96,910 (115% Growth)**

2015 BFI Budget: **$169,000 (74% Growth)**

2016 BFI Budget: **$234,938 (40% Growth)**

2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Balance Sheet

Income

Donations	$230,478
Events	$ 4,460
Total Income	**$234,938**

Expenses

Projects	$190,189
Admin/General	$ 59,042
Fundraising	$ 5,605
Total Expenses	**$254,836**

Cash Flow Statement

Beginning Cash Balance	$ 66,128
Net Income (loss)	$ -19,898
Ending Cash Balance	**$ 46,230**
Net Assets	**$ 46,230**

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Board of Directors:

Experience. Leadership. Commitment. Passion.

BFI Officers

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Liz Clarke – Chair of the Board

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Julie Marner – Executive Director

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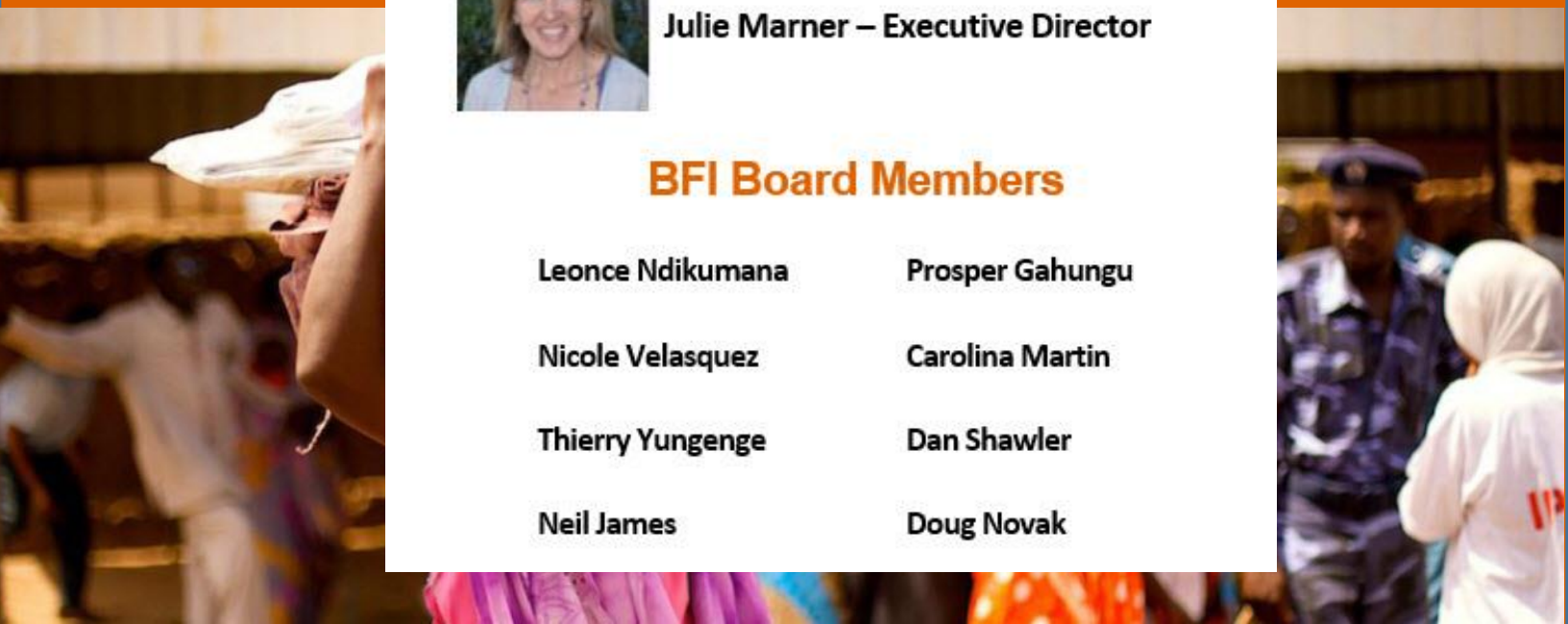

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When you make a gift, you join our mission to fight poverty in Burundi.

Ways to give today:

- **Monetary gifts with pledges and corporate matching gifts**
- **Become a monthly donor through our "Walking Together" program**
- **Make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one**
- **Donating professional services**
- **There are many other ways to support BFI including the donation of stocks or making provisions in your estate plan**

Annual, Monthly and Honorary Gifts in support of BFI are tax deductible and can be made online at: www.Bufri.org

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Thank you!