Burundi Friends International

Empowering Communities. Eliminating Poverty.

Annual Report 2017

OUR MISSION

BFI unites and educates youth, women and men leading to economic empowerment, building self-sustaining communities in Burundi, East Africa.

A DECADE OF SERVICE

Empowering Communities.
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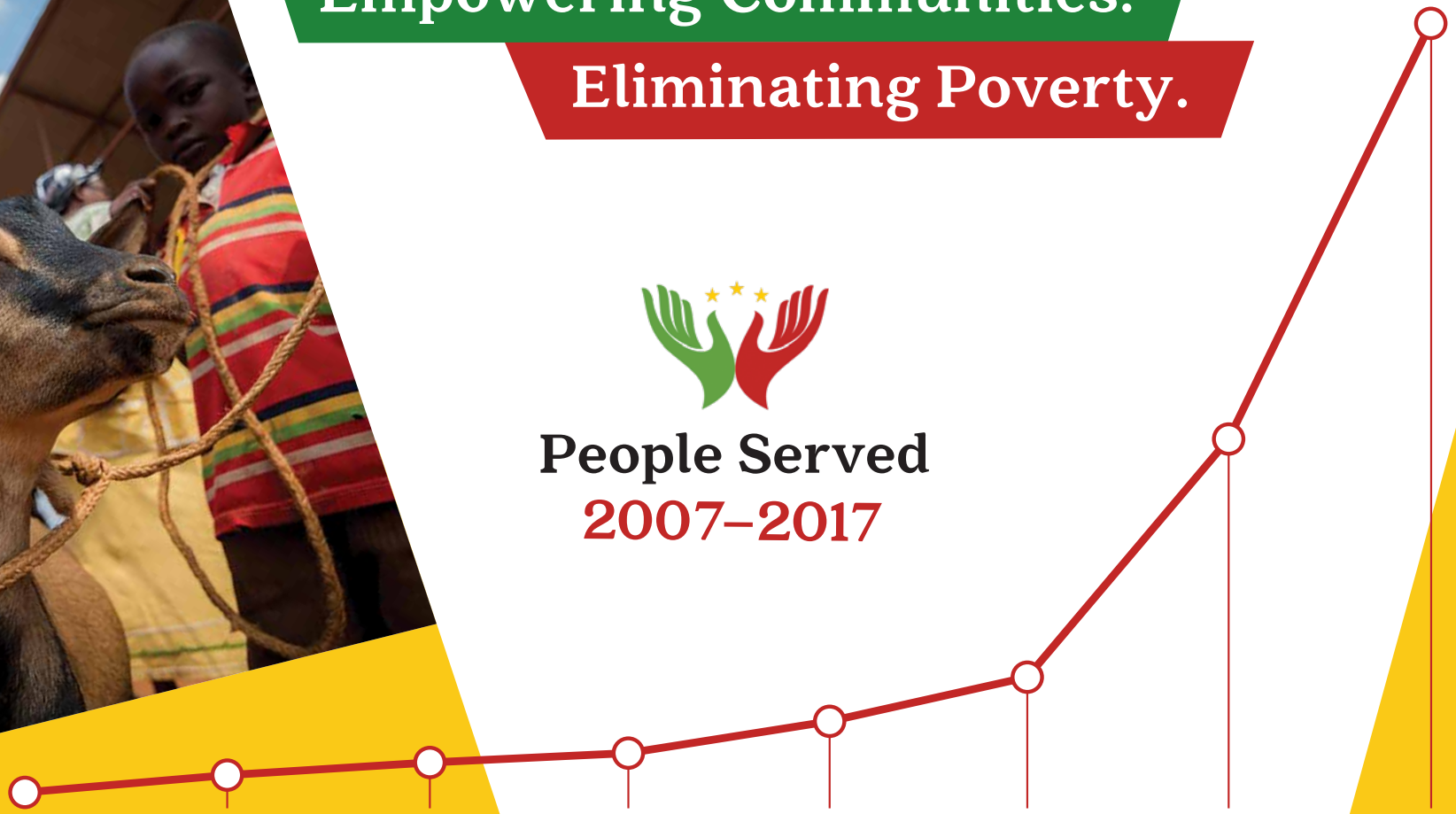
People Served
2007–2017



BURUNDI'S CHALLENGES

Population: 11.5 million
(Source: CIA Factbook)

Population density of 409.8 people per square kilometer
(Source: The World Bank)

Gross National Income per Capita: $280
(Source: GNI per capita: Atlas method (current US$), 2016 World Bank Report).

Age dependency ratio of 90.1%
(Source: The World Bank)

Children 0–14: 46%
(Source: CIA Factbook)

Chronic Malnutrition Under the Age of Five: 57.5%
(Source: Global Hunger Index)

Ranked worst in the Global Hunger Index: 2014
(Source: Last available report, in countries reported. Categorized under: Extremely Alarming)

Human Development Index: ranked 184 of 188
(Source: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2016)

Ranked last in the World Happiness Report: 2017
(Source: Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. World Happiness Report 2017, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network.)

Approximately
58%
Chronic Malnutrition Under the Age of Five

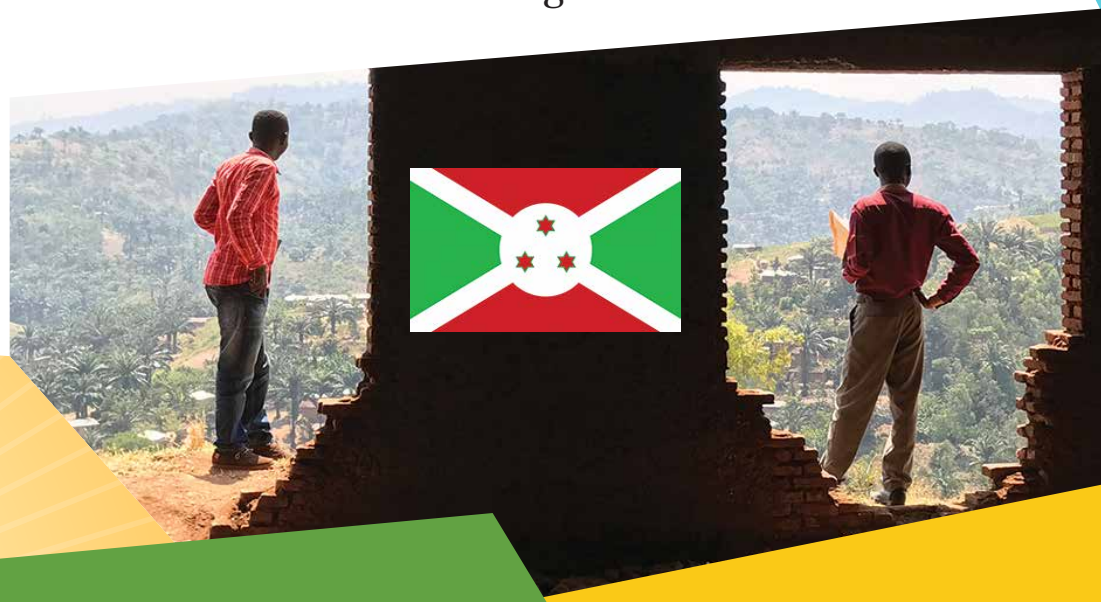
BURUNDI'S OPPORTUNITIES

Fertile Land **Moderate Climate** **Increased Trade**

English learning is vital for business and commerce in the now English-speaking East African Community, a region comprised of six neighboring countries and an integral part of the African Economic Community.

Burundi Friends International knows the time to assist Burundi is **NOW**. We provide valuable education to increase the opportunity and competitive advantage of Burundi's youth. BFI micro-finance and economic empowerment initiatives provide the foundation for sustainable growth. The **FUTURE** of Burundi is bright.

Our core values are shared by our benefactors: Passion for Service, Dignity, Generosity, Compassion, and Trust.



OUR IMPACT

Educational Successes

33,000 students served in basic English education, including Children's and Youth Departments

3,208 Volunteer Instructors in all 18 provinces

42 College Scholarships, 4 of which are Graduate Students

3 Mandela Washington Fellows

BFI Clubs formed from English Education – Environment, Health, Sport & Culture, IT, & Leadership

"The new generation of Burundi is coming with new mindset, new vision, new love, new commitment, new goals, new strength, new strategies, new leadership, with enough skills and integrity to raise up the Country and let it shine. Yes it is coming, yes it is here with me, and it is very talented. Let us monitor them and let them learn."

– Karorero Xavier

"Giving back to the community! Since I started sharing my love with people in need through teaching English for free and in community work, I really understand that we don't live for ourselves but we live for others!"

– Esperance Amani

42
Scholarships Awarded

Economic Empowerment

BFI Economic Empowerment Groups, "Saving Together, Growing Together"

PCI Women's Empowerment Program – launched by BFI & partner Project Concern International

557 Groups of Five BFI Student Savings Groups

299 Women's Economic Groups – 15 to 20 women in each group

299
Woman's Economic Groups

2017 FINANCIALS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

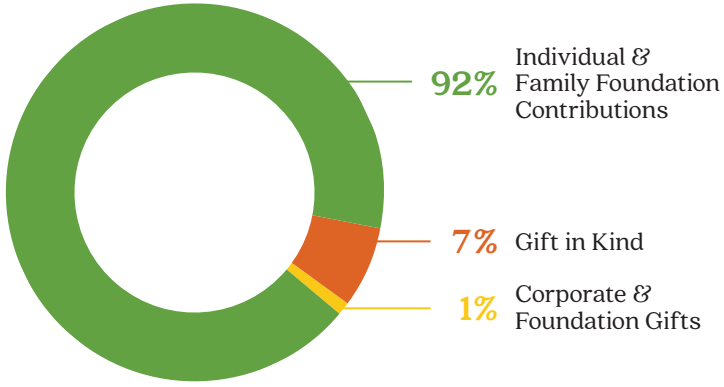
BFI Year ending December 31*

	2017 Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	
Contributions	297,000
Donated in-kind service & materials	20,000
Total revenue and other support	**317,000**
EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	
Education	90,000
Economic empowerment	23,000
Library project	17,000
Total program services	**130,000**
SUPPORT SERVICES	
Management and general	90,000
Fundraising	14,000
Total support services	**104,000**
Total expenses	**234,000**
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (Cash)	
Increase in net assets	84,000
Net assets, beginning of year	46,000
Net assets end of year (Cash)**	**130,000**

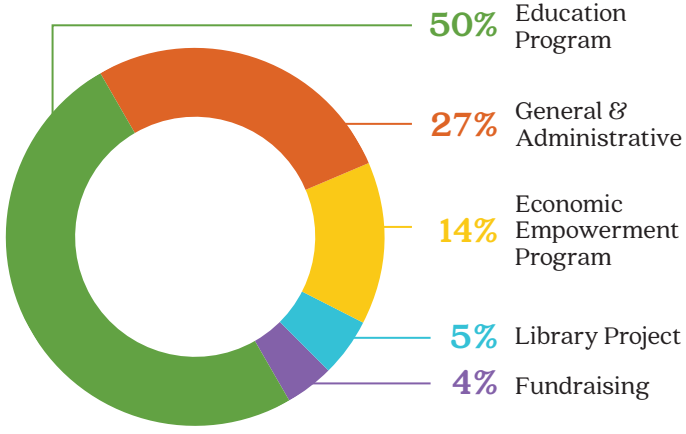
* BFI is transitioning its fiscal year to July 1 – June 30 effective July 1, 2018.

** Approximately $100,000 of the cash balance at the end of the year had been disbursed to COPED (in Burundi), such funds were held and designated to be expended in early 2018 for education and economic empowerment programming.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

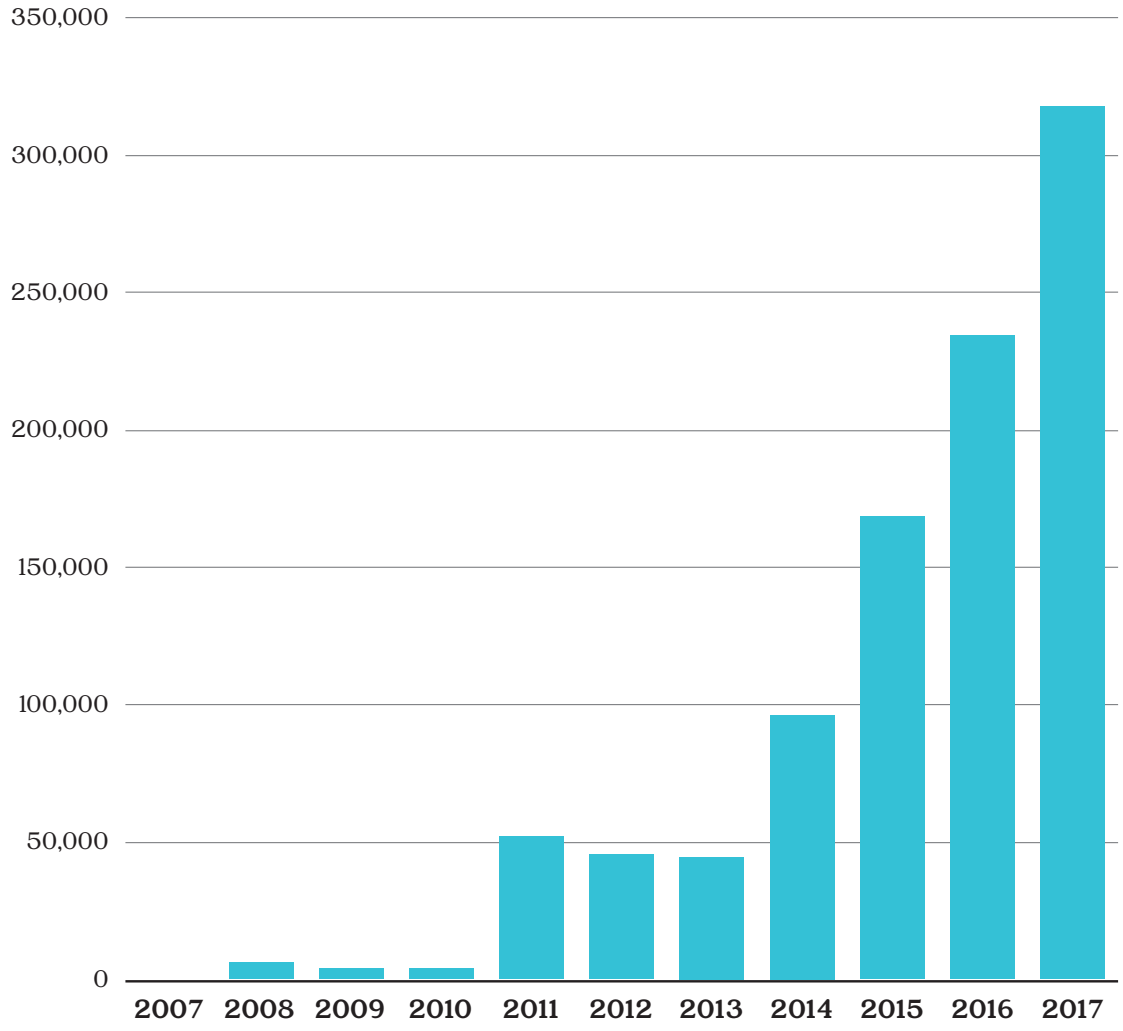


USE OF FUNDS



100% of G&A expenses are covered by Foundation Contribution. All individual, Corporate, and Organizational donations go to BFI Programming.

10–YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS TREND



DISCLAIMER: With the fiscal year transition in 2018, BFI is pursuing an independent audit of its financials. The financials presented herein are not certified financial statements.

At Burundi Friends International (BFI) we have fine-tuned our approach for future empowerment to Burundians. Upon completing ten years of work, we learned that our greatest strength in eliminating poverty in Burundi lies in focusing on education and economic empowerment. Daily, we witness the ideas, ingenuity, and imagination of Burundi's youth as they flourish with every given opportunity.

BFI is educating and facilitating women farmers in financial literacy so they can develop small businesses appropriate for their marketplace. Through BFI's English education clubs, youth, women, and men are forming strong communities and building up others in the spirit of service and generosity.

At BFI we celebrate the dignity of every person while offering opportunities where they are lacking. It is a simple formula in a challenging, yet stunningly beautiful country. Over the past ten years, BFI has grown to support over 33,000 students, with 3,000 volunteers throughout all 18 provinces, thanks to our in country leaders. This team continues to grow and will one day fill leadership roles within BFI and beyond. Until our support is no longer needed, we know our collaboration and impact is strong and effective with our staff and vast network of volunteers.

The progress made is attributable to the many people who have contributed to our work along the way. Thank you for your generosity in financially supporting BFI and the beautiful people of Burundi. We especially thank the Paulus Family Foundation for their extraordinary leadership, ongoing support and guidance as we continue to educate and empower Burundians to a future of dignity and self-sustaining communities. All of us at BFI look forward to the possibilities in 2018 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Niyonzima-Aroian
Founder

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Executive Director

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- Books For Africa, USA
- Project Concern International, USA
- New Generation, Burundi
- COPED, Council for Education and Development, Burundi
- IWCA, International Women's Coffee Alliance, Burundi
- Association for Reconciliation and Development Through English, Burundi

Julie Marner

Next Steps

- Strengthening Monitoring & Evaluation to Measure Impact by Summer 2018
- Continue Improving and Expanding BFI's Core English Curriculum Programming
- Conduct Organizational External Audit for Fiscal Year of July 2018 – June 2019
- Expansion of Grant Writing Capacities with Current Advisory Committee and Part-Time Staff by 2020

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

Ways to give today:

- Contributing monetary gifts with pledges and corporate matching gifts
- Donating each month with our "Walking Together" program
- Donating in honor or memory of a loved one
- Donating your birthday or anniversary to BFI
- Donating professional services
- Including BFI in your estate planning or donating stocks

Annual, monetary and honorary gifts to BFI are tax deductible to the extent as allowed by law.

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Thank you!

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