



Sharing Opportunities with Women NEWSLETTER



Opportunity for free learning



Local women's group at the new supermarket

CREATING A SAFE SPACE

It was August 15, 2021, when the Taliban took over Afghanistan. The previous government collapsed, leaving thousands of people without jobs or public services. Many of those who lost their jobs had to leave their homes, becoming Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who could not afford to have their children attend school.

According to Amnesty International, women, except for healthcare workers, are being barred from public life. They cannot return to work or travel in public without being accompanied by a male guardian. When they do go out, they must be completely covered. Girls above 12 are not allowed to go to school.

Currently, we are funding a project that provides safe spaces, which includes free classes and recreational activities, to young girls in areas where low-income families live, such as IDP camps. Children (boys attend, too) can come each day to learn and play. It also keeps them protected from early marriage. Our partner there provides the children with books, shoes, warm winter clothes, and blankets. This project, as you can imagine considering the alternative, is a great relief to their mothers.

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TO INSPIRE
WOMEN AROUND
THE WORLD
BY PROMOTING
WELLNESS,
EDUCATION, AND
ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES

SUPERMARKET SUCCESS

Our partner Rhoda in South Sudan dreamt for years to open a local supermarket to supply needed items purchased at wholesale prices from the 200 local women farmers in the women's cooperative she began a few years ago. Last summer, SowHope funded the supermarket, providing easy access to essential items for 5,000 people who live in the area. It also gives a place of employment and training in business and management for the local women's group who is now tasked to run it.

Before the supermarket, women had to walk to a store 6 miles away to purchase food, cleaning supplies, and medicine. The local women farmers incurred heavy expenses from transporting their products to town for sale, cutting their profit margins significantly.

The supermarket has created the opportunity for more people



Anna, the store manager

in the area to start small businesses supplying the supermarket with other items of interest, such as clothes and shoes, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and even sweets. It has become a place for people to meet and socialize as well.

This project has served to "...enlighten the community about the progress women can make when given a small opportunity. It has increased the dignity of the women in the cooperative and change has come. Now more women want to join." says Rhoda.

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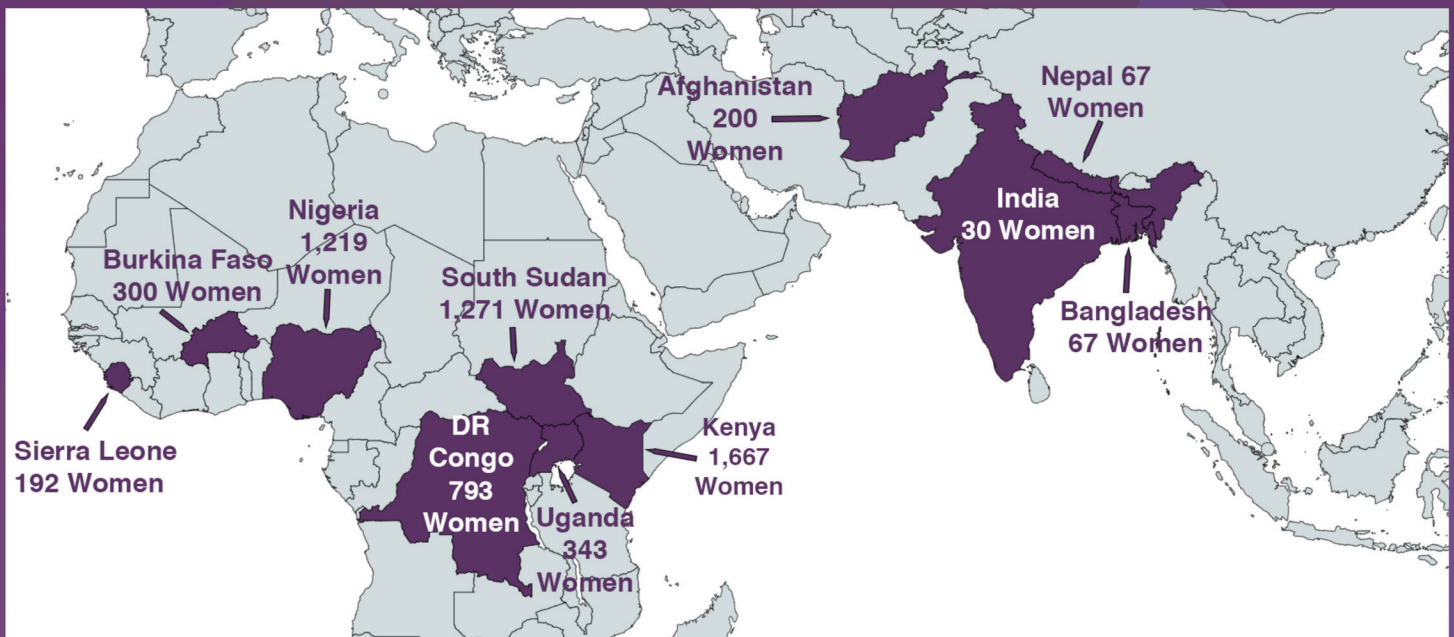
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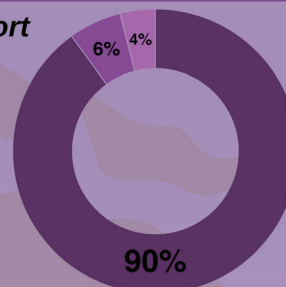


Women
Impacted
by
Program Area



2021 Fiscal Report

Income
\$550,423



Expenses \$412,039

Program - \$370,444
Fundraising - \$16,939
General - \$24,656

SowHope's mission is to inspire women around the world by promoting wellness, education, and economic opportunities.

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