



Rabuor Village Project Fact Sheet

Rabuor Village Project is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization based in Seattle, Washington.

Mission

To empower the people of Rabuor Village to develop sustainable community-based solutions to overcome the challenges of poverty and HIV/AIDS.

Core Values

We believe that in order for our programs to be effective and sustainable, they must involve the full and active participation of the Rabuor community at every level of planning, implementation and evaluation. We exist because of the efforts of local people towards making a difference in their community, and all of our activities are designed to support and honor those efforts.

Our Story

Back in 2001, Seattle resident Loyce Mbewa began to privately support the activities of a women's group based in her home village of Rabuor, western Kenya that had been working tirelessly to cope with the rising tide of illness, poverty and orphaned children that HIV/AIDS had brought to their community. When Loyce started talking to others about the predicament of those in Rabuor, many others felt compelled to join in her cause. In 2003, Loyce, with the help of many dedicated volunteers, established the Rabuor Village Project (RVP), a U.S.-based non-profit organization to assist the people of Rabuor in finding innovative and sustainable solutions to the challenges of poverty and HIV/AIDS.

Programs

All programs are designed to ultimately become self-sustaining and it is our hope that they will eventually serve as a model for other community-based initiatives in similar settings.

Children & Education

- Providing nursery school education, day care and nutrition to the growing ranks of children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS;
- Supporting success in education through scholarships and support for children in primary and secondary schools.

Water & Health

- Securing a reliable supply of clean water for human consumption as well as agriculture;
- Advancing the development of the water system through well drilling, cisterns, pumping and distribution;
- Supporting village hygiene and wellness via health education, HIV care and prevention, and the training and support of community health workers.

Economic Development

- Supporting efforts toward economic self-sufficiency through micro-loans and technical assistance to advance alternative forms of agriculture and creative micro-enterprise.

For more information, please visit our website at www.rabuorvillageproject.org