Good Foundations International (GFI) was invited to a Women’s Empowerment Conference in Dongobesh, Tanzania. The Arise and Shine Women’s Group, run by Luciani John Quintine and his wife Joyce, organized a 4-day conference with 320 women in attendance. The women gathered from communities throughout the Manyara region of Tanzania.

On the first day of the conference, Jennifer Mally, the keynote speaker, addressed the value of women, the importance of their economic independence, gender equality, and the need for girls to get an education. Over the next few days, GFI taught workshops about making bar soap using their local oils, and making skin cream using beeswax from their apiary. GFI also held sewing workshops to make and sell cloth sanitary napkins and diapers.

The workshops from the conference served as the impetus for women to start small businesses to make and sell soap and skin cream, as well as introduce sanitary napkins to girls to help keep them in school.

GFI plans to return to Dongobesh in January to continue helping the many women’s groups who are trying to start small businesses in the Manyara district. We are seeking funds to offer women’s groups microloans for equipment and materials. Each group is requesting a microloan of $200, and there are 15 smaller groups within the Arise and Shine organization. If you are interested in donating the sum of $200 for a microloan, please contact Jennifer Mally, Executive Director: director@goodfoundationsinternational.org, go to the GFI website, or click on the QR code to make a donation through PayPal.

Your donation will support women-owned businesses that provide food, education and shelter for many families.
NEW Ceramic Filter Production Site Planned In Nairobi, Kenya

The GFI Filter Team is off to Nairobi in February! GFI has been asked to manage the construction of a new ceramic water filter production site in Nairobi. We are currently testing their local clay samples to find the shrinkage and the correct firing temperature. Nyakwara (Justine) Mangiti, who will run the filter production site, is having equipment made such as the filter press and mold set. In February, GFI will travel to Nairobi to construct a brick kiln to fire the filters, help set up the flow of manufacturing in the building, and make and test filters. We will remain on site for another week to train the workers how to standardize the filter-making process.

Women’s Sewing Training Center - Minova, DRC

Good Foundations International funded a women’s sewing training center in Minova, DRC (Congo). Currently, 15 women are being trained to sew in a government accredited program. At the end of 12 months they can take an exam and become certified as seamstresses. The women are now making money, while still in training, sewing school uniforms for the children in Minova. Part of the money they earn is returned to the training school to help it become self-sustainable in the future.

$25,000 Needed for Women’s Training Center in Yumbe, Uganda

The women’s groups in Yumbe, Uganda sit on tarps under a tree to discuss their business plans, run training sessions, hand out healthcare information and give support to each other. They have expressed a desperate wish to have a building to call their own. They would like a women’s community and training center for sewing, holding meetings and selling their handicrafts.

Michael Schael testing clay samples from Nairobi, Keny - September 2022

Yumbe women meeting under their community tree to learn to make soap

They have plans to add a ceramic water filter production site to the center as well as community gardens, an apiary, and place to raise chickens. Please help GFI raise $25,000 for a community center that will change hundreds of women’s lives and their families.
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