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Quarterly Update





Real People. Real Stories. Real Impact

Lately, we've been sharing about the progress we're making towards better health, cleaner water, and improved livelihoods in the communities we serve. Every day, we give thanks to God and supporters like you who make our work possible.

But what you may not see between the data are the real lives – real souls – being impacted by the work. In the communities where we serve, our staff has met with countless fathers, mothers, children, and community members who have had their lives transformed physically and spiritually, giving them a newfound sense of hope and purpose.

The numbers are good, but the stories are So. Much. Better. And we want you to hear them.



Juma's Story

For years, the community of Ajumgiri in northern Uganda has suffered from crippling illness. Many grew hopeless with the constant bouts of Typhoid Fever that had become a chronic disease.

One man, Juma Majidi, spent countless weeks in bed or struggling through daily activities with high fever, severe stomach pain, chills, weakness and life-threatening weight-loss. From time to time, people would come to the community and explain that contaminated water and lack of sanitation facilities were the cause of illness, but community members were always left wondering how to attain clean water, implement better practices, and change their health situation.

When 4africa's health team first met with our friends in Ajumgiri, they learned that although the community had a few latrines set up, the stations were in such dire need of repair that most people refused to use them. Most families were unfamiliar with the correlation between good hygiene practices and the illnesses they were contracting.

Juma noticed that 4africa was different. Instead of diagnosing the problem and leaving, they formed relationships first. He watched as team members went from house to house getting to know every community member, young and old. The team members met with families and their children, taking great care to learn about their needs and health problems.



Q2 Numbers in Water

18

boreholes drilled or rehabilitated.

5,400

people now have access to clean, safe water from these wells



4health

Juma's Story Cont'd

After getting to know the community, 4africa's local staff put together activities and interactive sessions demonstrating health and hygiene practices that would prevent the spread of disease. Meanwhile, they worked with community leaders to build new latrines for every household with the resources they already had on hand until people felt comfortable constructing and using the latrines and handwashing stations on their own.

For the first time, the community of Ajumbiri found hope and answers to their health problems. And they found an even greater hope in Jesus Christ.



Ajumbiri Community



"This is the first organization I have seen working closely with the people to the extent of moving house to house. The approach used by the 4africa team is so good because it engages everyone to work hard for his or her household while not leaving out the vulnerable or the elderly. The idea of moving from house to house regularly to ensure that every household has a latrine and other facilities is very humbling to me. May God bless 4africa. (YOU)" -Juma



Q2 Numbers in Health

199

expectant mothers assisted with maternal & newborn healthcare

19

community partnerships signed



4leadership

Lolos' Story

As soon as he set foot onto the grounds at the Leadership Academy of South Sudan, Lolos knew he was home. In his long journey of unexpected twists and turns, THIS was his chance to start a new chapter. This was his opportunity to make his mark not just on his community back home but on his country – by positively influencing those around him, he could impact the world for Christ!

With the doors wide open, he was ushered into the academy by welcoming arms that felt like family. He felt safe to explore his passions, develop his faith, and become a servant-hearted change agent equipped to lead! Lolos couldn't wait to get started.

After two transformative years at the academy focused on God's Word, education, and character development, he felt like a new man, but he wasn't quite ready to launch. With a business endeavor in mind, he still needed some direction and personalized training for his next pursuit. He enrolled in the Leadership Academy's Gap Year Program for a deeper dive into character development, discipleship, entrepreneurialism, and business studies.

Lolos had an idea for a poultry farm in his community. His idea was practical, resourceful, and valuable. He desired to implement an efficient, sustainable business model that would not just support his own family but an entire thriving community to relieve the burdens of the ongoing famine.

His motto: Don't sit and wait for problems to resolve – be the one to find solutions!

He knew it was a promising venture; he just needed a little extra support in logistics and implementation:



"I liked the business skills training [of the Gap Year Program] because it helped me understand the contemporary business world – what causes a business man to rise or fall. Through this knowledge, I have improved my small poultry farm that I started in Tori after completing my studies at 4Africa's Leadership Academy.

"I learned so much about emotional intelligence in our module on leadership, and I am determined to build my emotional intelligence so that I can be an outstanding leader. I truly appreciate the opportunity to attend this year's Gap Year Program and can't wait to use my new knowledge to champion change and be a part of the solution in my community!" -Lolos

Q2 Numbers in Leadership

11

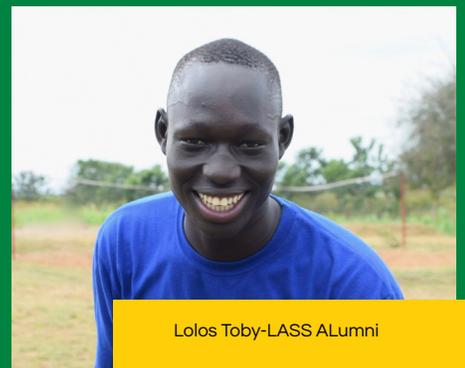
gap year program graduates

26

alumni elected to university positions

36

graduates admitted to university



Lolos Toby-LASS Alumni

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Stella's Story

Every Sunday, Stella diligently donned her church attire and made the trek over to the small chapel near her home. She faithfully recited the prayers and listened to the priest reading from his own Bible – she did not have one of her own. As far as she knew, this once-a-week experience was as close to God as she would get here on earth.

After the service, she trudged back home for another mundane week of work. She lost her husband a few years ago, and since then, her life grew lonely, filled with fear and anxiety about what the days ahead would bring. She felt hopeless.

But a 4africa staff member took notice of Stella. There was something about her that seemed different.

Although she was hurting and longing for more, she still had a spark in her eyes. Despite her difficult story, she looked like a Person of Peace (Luke 10:6).

When approached about attending a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) session, a look of surprise

came across her face. She thought such trainings were meant for elites – and for men – not for local community members like her.

But no one is ordinary in God's eyes. He put her here for a purpose, and we wanted to help her fulfill it:



“When I attended the Disciple Making training, I discovered that God wanted to use me despite my standing in society. Today, I cannot afford to sit and do nothing with the knowledge I have acquired in DMM. Jesus commanded me to go and reach those around me with his Truth, and this is what I am determined to do in my village. So far, I have established TEN Discovery Bible Groups in my village. My own spiritual life has grown because I spend more time reading God's Word, and it has been a source of comfort and hope for me.”

“In my village, alcohol abuse is a big problem, but we know that we can use DMM to reach the hurting and lost. Many of our Discovery Bible Group members are in fact people who previously abused alcohol but have found a new purpose in Jesus and are now actively involved in our group sessions every week! I praise God for them and pray that he continues to use me to bring transformation to my village through his word!” -Stella

Q2 Numbers in Ministry

120

Disciple Making Movement
leaders trained

10

well dedication

2,551

hearts reached with the Good News
of Jesus Christ ,

Let's Keep It Up!

These stories couldn't happen without faithful, praying supporters like YOU. We hear stories like Juma's, Lolos' and Stella's every day! Sustainable change and Christ-centered transformation is taking place on a large scale in communities across East Africa, and we want to keep it going!

PRAY

We give thanks to the Lord for a successful quarter and for guiding us into areas of great need. Over the next few months, we pray 2019 continues to be our greatest adventure for Jesus and his glory. We pray for boldness and courage in sharing the gospel and wisdom for our faithful Disciple Making Movement leaders as they go out into communities with the love of Christ. As we face a delay due to broken drilling parts, we pray for quick repairs and successful drilling. Finally, we pray for good health and continued endurance for our 4africa staff and their families.

“...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14 (NIV)

Learn

Learning about a situation is the first step to helping. Engage the situation by becoming informed through research, newsletters, and testimonies, and ask God to impress opportunities to serve on your heart.

Pray

Please keep our team in East Africa and in the U.S. in your thoughts and prayers for resources and wisdom to minister to others. That our local leaders maintain strength and faith through times of hardship. For lives to be transformed.

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