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### **Andrea Coleman - Riders for Health - United Kingdom**

Riders for Health works with health ministries and NGOs in Africa to build local capacity to maintain and manage motorcycles and other vehicles, enabling healthcare workers to reliably service remote areas. By ensuring health workers have access to vehicles that never break down, Riders for Health is making sure millions of people across Africa receive regular, reliable healthcare, often for the first time in their lives.



### **Aleke Dondo - Juhudi Kilimo – Kenya**

Juhudi Kilimo finances productive, income generating assets for small-scale farmers in Kenya. Juhudi Kilimo begins working with prospective borrowers nearly 6 months in advance to provide financial literacy training and animal husbandry assistance. In addition to offering loans for rural farmers to invest in productive assets such as cows, agricultural equipment, and transport, Juhudi Kilimo offers compulsory asset insurance and life insurance to the borrower at a small cost (approximately 5% of total loan).



### **Gene Falk - mothers2mothers - South Africa**

Mothers2mothers provides education, mentoring and support to HIV-positive pregnant women and new mothers, focusing on preventing transmission of HIV from mother to child and teaching women to improve their health and the health of their babies. Its Mentor Mothers programme hires and trains new mothers living with HIV to inspire, mentor and counsel pregnant women diagnosed with HIV. Mothers2mothers is an international organization with nearly 700 sites in eight countries. It employs over 1,700 HIV-positive mothers who conduct over 200,000 client visits every month.



### **Garth C. Japhet - Heartlines - South Africa**

Heartlines uses TV, radio, print, and digital media and social mobilization in South Africa to get debate, discussion and action on shared core values, which include responsibility, forgiveness, perseverance, self-control, honesty and compassion. Through these values, Heartlines helps to impact on core societal issues such as HIV/AIDS, youth sexuality and violence against women, as well as complex development issues like land rights and access to banking services.



### **Victoria Kisyombe - Sero Lease and Finance (Selfina) - Tanzania**

In Tanzania, where 75% of the population lives in rural areas and 90% lives on less than US\$ 2 per day, most enterprising individuals, particularly women, have scarce working capital to buy equipment. The mission of Sero Lease and Finance (SELFINA) is to increase incomes and employment for women through micro-crediting schemes in order for them to achieve economic and social independence. SELFINA has issued credit worth US\$ 22 million to women in Tanzania. Its activities have helped over 200,000 Tanzanians out of poverty.



**Shona Mc Donald - Shonaquip - South Africa**

Shonaquip is a social business that provides support services to promote inclusion and equal opportunity employment for persons with disabilities. It designs and builds postural support mobility devices and body support equipment. It also promotes the distribution of appropriate mobility and other assistive devices as well as offers professional and clinical training on safe wheelchair provision for clinicians, therapists, rehabilitation workers, wheelchair users and their care providers and families.



**Bruce McNamer - TechnoServe Inc. – USA**

Technoserve has 35 years of experience in helping entrepreneurs in poor rural areas of Latin America, Asia and Africa build businesses that create income opportunity and economic growth for their families, communities and countries. Technoserve provides strategic management and marketing services, including market research, market linkages, business plan development, financial and commercial linkages, supply-chain management and operational consulting.



**Nick Moon - KickStart Kenya - Kenya**

KickStart is a non-profit social enterprise that develops and promotes technologies that can be used by entrepreneurs in Africa to establish and run profitable small-scale enterprises. As of October 2010, the organization sold 158,000 micro-irrigation pumps, assisted with the creation of 101,000 enterprises and helped lift 500,000 people out of poverty.



**Kovin Naidoo - International Center for Eye Care Education (ICEE) - South Africa**

The International Center for Eye Care Education works in eight African countries, developing and implementing sustainable solutions for improved eye care access. The organization collaborates with governments, communities and international non-government organizations to develop long-term solutions by investing in local eye care education, professional education, appropriate service delivery systems and research to ensure sustainable eye care in underserved communities.



**Kristine Pearson - Lifeline Energy - South Africa**

Lifeline Energy addresses energy poverty for poor and vulnerable women and children through the distribution of solar and wind-up prime radios, MP3-enabled lifeplayers, lights and energy sources. Since its inception in 1999, the organization has distributed over 450,000 quality self-powered products, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa, providing continuous access to information, education and light to more than 10 million people. Lifeline Energy also owns the for-profit Lifeline Technologies Trading Ltd, a new product development and trading company which designs, manufactures and sells clean energy products to the humanitarian sector.



**Olivia van Rooyen - The Kuyasa Fund - South Africa**

Kuyasa, since 2000, has been using microfinance as a tool to improve housing conditions for low income households in the Western and Eastern Cape, through community savings groups and by granting loans to individuals qualifying for the government housing subsidies. Its clients are mostly women in informal employment with household incomes of less than ZAR 3,500 per month and 60% of its clients earn less than ZAR 1,500 per month. By combining savings, loans and the government subsidy, houses built in its projects average 60 square metres, almost doubling the subsidy housing norm.



**Juliana Rotich - Ushahidi- Kenya**

Ushahidi is a non-profit technology company, started in 2008 in the midst of Kenyan election violence, which seeks to build tools for democratizing information, increasing transparency and lowering the barriers for individuals to share their stories. Ushahidi specializes in developing free and open source software for information collection, visualization and interactive mapping. Through these tools, Ushahidi has strengthened democracy, such as verifying election results across Brazil, has facilitated market efficiency such as mapping bio-gas markets prices and production across six countries in Africa, and it has helped aid workers in Haiti and Japan reach those affected by natural disasters.



**Patrick Schofield - Streetwire Artist's Collective - South Africa**

Streetwires revolutionized the wire and bead art industry in South Africa by developing a workable formal structure for craft development and by focusing on the key factors in the marketability of craft: design, professional delivery to market and excellence in sales. The result has been both strong social and economic impact within and beyond the organization.



**Bart Weetjens - HeroRAT - Belgium**

By training indigenous African giant pouched rats, HeroRATs, in vapour detection of landmines, APOPO has developed a faster, replicable, cost-effective model for demining unexploded ordinances in Africa. The technology not only provides jobs for economically disadvantaged groups, it also reduces the risk of death and the costs associated with demining. The technology is also being developed to also detect pulmonary tuberculosis.