



AFRICA SCHOOL



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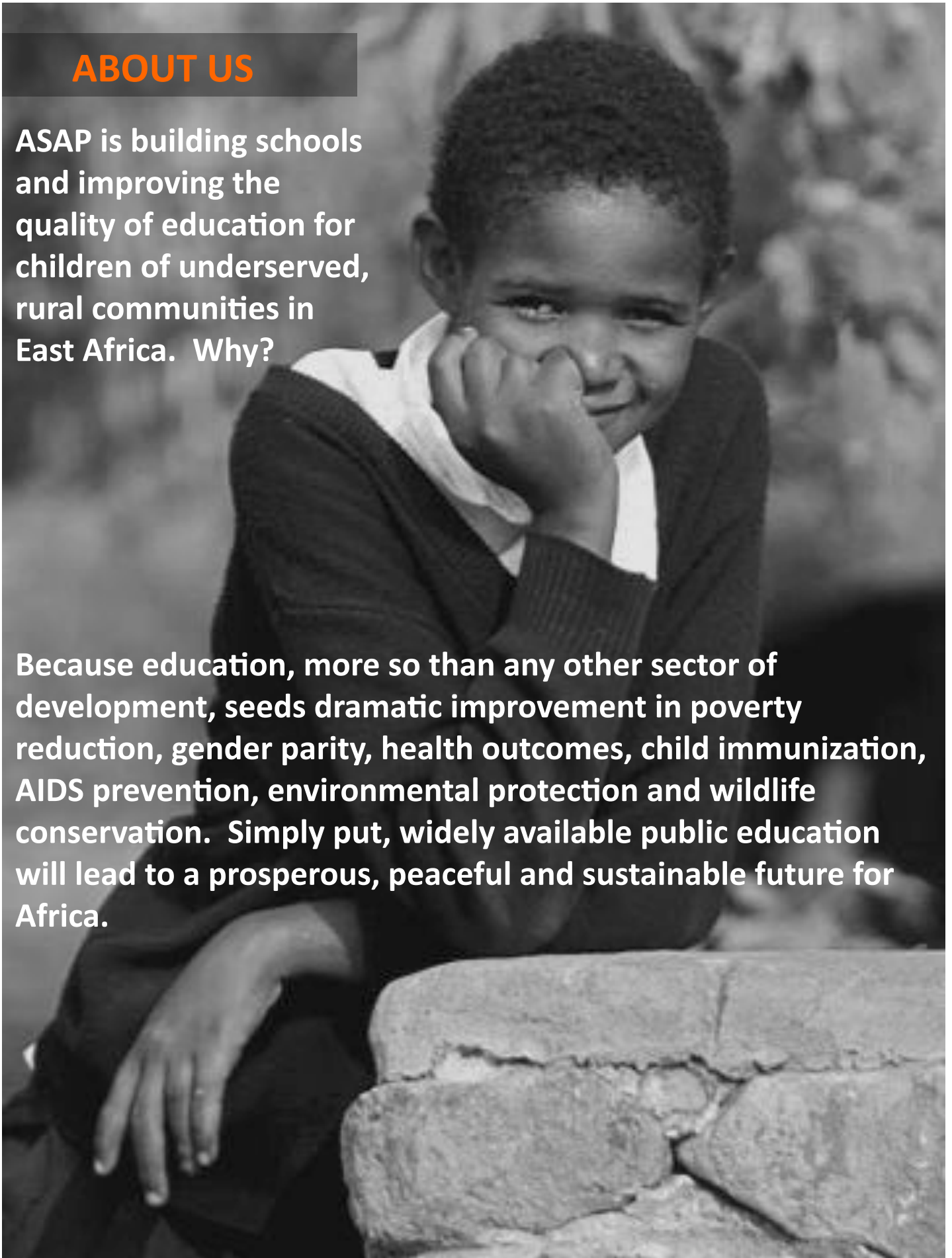
OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

**ANNUAL REPORT:
2014**

ABOUT US

ASAP is building schools and improving the quality of education for children of underserved, rural communities in East Africa. Why?

Because education, more so than any other sector of development, seeds dramatic improvement in poverty reduction, gender parity, health outcomes, child immunization, AIDS prevention, environmental protection and wildlife conservation. Simply put, widely available public education will lead to a prosperous, peaceful and sustainable future for Africa.



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

2014 was a fantastic growth year for ASAP! We expanded to a new region in northern Tanzania, built new school facilities, led our seventh year of volunteer trips and expanded our staff. As a result, over **1,500 students** in rural Tanzania now have schools and **48 girls per year** have a safe place in which to live and study!

Our newest projects, **Chole Primary School** and **The Nathan Yip Dormitory for Girls at Idetemya Secondary School** are stunning new additions to the growing list of schools and school facilities built by ASAP since our founding in 2008. And, the dormitory will serve as the heart of our three-year pilot project -- **The Kupanda Project For Girls** – to prove that comprehensive support for girls in rural communities will increase their secondary school graduation rates to 80% or higher. We are excited to launch this pilot in 2015 and look forward to reporting next year on its early success.

Our 2014 ASAP volunteers were a dedicated and fun-seeking bunch who contributed time and treasure to ensure that the children of Idetemya Ward have access to school. All together, we have led over **130 volunteers** to Africa to work “bega kwa bega” (shoulder to shoulder) with the community members we serve.

In 2014 ASAP also created powerful new partnerships with **The Clinton Global Initiative**, **The Brookings Institute CHARGE for Girls**, and **Gucci’s Chime For Change Initiative**.

None of this would have been possible without our supporters and partners. Each of you has been integral to our success and I thank you on behalf of the ASAP Board of Directors, Zach Swett (ASAP’s talented Project Director) and the rest of the ASAP team! Special thanks to:

- **The Nathan Yip Foundation** for their belief that a girls’ dormitory can create a brighter future for hundreds of girls, their families and their communities;
- **Sun Partners International** for providing solar electricity to our schools;
- **Venture Architecture** for design of the beautiful Nathan Yip Dormitory for Girls;
- **University of Colorado, Denver** for the design and construction of our new website and logo (coming soon!), and;
- **The Fulcrum Foundation, The Records-Johnston Family Foundation, Pete and Dee Boukouzis, The Dolan Family Fund and the RCF Foundation** for trusting ASAP to steward their philanthropic resources for the purpose of expanding access to education in rural Tanzanian communities.

I am deeply proud of all we accomplished last year, and I am excited about what we will accomplish in 2015. I hope you will continue to support our work, volunteer with us in Africa and help spread the word about how education for all will lead to a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world for all of us.



Susan Bachar
Executive Director



2014 PROJECTS

CHOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Six years ago, the village of Chole was created in a rural community on the banks of Lake Victoria. The community struggled to construct a primary school but only had the resources to partially construct four classrooms.

In November 2013 ASAP met with community leaders and formed a strong partnership to help build their school. In 2014 with the help of a generous family from the U.S. the school was constructed and is now serving the 450 children of Chole!



IDETEMYA SECONDARY SCHOOL

This beautiful compound is Phase One of the Nathan Yip Dormitory for Girls that will ultimately serve 144 girls. The dorm provides the girls support to thrive in school, including a safe place to live free

from assault or early pregnancy, clean drinking water & nutritious meals, sanitation, computers and solar electricity. Built to honor the life of Nathan Yip from Denver CO, the dorm will serve as the hub for The Kupanda Project (see below).



THE KUPANDA PROJECT

In 2014 ASAP designed The Kupanda Project, a unique and replicable model to increase girls' secondary school graduation rates in East Africa. Initially, the project will target 144 girls

in rural Tanzania and seek to increase their graduation rates to at least 80% by the end of 2017. Once this program illustrates success, ASAP will replicate it throughout Tanzania and other East African nations.



The Kupanda Project: What a Girl Needs to Succeed in School

Girls in East Africa face significant hardships that prevent them from accessing and completing secondary school. In some countries, the graduation rate is a deplorable 5%. However, no other initiative in Africa is comparable to girls' education for promoting prosperity and improved health outcomes. The Kupanda Project is a replicable model that comprehensively supports the whole girl so she can succeed in school.



Quality schools

developed in partnership with local communities



School-based initiatives

to improve learning outcomes, including teacher training, textbooks, computers/computer training, science labs and tutoring.



A Girl's leadership program

to inspire girls and teach life skills, motivating young African women to believe their presence and abilities can ignite change in their communities.



School dormitories

to provide girls a safe haven in which to live and study.



Electricity

in the dorms to study after dark and utilize computers.



Access to toilets and showers for personal hygiene

including a program that allows girls to stay in school throughout their monthly menstruation cycle.



Healthy food and clean drinking water

to improve the girls' health.



PAST PROJECTS

MBASSENY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mbasseny was the first focus of American volunteers who traveled to Tanzania to build a school in the summer of 2008. The village had a one room schoolhouse in very poor condition. With no glass on the windows and no desks, the children were forced to sit on dirt floors that turned to mud in the rainy season. The roof leaked and teaching conditions were difficult. Still, the children were desperate for an education and many stood outside the building in hopes of someday making it inside the school. Today, after six years of ASAP project assistance, the Mbaaseny Primary School has seven classrooms with windows, desks, teacher housing, toilets, a kitchen, playing grounds and over 450+ students. For the last three consecutive years 100% of the standard seven class has passed the national exam and continued on to secondary school.



KIRENGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kirenga Primary School was a little one room school only three kilometers from the village of King'ori, the main market town of the district. It was in a similar condition to most Tanzanian community schools—those built by villagers who have an income of less than \$1 per day per family. In 2009, ASAP decided the school was extremely worthy of assistance. Over the course of four years, ASAP helped construct a four classroom school building (complete with glass windows, desks and books), then a second building with three more classrooms, a soccer field, a kitchen with a fuel-efficient stove, a toilet building, a rain-water capture system/cistern for clean drinking water and an outdoor classroom with a gazebo (to provide additional learning space when the weather is dry).



MIRIRINI SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Miririni Secondary School is located in the Momela Lakes region of the Leguruki ward. The school's first two classrooms were built entirely by the Miririni villagers in order to provide their children with a secondary education which was not accessible before 2008. After the village completed the first two classrooms, ASAP stepped in to help the school construct two more in 2009. In 2012 ASAP completed two additional classrooms, giving the school a total of six. The long term plan for the school includes the development of six more classrooms and a dormitory for girls. This safe-haven would give girls a protected environment to complete their secondary school education and a chance at a better life.



VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer experience was powerful for all who attended in 2014, but Sarah Lutz (East High, '16) put it especially well: *"After traveling, you won't be completely at home again. Part of your heart will always be left behind, but that's the price you pay for loving people in more than one place."*

In 2014 ASAP volunteers ventured to Tanzania to help build two community schools in a rural area outside the city of Mwanza. The volunteer groups made up of 16 high school students, two families and our solar partners, Sun Partners International, came together to lend a hand in the construction of a primary school in the village of Chole where the community previously had no school for their children. They also helped expand and enhance the Idetemya Secondary School through the construction of a dormitory for 48 girls. At the end of each work day the volunteers enjoyed camping along the shores of beautiful Lake Victoria, playing soccer with local children and enjoying local food and conversation around the campfire.

NEW ADDITIONS

We are thrilled to announce two additions to our staff!

Regional Project Coordinator: Jackson Nzemya joined ASAP in May, 2014 as Assistant to the Project Director and was a valuable addition to our team in Africa. Going forward, Jackson will continue with ASAP as Regional Project Coordinator for the Mwanza-based projects.

Special Projects Coordinator: Dee Boukouzis joined ASAP with 25+ years experience empowering girls/women through event planning, program development and outcome research.

2014 Partnerships:

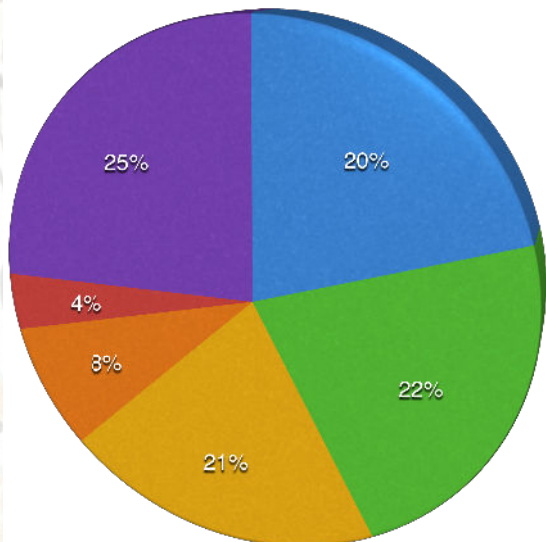
- *Nathan Yip Foundation (Denver)* funded Phase One of the girl's dormitory and we have named the dorm the Nathan Yip Dormitory for Girls in their honor.
- *Sun Partners International (Kansas City)* partnered with ASAP to bring solar power to the girl's dormitory.
- *Venture Architecture (Denver)* designed the beautiful girl's dormitory that far exceeds local standards.
- *Clinton Global Initiative (New York)* invited us to join and supports our commitment to increase girls' secondary school graduation rates in East Africa.

We thank all of our partners and supporters and look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2015!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sources of Income

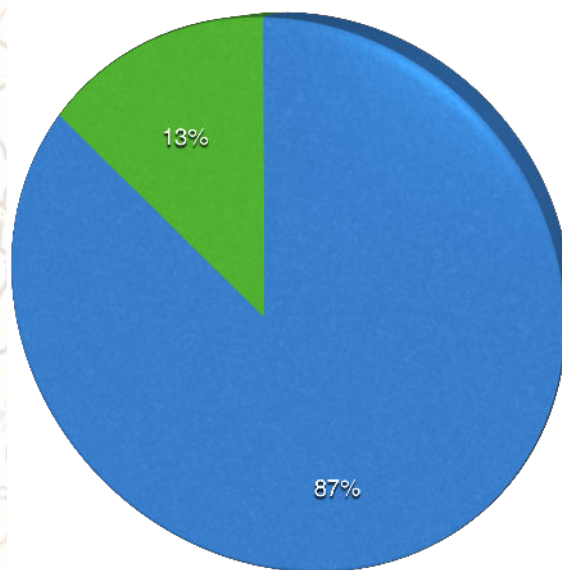
- Individual Donations
- Volunteer Revenue
- In-Kind Donations
- Grants
- Board Donations & Fundraisers
- Cash (as of 7/1/13)



Total Income: \$577,018

Allocation of Funds

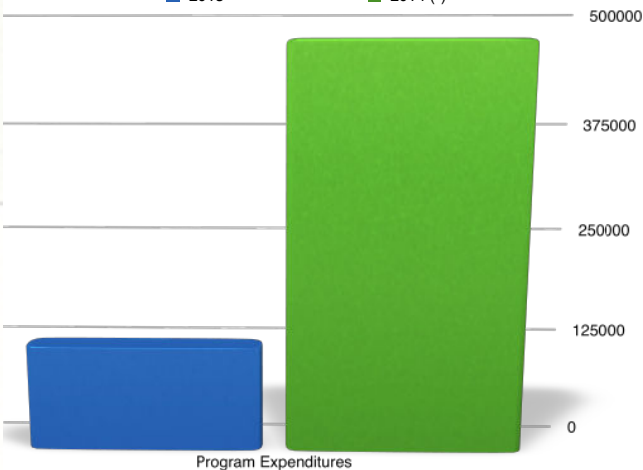
- Programs and Projects
- Administrative



Total Expenditures: \$543,900

Programmatic Growth

- 2013
- 2014 (*)



***ASAP's last complete budget cycle was comprised of 18 months because the organization made the decision last year to shift from a July 1 - June 30 fiscal cycle to a calendar fiscal cycle beginning with January 1, 2015. As a result, we combined the 12 month budget for July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 with a 6 month "stub" budget from July 1, 2014 - December 2014. The result is an operating budget that spans July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014.**

WHO WE ARE

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