



Summer 2015 Newsletter

Who We Are

By Stephanie Burniston

A whole new Board made it necessary to have a hard look at how we do things at positively AFRICA. On May 2nd, 2015, the Board held a Strategic Planning Meeting, which was a great opportunity to redefine our priorities and to help move the direction of the organization. positively AFRICA's mission remains *to build partnerships to enable those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa to live with hope and dignity.*



The main objectives set out for the organization include strengthening board capacity and diversity, strengthening project monitoring, developing a succession and transition plan for Peggy, improving project capacity and sustainability, and developing a recruitment strategy to increase the number of volunteers and foster an active fundraising committee.

Key strengths of positively AFRICA identified at the meeting:

- Reputation in community
- Long term sustainability of self-directed, grass roots projects
- Long term sustainability of PA
- Dedicated volunteers and evolving organizational structure
- Embrace partnerships here and abroad

Key challenges identified:

- Capacity and Diversity of the board
- Capacity of volunteers
- Project Monitoring- accountability, communication
- Fundraising
- Nature of Projects and Partnerships

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Meet our new Board Member, Robert Imbalabala Kheyi

We have been very fortunate to find an experienced Kenyan to help us with monitoring the progress of our African partnered projects.

Robert was introduced to positively AFRICA through a Canadian friend who met Robert and the Kibera Youth Group at an International Climate Change conference. positively AFRICA partnered with that group to carry out a nutritional program for women on HIV medication, but without financial resources to purchase food. The community was noticing that HIV meds were not tolerated on an empty stomach and, in fact, people were dying while taking the life saving medicines if they could not access nutritious food. This led to discussions regarding a pilot project. How we wish that funds were available to continue to make these contributions to community well-being.

Robert gave us a full report regarding his wealth of experiences which we have posted [here: http://www.positivelyafrica.org/robertK.htm](http://www.positivelyafrica.org/robertK.htm).

Here are a couple of highlights from Robert's resume.

His Kibera community youth program installed solar systems on Senator Barrack Obama primary & secondary school and the homestead of the grandmother of President Barrack Obama.

He is a mature, intelligent, highly motivated team player, knowledgeable regarding current affairs and social dynamics. Robert understands working to deadlines and does this with minimal supervision and, thank goodness, he has a knack for field assignments.

He will be a great asset to positively AFRICA's board.

Find Out About Volunteer Opportunities!

positively AFRICA is entirely volunteer-run. New volunteers are always welcome to join our dedicated team to assist with tasks both large and small. For more information, please contact Sabine at sabine@positivelyafrica.org

More ways to give

Used Victoria provides an option for donating proceeds of sales to charitable organizations. positively AFRICA is now on the list.

Please let your friends and family know about this easy way to support our work in Africa.

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