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We use integrated, community-based approaches to address issues related to financial inclusion, reproductive health, climate change, and natural resource management to better meet the needs of rural women and youth

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



CO-FOUNDER & CEO, Evelyn Nassuna

Thank you for making 2018 yet another remarkable year for Shared Action Africa! This year marked four years of service for the organization. Our dedicated staff and volunteers have done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services.

We are proud to be working with a wide range of dedicated caring individuals, supporters, donors and organizations. From our donors to the partners that we collaborate with to serve our program

participants. In 2018, our programs including financial literacy education, business skills development and community development financial services helped to economically empower more than 2000 rural women, youth and refugees in Uganda.

We look forward to expanding our programs to include climate justice and reproductive health for rural women and youth.

Thank you for wholeheartedly being a part of Shared Action Africa.

INCREASING ENERGY COST SAVINGS

Climate Justice & Energy



152 Women owned eateries and refugee households accessed energy efficient Cook stoves through our programs In 2018

Our Climate Justice and Energy program promotes the uptake and use of energy efficient cook-stoves by women owned eateries in public markets with the objective of helping them increase savings on energy costs, while promoting natural resource management, reducing carbon emission from traditional cooking fuels or biomass including firewood and charcoal while reducing indoor pollution. Reducing energy costs complements our economic

development interventions because increasing fuel cost savings, the business women are left with more disposable income that allows them to invest more in their futures. In 2018, we accomplished the following;

Women owned eateries that adopted the eco-stoves that utilize volcanic rocks as cooking fuel experienced reduction in energy costs by over 99%, carbon emission and indoor air pollution.

IMPACT STORY

“As we are rolling out a program on use of energy efficient technologies, I purchased an eco-stove for my cooking needs at home. The aim of this was to ensure that before distributing it to the intended users, it is a good and acceptable product which reduces on bio-mass energy. Previously, I was using a traditional stove for cooking which necessitated me to buy charcoal every month worth \$30.55.

With the cook-stove however, my monthly expenses on fuel reduced to

\$2.8 thus a saving of \$27.75 on energy expenses. This is so because the cook-stove uses volcanic rocks to cook as opposed to charcoal.

With the use of the eco-stove, I have attained an economic benefit through reduced monthly energy expenses and a health benefit too because the stove does not emit toxic smoke since it uses volcanic rocks to cook.”



Priscilla
of Shared Action Africa
using a cookstove at her
home.

MAKING FINANCE WORK FOR WOMEN & YOUTH

Rural Financial Inclusion

1234 Women and youth Mobilized savings, and received credit, financial literacy education, business skills development, in 2018

Our Rural Financial Inclusion program focuses on increasing access to community development financial services for rural women and youth through savings aggregation, mobile money technology, financial literacy education and business skills development aimed to boost the rural economy.

In 2018, we accomplished the following. We provided technical assistance and training in financial literacy, business skills development and savings groups formation for rural women and youth in Masaka district and refugee women and youth in Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Isingiro district in Uganda.



IMPACT STORY

Tarehe Mbutho SACCO is the only community development financial institution providing informal financial services to refugees in Nakivale Refugee Settlement. Currently, it has 185 members, but with potential to grow into a sustainable financial institution capable of meeting the financial needs of refugees in Nakivale Settlement. It is for this reason that Shared Action Africa, through its Shared Action Fund provided Tarehe Mbutho a grant of \$500 in form of energy efficient cookstoves to bolster the loan fund so that women refugees belonging to Nakivale Tailoring Association can access credit and capitalize their sewing

business. As part of organisational training, SAA provided leadership and financial management training to the leaders of the SACCO. In addition, members of Nakivale Tailoring Association and Tarehe Mbutho SACCO received training on how to select, plan and manage profitable income generating activities (IGAs).

“Growing our capital base improves confidence of our members, and encourages more refugees to join the SACCO to save and access small loans to enable them start small businesses.”

**Olga Kahindo, Accounts Manager
Tarehe Mbutho SACCO**



Members of Nakivale Tailoring Organization and Tarehe Mbutho SACCO in Nakivale Refugee Settlement receive business skills training

PROMOTING YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Financial & Business Training



615 Rural youth and refugees formed savings and lending groups and trained financial literacy and business skills 2018

Our financial literacy education and business skills development program aims providing rural youth with basic skills in making financial goal, developing a budget and savings plan and record keeping. In addition, the rural youth are trained on how to identify, plan and manage income generating activities that can thrive in a rural setting as well as how to manage the same efficiently to generate revenue.

In 2018, we accomplished the following, We trained and mobilized 352 youth to form 11 savings groups in Jinja and Busembatia districts. .

We trained 63 refugee youth on how to identify, and plan income generating activities in Nakivale refugee Settlement.

IMPACT STORY

In Nakivale Refugee Settlement, 30 refugee youth that possessed basic English speaking and writing skills were identified and trained how to deliver the financial literacy curriculum. The training aimed to skip the young trainers with some basic knowledge on how to develop financial goals, a budget and savings plans as well as simple business record keeping. With the knowledge provided, the trainees are expected to provide similar training to their fellow youth through their organization called Nakivale Rotaract Club.

“The training helped understand why its important to make financial plan because as a refugee I barely have enough money to meet my daily expenses, and therefore it is important that I prioritize daily expenses by ranking them in importance”
President, Nakivale Rotaract Club

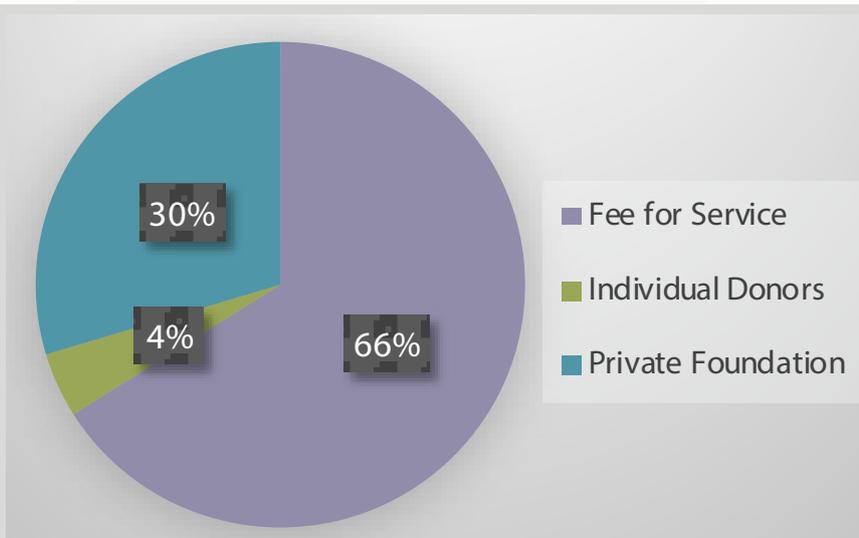


2018 FINANCIALS

Revenue	Amount
Fee for Service	\$76,199
Individual Donors	\$5,000
Private Foundations	\$34,194

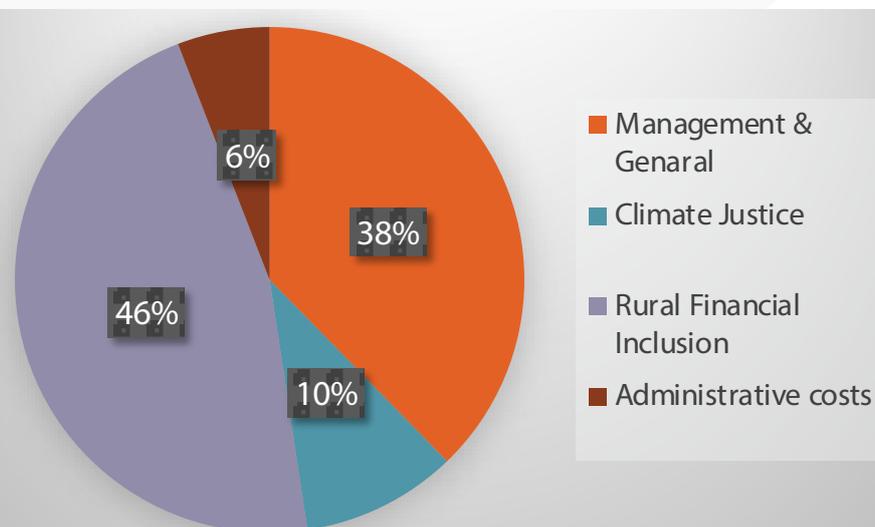
SAA earned \$76,199 from consulting, \$34,194 from private foundations, and \$5,000 from individual donors. The audit was conducted by an independent certified firm, and our financial report revealed that we failed to meet our fundraising goals for FY2017/18

Revenues



Expenses	Amount
Management and General	\$38,122
Climate Justice and Energy	\$9,992
Rural Financial Inclusion	\$49,984
Adminstration	\$5,920

Expenses



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We are grateful to all our donors for enabling us innovate in our programming and meet the needs of the communities we serve. Thank you One World Children's Fund, West Foundation, and our individual donors for supporting for supporting our mission 2018.

Likewise, we thank all our supporters for making all our amazing achievements possible this year.

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 **Shared Action Africa (Uganda)**

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- Volunteer with the Youth Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development Program
- Volunteer with the Women Business Development and Mentoring Program

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