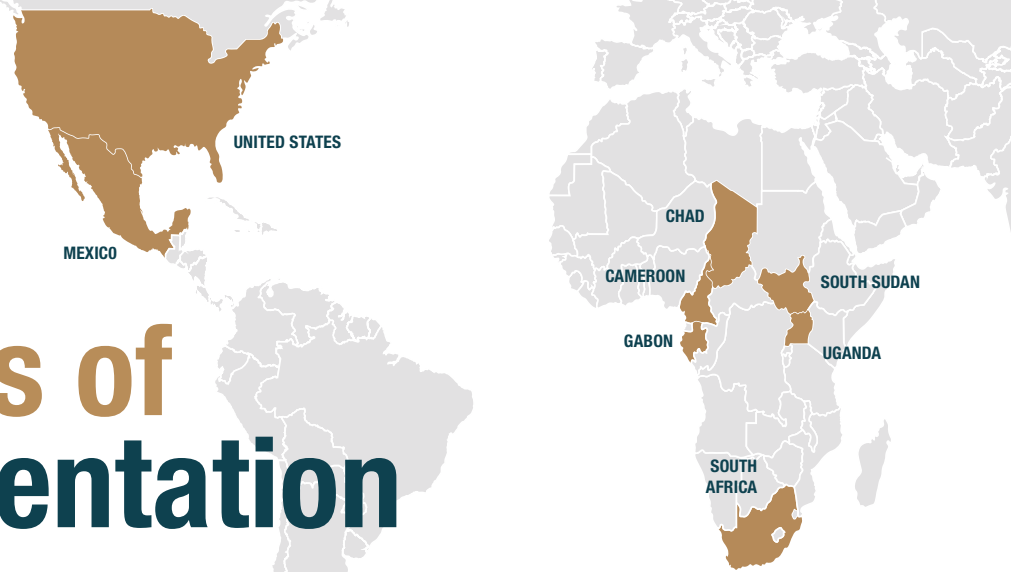


10 years of implementation



WPDI is a non-governmental organization with an international scope and reach, **founded by artist, social activist and UNESCO Special Envoy for Peace, Forest Whitaker, in 2012.**

We develop and implement programs **promoting sustainable peace and development** in countries and sub-regions affected by conflict and poverty.

We build the capacity for resilience of young men and women by empowering them **to become peacemakers, trainers, leaders and entrepreneurs in their communities.**

Once trapped in cycles of poverty, marginalization, and violence they then become actors for change who can support their communities in facing shocks and catastrophes in an autonomous and sustainable way.

2012
First program initiated in **Uganda** with **30 youths**

2021

From 1 to **14 places** of operation

From 2 to **25 partners**

1.4 million beneficiaries since 2012
+ 4 million people reached through radio campaigns and talk shows



THE BIGGER PICTURE

Every day, the grassroots work of our teams and volunteers contribute to our greater goals of:

Empowering **youths as changemakers**

Fostering **gender equality**

Bringing **quality education** to those left behind

Promoting peace as a responsibility shared by all

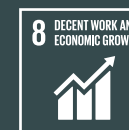
Improving livelihoods for underprivileged people

Addressing the **global refugee crisis**

Improving **access to Information and Communications Technology**

Helping communities **respond to Covid-19**

12 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARE PURSUED BY WPDI PROGRAMS



PRIORITY GROUPS

Women & Youth



*We empower people living in vulnerable and fragile areas to become our partners in helping their communities **transform** into more secure, productive and sustainable places.*

10 years of achievements



121
schools hosting our
Peace Education
program

71,700 pupils
& students trained

200,000
direct participants
in activities &
training in our CLCs



265
businesses
are currently supported

44%
of our beneficiaries
are women



14 Community
Learning Centers

28,000

participants
in our community
dialogues

2,193

community leaders
trained in mediation
& peacebuilding

1.4 million

people reached
directly by WPDI
activities & campaigns

3,975,000

light touched
beneficiaries from
radio talk shows

A Model Based on Youth & Women Partnership & Leadership

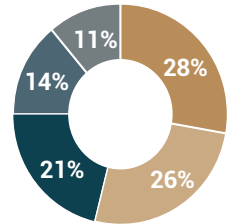
We empower young people and women participating in our programs with a wide array of tools to **engineer peace** as citizens and to create economic opportunities for themselves and their communities.

THROUGH OUR SDG-GEARED PROGRAMS, WE:

- **Train, mentor, and support a new generation of peacebuilders and entrepreneurs**, including youths living in conflict-affected areas, refugees, former child soldiers, and vulnerable women, among others;
- **Provide free access to knowledge, skills, and connectivity** in remote and underserved areas through a network of Community Learning Centers (CLCs), where community members can enroll in Citizenship Education courses in Conflict Resolution, Mediation, and Human Rights as well as vocational trainings in Business & Entrepreneurship, Arts & Crafts, and Information & Communications Technology;
- **Offer free online educational and vocational resources** to a wide array of trainees, including children, teachers, and professionals;
- **Incubate local small businesses**, providing youths and vulnerable people with funds and backstopping support through our Business Bootcamp program;
- **Conduct Community Dialogues to help mediate conflicts among ethnic or armed groups** and to raise awareness amongst local citizens about key issues pertaining to peace and human rights in their daily environments;
- **Foster a culture of peace in primary and middle schools** through programs focusing on conflict resolution education, peer mediation, and restorative justice, which aim to mobilize both students and teachers;
- **Provide healthcare services** related to trauma healing and awareness as well as Sexual and Reproductive Health;
- **Promote peace through sports and cinema.**

In our 2021 survey, 97% of the 200+ local stakeholders who responded said that WPDI programs had a positive or very positive impact on the community

Feedback from our trainees* 6 months after their time with us



28%
of former trainees
are pursuing
further studies,
outside WPDI

21%
of former
trainees saw
their income
increase

26%
of former trainees
created a business

14%
of former trainees
found a job

(11% of former trainees replied "None of the above")
*2,000+ former trainees

99%
of our trainees say
that the training
changed their life

OUR MAIN PARTNERS



In their own words



SOUTH SUDAN

Magdalena Nandegé Lokoro

Magdalena Nandegé Lokoro was born in 1994, in South Sudan. She comes from a village of agro-pastoralists in the Kapoeta state.

“I graduated in 2019 from the Torit Health Science Institute, and I am now a qualified registered midwife. I chose this career because I believe it is important to take care of women. Being a peacemaker gives me the confidence to engage others with courage and openness and work with them to build peaceful coexistence.”



UGANDA

Emad Rajab

Emad Rajab Said fled the war in South Sudan and found refuge in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement, where he joined WPDI at the age of 20. Since then, he has become one of our best Youth Peacemakers.

“Since I became a youth peace advocate, my life has never been the same. I have always dreamed of spreading peace to my community so that we can have a peaceful community. Today I train and teach peace in schools, in the community and even in the media. I feel confident whenever addressing people locally or in international forums. I have learned how to care for others and help every person without discrimination.”



MEXICO

Víctor Sántiz

Víctor Sántiz is a Youth Peacemaker from San Cristóbal de Las Casas. In 2014 he registered for a training program with WPDI in Chiapas.

“This experience marked a new path for me on social action. My transformation as a young peacemaker with WPDI has impacted many people beyond me. With my work, I have reached more than 900 people. The projects I work on improve their nutrition and food security, and guarantee a fair and sufficient income. I recognize the great potential of this initiative and now I seek to replicate the education I received by promoting the construction of a brand new Community Learning Center that will impact the lives of more than 120 youths in Mitontic.”



SOUTH AFRICA

Khadija Mayman

Khadija Mayman joined WPDI in 2019 when she was 23 years old. She started as a Youth Peacemaker, and in 2021 she joined the staff team as a Conflict Resolution trainer.

“In September of 2021, I was employed by WPDI as a Conflict Resolution Trainer and it has been one of my greatest achievements. I am grateful that I get to work in a space that allows me to learn, grow and strengthen my ability to be an effective trainer. I'm able to learn from the rest of the team every day. But I also get to positively contribute to my community through my trainings.”



UNITED STATES

Santino

Santino was an 8th grade student at Ball Jr. High School when WPDI first began its partnership with the school. He was an active member and participant of WPDI's peer mediation program.

“My name is Santino and I am a peer mediator. A peer mediator is a person that is able to work well with others to resolve a conflict between two or more people. One of the best parts of being a peer mediator is that you will get to work with another peer mediator, and together build each other up as even stronger mediators.”

From local stakeholders

“WPDI is doing very commendable work which is positively impacting the lives of our community members, especially youths.”

Body Michael,
Commissioner of Maridi County,
Western Equatoria State of South Sudan

In 2017, right before our Youth Peacemakers started working in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement, the Office of the Prime Minister would record three to five weekly incidents of violence among tribes residing in the settlement. However, they have recorded only three incidents since January 2018.

“This is amazing news for the communities living within and around the settlement. This means that a foundation of lasting peace is being laid. Building upon this foundation, the businesses that we have started incubating will contribute to making those communities resilient and hopeful for the present and the future.”

Feedback recorded by WPDI field staff
from the Office of
the Prime Minister of Uganda

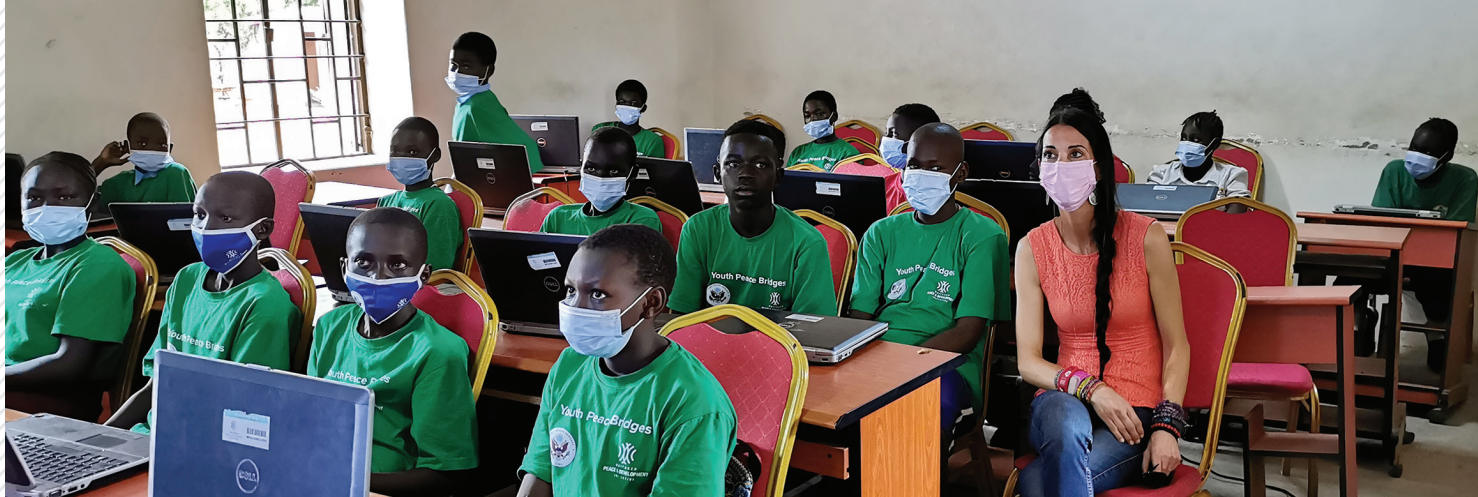
“Thank you for providing free computer training to the persons with disabilities and those seeking employment in our community”

Fierosa van Rooi,
Community Development Practitioner,
Association for the Physically Disabled,
Cape Town, South Africa

What's next?

With over **800,000 people** reached in the last five years alone and more than **1.4 million people** since 2012, we have been able to help dozens of communities on their path to peace, by mobilizing children, youth and women as stakeholders who are both native to their communities and nonetheless open to new perspectives and ideas.

Taking lessons from these achievements and maintaining our drive for **innovation and transformation**, our ambition for the coming decade is to reach over **3 million people** directly across **Africa, the Americas and Europe**, building on our experience and opening new avenues for our activities.



Our ambition for the next decade



3 million
direct beneficiaries
+ **8 million** people reached
through radio campaigns
and talk shows



1.3 million
children, youths and teachers
reached through
the Peace Education in school
program in **3,260** primary
& secondary schools



260,000
people to participate
in activities
and vocational trainings
in our **25** Community
Learning Centers



1 million
people reached through
conflict mediation
and advocacy campaigns



12,000
Youth Peacemakers
trained as mediators,
entrepreneurs, trainers and
community organizers



3,140
businesses generating benefits
for around **420,000** people

