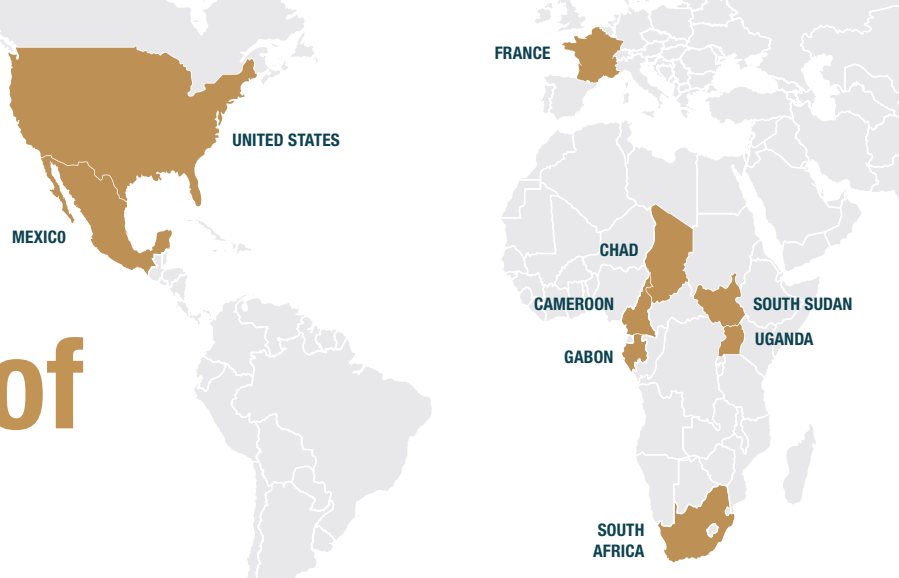


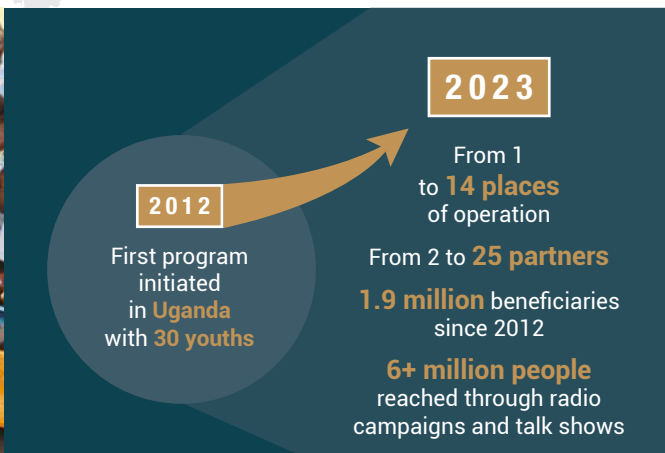
# 12 years of action



WPDl 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.

Providing skills, connectivity and project support, we **nurture the capacity for resilience** of youths, women and community members at large by empowering them to **become peacemakers, trainers, leaders and entrepreneurs** in their own contexts.



## THE BIGGER PICTURE

Every day, the work of our teams and volunteers at the grassroots level contributes to our wider objectives:

- 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**
- Providing **trauma healing** resources and support

## 12 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARE PURSUED BY WPDl PROGRAMS



## PRIORITY GROUPS

### Women & Youth



*Our aim is for our beneficiaries to take on the role of transformative leaders, serving as our partners for positive change at the grassroots level, and thereby turning their communities into more secure, productive, and sustainable places.*

# 12 years of achievements



**331**  
schools hosting our  
Peace Education  
program

**138,000** pupils  
& students trained

**370,000**  
participants in  
CLC activities &  
vocational training



**742**  
businesses  
are currently supported



**107,000**  
health & wellbeing  
beneficiaries

**11,000**  
sports  
players



**16** Community  
Learning Centers

**63,000**  
participants  
in our community  
dialogues



**5,840**  
community leaders  
trained in mediation  
& peacebuilding



**50%**  
of our beneficiaries  
are women

**1.9 million**  
people reached  
directly by WPDI  
activities & campaigns



**6 million**  
audience members  
from radio talk shows

## A Model Based on Youth & Women Partnership & Leadership

Our approach is rooted in the belief that the best strategy to assist communities enduring prolonged conflict, poverty, and fragility is to help them help themselves, empowering them to improve their capacity for peace, sustainability, and resilience.

### VECTORS OF CHANGE

- We create networks of **Youth Peacemakers** whom we train and support to lead change in the areas where we operate. Initiating educational, entrepreneurial, and cultural projects on the ground, they serve as transformative insiders.
- Our **Community Learning Centers**, established in underserved areas, provide access to resources such as knowledge, employability skills, connectivity, and startup capital grants, empowering individuals to drive change in their communities.

### FOUR PILLARS OF ACTION

#### • PEACEBUILDING •

Our peacebuilding approach focuses on empowering grassroots initiatives and involving local communities. We mediate conflicts, promote peace values, and teach conflict resolution skills to community members, including leaders, students, and teachers, fostering a partnership with beneficiaries to promote peace in their communities.

#### • HEALTH & WELLBEING •

In areas plagued by chronic violence and poverty, individuals experience trauma and psychosocial distress. Our healthcare programs provide trauma healing services and address issues such as sexual and reproductive health. We also raise awareness about the significance of these issues for individual wellbeing and community resilience.

#### • LIVELIHOOD •

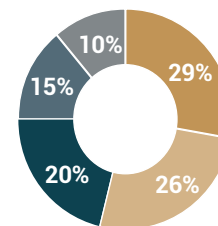
Our mission prioritizes fostering economic resilience and independence through vocational training, startup grants, and incubation services. These initiatives not only benefit individuals directly by creating job opportunities and supporting businesses but also contribute to the overall prosperity and vibrancy of their communities.

#### • SPORTS •

Sporting activities provide avenues for initiating dialogue, fostering acceptance, and resolving conflicts. Our Peace Through Sports program connects children, youth, and communities, instilling values of mutual respect, inclusion, and fair play. This initiative aims to integrate a culture of peace into the daily lives of individuals and communities.

97% of the 200+ local stakeholders who responded to our survey 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



29% of former trainees created a business

26% of former trainees are pursuing further studies

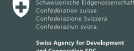
20% of former trainees saw their income increase

15% of former trainees found a job

(10% of former trainees replied "None of the above")  
\*2,500+ former trainees

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

### OUR MAIN PARTNERS



# In their own words



**SOUTH SUDAN**

## Magdalena Nandege Lokoro

Magdalena Nandege 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 at 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 people 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 1.9 million people reached 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 goal 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.



## 2022-2031: Ten years to bolster change at the grassroots



**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

