



THE ADVOCACY PROJECT

SUPPORTING ADVOCATES FOR PEACE

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PEOPLE POWER

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STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY-
BASED ADVOCACY



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The Advocacy Project strengthens community-based advocacy

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Identities have been changed where appropriate.*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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In Praise of Diversity

Everywhere you look, it seems, diversity is being criticized. Here at The Advocacy Project we see diversity as the glue behind international cooperation and service.

Take our fellowship program, Fellows for Peace. Since 2003 we have deployed 305 graduate students to volunteer with marginalized communities around the world. In 2018 we crunched some numbers and found that they had represented 47 different nationalities.

This has produced some memorable pairings as in 2011, when Maelanny from Indonesia (studying at Oslo University) served in Nepal as a Fellow alongside Chantal (American University), a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. Chantal is one of four past Fellows who found refuge in the US and showed their gratitude by going out to do good work as a Peace Fellow. Danita (2008) escaped from Srebrenica during the Bosnian war and settled in St Louis. After working for AP with the blind in Bangladesh (2008), Danita stayed on to work with the Rohingya refugees. Commitment like this is truly inspiring.

Our 2018 Fellows upheld this fine tradition. They came from six countries - the US, Kenya, Brazil, Netherlands, France and Germany. Like others before them, they brought a rich mixture of skills to their work and opened our eyes to different approaches. In the process they came to know and respect other cultures. We hope the experience stays with them forever.

IAIN GUEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 SNAPSHOT

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STAKEHOLDERS

14 marginalized communities and their advocates

PARTNERHIPS, PROGRAMS

14 programs and startups

OUTREACH

18 quilt exhibitions/events in five countries

FUNDRAISING

\$124,535.37 raised for partners

IT AND TECH SUPPORT

9 “accidental techies” at partner organizations trained, 2 partner websites produced, 2 sites updated

PEACE FELLOWS

10 Peace Fellows from 5 universities deployed to 6 countries

STORYTELLING

AP produced:



17 News bulletins,
21,027 reads



88 Blogs



1,229 Photos,
120,000+ views



524,764 Website
visits

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



55 individuals
volunteered or
worked for AP

THE CHALLENGE OF MARGINALIZATION

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IN 2018, AP WORKED FOR 14 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Victims of *chhaupadi* in Nepal (box); Children at work in brick kilns of Nepal; Women with prolapse in Nepal; Families damaged by Agent Orange in Vietnam; Families of the disappeared in Nepal; Students with disability in Uganda; Children of warring pastoralists in Kenya; Women refugees in Jordan; Girls at risk from child marriage in Zimbabwe; Liberated domestic slaves in Nepal; Survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) in Mali; Refugees from Syria in Greece; Palestinian youth in Nablus; Schoolgirls at risk from GBV in Nigeria.

THE THREAT TO WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM MENSTRUAL BANISHMENT

Women and girls in western Nepal like Chalise, 15, are separated from their families and forced to live in an animal shed while they menstruate. The practice, known as *chhaupadi*, is deeply embedded in village superstition. Most girls detest their banishment but are afraid to challenge their families. AP's partner in Nepal, **the Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development (CAED)**, believes the answer lies in empowering and educating girls. For more see page 13.

FOR MORE ON CHHAUPADI READ OUR BLOGS AND BULLETINS:

- Caroline Armstrong-Hall (2018)

The Fletcher School of Law and
Diplomacy at Tufts University

- Dorothy Kahn (2016)

New York University

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCATES

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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY

Constance Mugari, center, founded **Women Advocacy Project (WAP)** to counter early marriage. Helped by Peace Fellow Alex Kotowski (foreground left) Constance surveyed 136 girls in Harare and developed a startup to train girl "ambassadors" against child marriage.

"Peace fellowships are a powerful program. Thank you for sending Alex. We appreciate it as a capacity-building pact."
- Constance Mugari, WAP



CAPACITY BUILDING

AP offers six services to partners: startup development; story-telling; fundraising; IT; strategic planning; and international outreach. Partners choose from the toolkit, depending on their needs.

2018 PARTNERS

CONCERN, Nepal; Care Women Nepal; The Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Vietnam; The National Network of Families of the Disappeared, Nepal; The Gulu Disabled Persons Union, Uganda; Children Peace Initiative, Kenya; The Collateral Repair Project, Jordan; The Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development, Nepal; Women Advocacy Project, Zimbabwe; Backward Society Education, Nepal; Sini Sanuman, Mali; The Leros Solidarity Network, Greece; The Palestinian House of Friendship, Nablus; Women At Risk International Foundation, Nigeria.

TELLING THE STORY - PRODUCING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION

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17

news bulletins



21,027

opens



20%

increase over 2017

2018 BULLETINS

Enrollment Soars at Ugandan Schools After Accessible Toilets Are Installed | December 17, 2018
Advocacy Quilts Promote the Message of Human Rights in Germany | December 10, 2018
Former Enemies Unite Over Cows in Kenya | November 29, 2018
American Women Use Quilts to Support Refugees in Jordan | November 15, 2018
Remembering Nguyen Van Tuan, 23, Victim of Agent Orange | September 14, 2018
Nepali Girls Will Use New Law to Resist Menstrual Banishment | August 17, 2018
Peace Fellows Battle Child Marriage, Menstrual Banishment, and Domestic Slavery | August 10, 2018
Communities and Companionship Boost Rape Survivors in Mali | July 24, 2018
From the AP Blogs – Computers, Cows and Child Labor | July 13, 2018
Accessible Toilets Boost School Enrollment and Inspire Parents in Uganda | July 2, 2018
Residents and Refugees Collaborate on Leros and in Amman | June 19, 2018
From Kenya to the United States to Nepal | June 5, 2018
Ten Amazing Malian Women! | April 9, 2018
Simple Truths on International Women's Day | March 8, 2018
Relatives Refuse to Close the Book on Disappearances in Nepal | March 1, 2018
Students Raise Over \$30,000 for Social Change in Six Countries | February 15, 2018
Menstrual Banishment in Nepal Claims Another Victim | January 11, 2018



BLOGS FROM OUR PEACE FELLOWS

88

403 comments



2,419

Photographs
+120,000 views



12

Videos
+370 views

SOCIAL MEDIA

Click on each icon to view our accounts



196 posts
141 new followers



390 posts
100 new followers



259 posts
56 new followers



WEBSITE

524,764
Views

31% increase over
2017



ADVOCACY QUILTING

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Joyce and Esther, from the Samburu tribe in Kenya, were among scores of women who told their story through embroidery for AP's quilting program in 2018. They are seen here with Monica Kinyua from **CPIK**. In Nepal, wives of the disappeared completed 28 blocks about their lost husbands. In Jordan, refugees used embroidery to describe their harrowing escape from war.



The embroidered blocks are being assembled into advocacy quilts by expert quilters in the US. Bobbi Fitzsimmons in North Carolina used her skills to depict damaged buildings as a background for the Third Middle Eastern Refugee Quilt, which carries disturbing images of women fleeing from war.

Advocacy quilts allow AP to tell the story of partners outside their countries and attract new supporters to their campaigns. AP exhibited quilts at 18 events in five countries in 2018. One of our most ambitious exhibitions featured 16 quilts and was held in the historic church of Stephanienbad in the city of Karlsruhe, Germany. Rebecca and Janosch were among the volunteers who helped to hang the quilts (photo).



Many artists who have made blocks for advocacy quilts are keen to use their embroidery skills to earn money. This will be a priority for AP in 2019.



"It has been a pleasure working with (AP). I find it very heartening working with... people who care about others."

- **Barbara Buhling** a leading member of the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO).

AP teamed up with the **Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)** to produce two quilts from blocks made by refugee women in Jordan. The quilts were sold at an auction for the **Collateral Repair Project (CRP)**, an AP partner in Amman. Therese Hartwell, president of the FAWCO alumnae, exhibited a refugee quilt at several venues in Europe. Therese showed the quilt at the CRP's **Hope Workshop** in Amman to women who had made some of the blocks (photo).



FUNDRAISING FOR PARTNERS

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AP HELPED TO RAISE
\$124,535.37 FOR
PARTNERS IN 2018,
THROUGH DIRECT
AND INDIRECT
FUNDRAISING.



THE POWER OF INDIVIDUAL GIVING

AP depends heavily on generous individuals. We received 661 donations in 2018 and would like to acknowledge in particular benefactors who channelled donations from individuals: the Zonta Club of Washington; The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, in Dublin Ohio; The Jennifer Jessica Cohen Foundation, which supported several Fellows; and the Marin County community fund. 2018 donors are listed at the end of this report.

PEACE FELLOWS AND CROWD-FUNDING

Peace Fellow Chris Markomanolakis (University of Maryland) raised over \$4,000 through crowd-funding for our WASH program in Uganda which is managed by the **Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU)**. Chris also secured funding from Water Charity. This enabled GDPU to install 13 toilets at Awach Central School.

FUNDRAISING IS ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR SERVICES. IN 2018 WE RAISED:

- ... **\$20,039.87** for school toilets in Uganda
- ... **\$43,190.53** for pastoralists in Kenya
- ... **\$3,483.52** for conflict families in Nepal
- ... **\$4,929.84** for Agent Orange families in Vietnam
- ... **\$5,390.60** for refugee women in Jordan
- ... **\$2,365.97** for girls against marriage in Zimbabwe
- ... **\$42,434.24** for survivors of GBV in Mali
- ... **\$2,700.40** for refugees in Leros, Greece



TAKING ACTION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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AP helps partners launch startups that will evolve into larger programs and eventually produce social change. In 2018, we supported four new startups, seven existing startups and three programs. Together they produced benefits for **15,412** individuals and family members.



GREECE

- Training Women Refugees Through Embroidery

JORDAN

- Training Women Refugees in Embroidery

KENYA

- Building Peace Between Pastoralists

MALI

- Building a Community for Survivors of Gender-based Violence (GBV)

PALESTINE

- Encouraging Community Service by Young People

NIGERIA

- Preventing GBV in Nigerian Schools

NEPAL

- Ending Menstrual Banishment
- Liberating Domestic Slaves in Nepal
- Supporting Family Members of the Disappeared Through Embroidery
- Using Education to Rescue Children from the Brick Factories
- Treating Village Women with Prolapse

UGANDA

- Using Accessible Toilets to Improve the Quality of Education in Uganda

VIETNAM

- Supporting Agent Orange Caregivers

ZIMBABWE

- Empowering Girls to Resist Marriage

Supporting Agent Orange Caregivers in Vietnam



Nguyen Van Tuan, 23 and his mother Pham Thi Do are among the many Vietnamese whose lives have been devastated by Agent Orange, the defoliant sprayed over Vietnam during the war. Concerned that aid money has gone largely to cleaning up pollution caused by Agent Orange, AP supports a startup to ease the burden on ageing caregivers like Pham Thi Do, who struggle to support severely affected children.

AP has raised over \$17,000 for eleven families in Vietnam since 2015. In 2018 we raised \$4,929.84 for three new families, helped by Peace Fellow Marcela de Campos who worked at the Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disability (AEPD) in Quang Binh province.

Our monitoring shows that most beneficiaries have used their grants to buy a cow, and that this has yielded a steady income.

At the same time, the families suffer repeated setbacks. Mrs Do's son Tuan, 23, was a promising craftsman (top photo). We were devastated when he died in November from hemophilia, said to have been triggered by dioxin poisoning.



Ending Menstrual Banishment in Nepal

The two teenagers pictured on this page are pioneers in the fight against *chhaupadi*, the practice which forces women to live in an animal shed during menstruation. Laxmi, 16, center, submitted to *chhaupadi* for 3 years before defying her parents and leaving the shed. Laxmi's mother began to tremble when her daughter entered the house. Her grandmother seemed ready to faint. They only recovered when Laxmi returned to the shed.



Laxmi shows how difficult it will be to persuade older women to support a ban on *chhaupadi*. But many younger victims are ready to revolt and this offers some hope. The Centre for Agro-Ecology and Development (CAED) trains young “peer educators” in the villages to learn “life skills” and explain the risks to families. Manish, 15, pictured below, has even learned how to make re-usable sanitary pads which enable his fellow students to remain at school during menstruation.



Caroline, our 2018 Peace Fellow, strengthened CAED's advocacy by making a new website and by contributing to a shadow report for the United Nations. Helped by Caroline's contribution, two CAED staffers went to Geneva to denounce *chhaupadi* before the UN. In 2019 CAED and AP hope to test out a new law that makes *chhaupadi* illegal.

Liberating Domestic Slaves in Nepal



Sunita Chaudhary was sold by her parents to a rich landowner to repay a loan. She then spent two years as a domestic slave (*kamlari*) before being freed by a grassroots campaign that included Backward Society Education (BASE). Like many freed *kamlaris*, however, Sunita has struggled to find a job and resume her education.

Sunita's story is sadly familiar. The NGO campaign to free *kamlaris* attracted wide support, but there has been less interest in helping the girls to reintegrate back into society (photo). BASE and AP are developing a startup to support the Freed Kamlari Development Forum (FKDF), which was launched by Sunita after her release. The FKDF has over 1,000 members and is determined to end domestic slavery for good.



Michelle Nyaga, a Kenyan national, worked at BASE as a Peace Fellow and proposed that BASE - which represents the Tharu people - would provide technical support to FKDF, while FKDF would work with girls in the villages. This would play to the strengths of both organizations and ensure that any program is led by Nepalis who are directly affected. It would also offer a blueprint to other marginalized groups in Nepal that have mastered advocacy but found it hard to sustain campaigns.

Empowering Girls to Resist Marriage in Zimbabwe

Plaxedes, 18, seen here with her son, dropped out of school and married at 16 after being made pregnant by her boyfriend. One in every three girls in Zimbabwe marries before reaching the age of 18, the minimum legal age. The result can be devastating for the health, safety and education of the girls.



In 2018, AP began a new partnership with the Women Advocacy Project (WAP), founded by Constance Mugari to combat child marriage. A survey of 136 girls identified three drivers of child marriage: a) poverty, b) harmful cultural practices like *kuripa ngozi*, which allows families to marry off a daughter to repay a debt and c) ignorance about reproductive health.

WAP's startup will rely heavily on community contacts. WAP will train “ambassadors” like Yeukai, 18, seen above, who will form girl’s clubs to meet and discuss reproductive health. Constance will intervene with the families of those who seem vulnerable to marriage. The startup will also train girls to make soap, thus giving their families an economic incentive to avoid marriage.

Alex, the first Peace Fellow to serve at WAP, helped launch the startup by raising \$780, producing strong profiles and photos (which attracted over 10,000 views), building a new website and visiting embassies.

Using Accessible Toilets to Improve the Quality of Education in Uganda

Meet one of 991 students at the Awach Central Primary School in Gulu district, Uganda. AP helped the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU) install new toilets and hand-washing stations, seen in the background. Students put on paint to celebrate the official opening. Awach is the third primacy school to have received new toilets from GDPU and AP since 2015.



This startup was launched in 2014 after a survey by GDPU and AP found that the poor state of toilets was hurting enrollment, attendance, hygiene and morale at village schools. Students with a physical disability were at a special disadvantage.

Between 2015 and 2018 we installed accessible toilets at 3 schools - Tochi, Ogul and Awach. Awach was particularly demanding because the latrine had to be drained. Peace Fellow Chris Markomanolakis - a former Peace Corps worker - helped us raise \$20,039.87. By August, GDPU had installed 13 new or refurbished toilet stalls and hand-washing facilities at Awach.

Over 125 parents helped to dig the latrine pit, giving them a stake in the facilities. The District Education Officer agreed to cooperate with GDPU in future WASH projects. GDPU cemented its reputation as an expert in WASH. Our monitoring of the two earlier schools found that enrollment had increased by over a third. In 2019, GDPU will work at the Abaka School, which has 2 toilets for 405 students.



Building Peace Between Pastoralists in Kenya



Malatu, left and Losuke lost cattle and land during years of fighting between the Samburu and Pokot in Kenya. By the time AP Peace Fellow Colleen Denny interviewed them in 2018, Malatu and Losuke had formed a deep friendship after meeting at a peace camp organized by Children Peace Initiative Kenya (CPIK), an AP partner since 2016.

CPIK uses peace camps to build friendships between children and follows up with parents, village leaders and fighters to create ties between the two communities. CPIK will then purchase cows, to be jointly reared by families on both sides. This creates a further deterrent to conflict. In 2018, CPIK distributed 51 heifers to 101 families. The money was raised by Peace Fellows Talley (2017) and Colleen (2018),



CPIK draws credibility from the fact that its founder, Hilary Bukono (photo) comes from one of the 7 tribes in Samburu County which have fought in the cow wars. In 2019, CPIK will start work in five villages in the region of Baragoi which are on the front lines of a long-running conflict between the Samburu and Turcana tribes.

"We are looking forward to receiving another Peace Fellow. If we get someone as vibrant as Talley, that will be cool!"

- Monica Kinyua, Deputy Director CPIK

Training Women Refugees in Embroidery in Jordan

Jowhara taught mathematics in Baghdad and rose to become the school headmistress before being forced to flee the war. She found her way to the Hope Workshop in Jordan, an initiative of the Collateral Repair Project (CRP) which provides services to refugees. Jowhara is one of over 100 women who have produced embroidery for a quilting project supported by AP. One of her blocks features chained hands reaching for freedom (photo).



Three Peace Fellows have raised over \$10,000 for the Hope Workshop. Teresa Perosa, the 2018 Fellow, brought 32 blocks back to the US where they were assembled into three quilts by Bobbi Fitzsimmons and the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO). FAWCO exhibited the quilts in Europe, the US and Jordan before auctioning two of the quilts for \$4,960. The money was invested in the Hope Workshop.

Three years of partnership between AP and CRP has produced important outcomes. In Jordan, CRP was able to professionalize training and hire a manager. The embroidery now sells online. In the US, the refugee quilts have been shown at major universities and inspired debate about the rights of refugees at a time of growing intolerance towards migrants.

"Hope Workshop has grown by leaps and bounds since we first partnered with The Advocacy Project."

- **Amanda Lane**, Director, Collateral Repair Project

Supporting Family Members of the Disappeared in Nepal through Embroidery



Sarita Thapa was eleven in 2001 when her father was taken away by soldiers during the internal conflict in Nepal. Sarita has been searching for him ever since, and has in the process become a formidable advocate for 35 other women who also lost family members. They have formed a cooperative and represent the National Network of Families of the Disappeared (NEFAD), an AP partner, in Bardiya district. Four Peace Fellows have worked at the cooperative since 2016.

AP raised \$3,483.52 for the Bardiya cooperative in 2018. Members have made about 70 embroidered blocks. Half commemorate lost husbands, while the rest feature tigers from a nearby national park. Sarita and her friends are turning the tiger blocks into bags for sale. Under Sarita's leadership the women have become skilled seamstresses.



As it grows in confidence the Bardiya cooperative hopes to be more active in NEFAD's national campaign for transitional justice, which is supported by AP.

Looking to the long-term, AP and NEFAD hope that the cooperative can show the way to families in other countries where disappearances are practiced. Meanwhile in Nepal, their first goal is to sell Tiger bags!

"My big thanks to AP team. Your solidarity gives us strength."

- **Ram Bhandari**, Founder Network of Families of the Disappeared, Nepal.

Using Education to Rescue Children from Brick Factories in Nepal

Kamala, 6, is one of 94 children in Nepal whose parents work in bricks and who have attended school with funding by AP. Kamala is seen receiving her uniform at the start of the school year. Launched in 2015 by CONCERN, the startup sought to rescue children from work in the brick factories by putting them through school. However, some children were still working in 2018.



Between 2015 and 2018 AP raised almost \$23,000 for the startup. In October 2018 we asked Peace Fellow Lara Cerosky to evaluate the results. Lara interviewed 37 children and found that 29 had performed well at school. She also found that local teachers had become more engaged with brick families as a result of CONCERN's advocacy.

However, 18 of the 37 children were continuing to work after school or at the weekend, like Kamala. This was disappointing. It showed that a free education is not on its own enough to end child labor.

AP had hoped to follow up with brick factory owners and with parents. We had also hoped to expose the system of recruiting workers, which is a form of bonded labor. Unfortunately, CONCERN was unable to sustain the startup.



Building a Community for Survivors of Gender-based Violence in Mali



Mariam, pictured left, is one of 772 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) in Mali who have benefited from a program supported by AP since 2013. After Mariam fled from conflict in 2014 she was invited to a training program for GBV survivors run by *Sini Sanuman* (“Healthy Tomorrow”), a partner of AP. After training finished, Mariam used a loan to open a tailoring shop. By 2018, she had hired several survivors and was making a healthy profit.



Sini Sanuman supported 127 beneficiaries in 2017. They produced and sold 17,576 bars of soap (photo), clothing, embroidery, two quilts and 25 camel bags.

The training enabled beneficiaries to enjoy six months of support and friendship, and return home with some money, skills and with their confidence restored.

AP helped to raise \$657,000 for *Sini Sanuman* between 2014 and 2018. In July 2018 we produced an evaluation of the program which was widely shared with embassies and agencies and is available on our website. *Sini Sanuman's* goal for 2019 is to organize trainings directly through women's groups and entrepreneurs like Mariam as well as at its centers, thus reaching more women in need.

Encouraging Community Service by Young People in Palestine

May Abdelhadi launched a program for Girl Scouts in the town of Nablus, scene of many clashes during the Israeli occupation. By 2018 the troupe had grown to 200 scouts, including 20 with a disability. May has organized the girls into an effective volunteer force. In 2018 they helped olive farmers, visited orphanages, cleaned streets and provided food and clothing for the destitute.



May's scout troupe is one of many civic initiatives supported by The Palestinian House of Friendship (PHF), an AP partner. In 2018 PHF organized holiday camps for 390 children; managed a skate park; hosted 30 foreign skateboard trainers; offered English-language training for 70 students; and arranged for 40 students at the Al Najah University to participate in a remote exchange with foreign students.

All of this strengthened civil society in Nablus and offered young people a means to deal with the frustration of occupation.

In the process, PHF also grew as an organization. AP transferred over \$60,000 in donations from PHF's generous supporters in the US and worked remotely with Mohammed Sawaltha, the founder and director of PHF, to develop a 2019 strategic plan, manage funds and produce an annual report. We hope that this will help PHF to set clear goals, report to donors and achieve sustainability.

"I am so grateful to AP. By forcing us to develop a clear plan and budget, you make us more realistic and concentrate on specific areas instead of being more widespread. We also realize how important it is to tell our donors how we use their generous funds."

- **Mohammed Sawaltha**, PHF founder

Training Women Refugees in Embroidery in Greece



AP raised \$2,700 for *Sewing 4 Solidarity*, a voluntary initiative on the Greek Island of Leros which provided training for 30 refugees (including 6 men). The refugees produced 100 bags and 40 zipper pouches which sold for 680 Euros. As well as raising morale, the startup helped to build rapport between the local population and refugees after several violent incidents.

Preventing Gender-based Violence in Nigerian Schools



In 2018, AP raised \$7,224 for Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF). WARIF organized a month of interactive sessions for 107 girls aged 13 and 19 in the Surulere Senior Secondary School. Monitoring later found that sexual activity had fallen by 8%. 42% of the girls reported increased self-esteem, and 34% said they felt more emboldened to speak out.

Treating Village Women with Prolapse in Nepal



Between 2014 and 2018 AP raised over \$40,000 for Care Women Nepal (CWN). This has enabled CWN to screen over 10,000 village women for uterine prolapse at 11 health camps in northeast Nepal. Nineteen women with prolapse were referred for surgery at a Biratnagar hospital in 2018 (photo). A 2018 health camp was postponed after our Peace Fellow Lindsey came down with a ruptured appendix and had to return back to the US. CWN and AP hope to support a 12th camp in 2019 and include training for government health workers.

FELLOWS FOR PEACE

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Recruitment

AP advertised 10 fellowships in 2018 and received 67 applications from 21 universities in 11 countries. We selected 10 students from six universities, seen here at training. From the left: Marcela, Alex, Michelle, Colleen, Teresa, Lindsey, Caroline, Lara, Komal and Chris.



Training

Ash Kosiewicz was one of 14 experts who trained 2018 Peace Fellows over a week at Georgetown University. Ash developed a passion for social media as a Fellow in Peru (2008). He went on to produce podcasts for the UN World Food Program.

With thanks to our 2018 trainers:

FELLOWS
RANKED
PODCASTING,
MONITORING &
EVALUATION AS
THE BEST
TRAININGS

Website - Carson Collier, Georgetown Student
Fundraising - Miranda Cleland, Global Giving
Social Media - Amy Richards, Georgetown University
Podcasting - Ash Kosiewicz, World Food Program
Nonprofit Management - Karin Orr, Johns Hopkins
Blogging - Meg Biram, Blogger
Photography - Seth McIntyre, USAID
Monitoring and Evaluation - Cynthia Boruchowicz, UMD
Working with Women - Sarah Craven, UNFPA
Profiles - Reina Sultan, Global Communities
Editing Video - Joseph Potischman, Georgetown University
Fellow Perspective - Josh Levy, CEO, Levy Realty
About AP - Iain Guest; Karen Delaney.

Deployment

COLLEEN DENNY

Johns Hopkins University

KENYA: Supported cow-sharing and peace camps for pastoralists through CPIK.



CHRIS MARKOMANOLAKIS

University of Maryland

UGANDA: Helped GDPU to install accessible toilets at Awach School.



TERESA PEROSA

Columbia University

JORDAN: Organized training for women refugees through CRP.



KOMAL THAKKAR

The Fletcher School, Tufts

NEPAL: Supported family members of the disappeared in Bardiya, through NEFAD.



CAROLINE ARMSTRONG HALL

The Fletcher School, Tufts

NEPAL: Helped CAED to campaign against menstrual banishment.



LARA CEROSKY

Sciences Po, Paris

NEPAL: Helped CONCERN to place children from brick factories in school.



MARCELA DE CAMPOS

University of Maryland

VIETNAM: Helped Agent Orange caregivers through AEPD.



MICHELLA NYAGA

Columbia University

NEPAL: Helped BASE to liberate domestic slaves.



ALEXANDRA KOTOWSKI

Columbia University

ZIMBABWE: Worked with WAP to combat child marriage.



FEEDBACK - THE IMPACT ON FELLOWS



Personal Confidence: "Working with CPI Kenya and doing actual peace-building work in the field was an incredible and humbling experience." - Colleen Denny (photo), Fellow at CPIK, Kenya

Academic Benefits: "I understood better the challenges CBOs face on the ground, as well as how programming for women is usually designed and applied." - Teresa Perosa, CRP, Jordan

Professional Skills: "AP gave me the opportunity to stand on my own two feet. Graduate school loves to teach theory but AP allowed me to apply those lessons in real life. It was the best ten weeks of my life and it gave me the confidence to pursue a career in international development." - Chris Markomanolakis, GDPU Uganda

STRENGTHENING CULTURAL DIVERSITY



The 2018 Peace Fellows came from six nationalities. Michelle Nyaga from Kenya, seen here with Fellow Alex Kotowski, worked in western Nepal - her first visit to Asia. Her Nepali supervisor later wrote: "It was really wonderful and memorable time and work with Michelle during her stay in BASE. She was frank and good professional and we worked together with joyful way."

WHERE THEY WILL WORK AND HOW WE HELPED

"I GOT THE JOB! I can't tell you how much I appreciate the opportunity and experience working as a Peace Fellow gave me. it's almost all that I talked about in my interviews! I am so grateful for your continued support. It is really wonderful to feel part of a community for life."

- **Mattea Cumoletti**,
2016 Greece

"The Senator hired me!
Thanks again for your
superb recommendation!"

- **Talley Diggs**, 2017 Kenya

"I just got accepted by the ICRC (Red Cross) and will be posted in Northeast Nigeria. I've been using my experience with The Advocacy Project to showcase my skills. AP has been very instrumental in shaping my career path and I will never thank you enough"

- **Maelanny Purwaningrum**,
2012 Nepal

PEOPLE OF AP

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BOARD

Cristy West,
Mary Louise
Cohen and Bayo
Oyewole left the
AP Board after
years of support.
Thanks to our

2018 Board: Scott Allen, Mary Louise
Cohen, Devin Greenleaf, Iain Guest,
Lawrence Ingeneri, William Lorie, Bayo
Oyewole, Cristy West, Scott Zeman.



QUILTERS

Maria Goodwin
was among 8
quilters who
made
embroidered
products in 2018.
Our thanks to:

Bobbi Fitzsimmons, Christine Bradford,
Maria Goodwin, Kay Miller, Peg
Sullivan, Barbara Buhling, Leslie
Nelson, and Julia Warner.



INTERNS

Princia Vas (University of Maryland) seen with
Karen Delaney, AP program manager, and Mattea
Cumoletti, celebrated her birthday in style at AP.
Princia was one of 11 interns who did great work at
AP in 2018. Our thanks to: Ali West; Samantha
Givens; Nity Jaiswal; Corinne Cummings; Connor
Reitler; Kate Dallimore, Marianne Sangare; Donna
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INCOME

••• Unrestricted Contributions:	\$78,593.95
••• Restricted Contributions:	\$159,402.38
••• Unrestricted Grant:	\$20,000.00
••• Program Services Income:	\$7,521.56
••• Rental Income:	\$9,709.88
••• In-kind contributions:	\$28,304.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$303,531.77

EXPENSES

••• Personnel Costs:	\$80,400.00
••• Contact Services:	\$10,983.46
••• Project Officer Stipend:	\$14,800.00
••• Office Expenses:	\$8,007.29
••• Occupancy Costs:	\$21,862.00
••• Insurance:	\$4,753.83
••• Subgrant Expenses:	\$146,152.08
••• Travel and Lodging:	\$16,152.00
••• Meetings and Conferences:	\$1,638.49
••• Information and Technology:	\$3,312.31
••• Other Expenses:	\$445.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$308,506.46

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- **Gene Cohen**, Director of the Jessica Jennifer Foundation, to 2018 Peace Fellow and grantee Michelle Nyaga