

NASCENT SOLUTIONS INS 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Organization

Nascent Solutions is a Virginia-based 501(C) (3) organization founded in 2004 with a mission to enable disadvantaged people especially women, orphans and other vulnerable children in rural Africa to fight poverty and other millennium challenges such as the ravaging HIV/AIDS and child trafficking. Our vision is to build capacity for our target populations for micro-enterprises that would enable them assume responsibility of their lives and to find ways of connecting them to their peers in other parts of the world. We serve our target populations through:

Services

The organization is dedicated to empowering rural women and youth by harnessing, structuring and enhancing local resources, and integrating endogenous knowledge skills into the development effort. Our vision also includes finding ways of linking isolated and disadvantaged people to their peers around the world. The services that the organization offers include:

- Research
- Work with target populations to identify business opportunities
- Provide Training and facilitate capacity building
- Design and produce instructional and learning materials
- Program Evaluations
- Outreach and networking
- Facilitating ICT access
- Basic health and child care
- Equity and empowerment

Management

The organization is managed by a six-man board of directors and an elected President and CEO. This body meets every four months to review strategies, organization activities and new opportunities. Given that our goal is to empowering our target populations the board voted to maintain a thin staff at headquarters and engage as many resource persons as needed in the target countries. Furthermore, our belief we believe that our impact will be optimized if we cultivate the active participation not only of our target populations but also of their communities as well as the local and international stakeholder organizations. This explains why our first year of operation has been largely

devoted to establishing partnerships local and international organizations that work in Cameroon our first target country.

Programs and Accomplishments

With a budget of 597,342.00 Nascent Solutions was able to achieve the following within its first 12 months of existence:

- Obtained, shipped and distributed a 40ft container of food (\$45,000) to 2500 HIV/AIDS orphans in Bui division of the North West province of Cameroon
- Developed a partnership with four local non-governmental organizations in Cameroon
- Developed a partnership with two US based international Organizations, the International Relief and Development and the Adventist development and Relief Agency
- Facilitated collaboration between the Federation of Catholic Youth of Kumbo in Cameroon to the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers of the United States,
- Raised funds to enable two members of the Federation of Catholic Youth Kumbo to participate in a Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in December 2004.
- Negotiated and obtained donations in building materials (paint) for a dormitory construction for at-risk-children at the John Paul the II Youth Center in Kumbo.
- Worked with the Family Life Apostolate of the diocese of Kumbo to develop a project proposal for 10 groups (100) single mothers in the North West province of Cameroon
- Currently working on a project with IMEC to provide medical supplies and equipment to six rural health centers in Cameroon
- Negotiated and obtained donations in computers and other technical equipment for our rural learning center projects