

## Nascent Solutions Inc 2010 Annual Report

### Goal and Objectives

The Year 2010 represents a very significant milestone at Nascent Solutions. With the vision of seeing thousands of women and youth in rural Africa acquiring new skills for their wellbeing, Nascent defined very ambitious goals for itself and partners. The goals are to:-

- Strengthen Nascent's presence in West, East and Southern Africa.
- Expand operation into diverse strategic areas in target countries
- Assist 20,000 beneficiaries

### Organizational Development

Nascent initiated a field presence in two new countries, namely Ghana and Malawi. We registered the organization in Ghana and in Malawi application is in progress. We are currently working on identifying partners and Board members in Ghana.

Nascent continued to build partnerships with local institutions and governments in its target countries. Management met with the Ministers of Disaster Preparedness and Agriculture in Uganda, USAID Uganda; as well as the Prime Minister and Ministers of Education and Health Ministers in Cameroon.

Nascent's work force grew by 30% with two additional full time staff at HQ, 7 full time and 40 temporary staff in Zambia, three full time employees in Cameroon and two part-time workers in Uganda.

### Operations

Nascent Solutions' portfolio increased by one USAID funded food aid grant from the office of Food for Peace the International Food Relief Partnership Program. The project will benefit 3,600 babies between 6 and 24 months in the Bui and Donga Mantung Divisions and 1200 caregivers were also be trained trained in nutrition and sanitation under the project .

We were also awarded two grants from the US Department of Defense to ship two additional containers of food commodities. One container went to Cameroon while the other went to Uganda to support OVC and widows.

## Accomplishments

### USA

In the United States, we increased our effort in identifying partners and strengthening our internal capabilities. We attended the International Food Aid Conference jointly organized by USAID and USDA. In the US congress, Nascent Solutions' work was recognized through an insertion in the Congressional Records proposition to Congressman Gerry Connolly.



Nascent Solutions received two guests from USAID Zambia - Ms Beatrice Hamusonde, Women's Justice & Empowerment Programs Specialist and Ms. Piri Ngaitilla. We also met with a USAID consultant responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the Global Development Program, which Nascent is currently implementing in Zambia.

### *Internship Program*

Under our internship program, Nascent developed mutually rewarding partnerships with the George Washington and Howard Universities. Four (4) students from the Capstone Program of the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington participated in the start up of the Zambia women's empowerment program. The Students conducted a baseline survey in January 2010. Three (3) Howard University student interns also worked in different capacities to support activities in research, commodity management and project implementation.

### Cameroon

Nascent officially launched the McGovern Food for Education project in Cameroon with representatives from the US Department of Agriculture, the US Embassy in Yaounde, the Cameroon Minister of education and local administrative and traditional authorities. We completed the second year of of the project in October 2010. We reached 15, 000 of the target 22,000 primary school children and 6000 pregnant women and lactating mothers in 50 villages. The program is currently piloting a nutrition curriculum that was designed for students, teachers and parents of primary education. We expanded the program to reach children in 18 additional villages.



In addition, Nascent completed the implementation of the 2009 International Food relief Partnership Program funded by USAID. The seventy-five (75) metric tons of food aid served 8,000 orphans and vulnerable children in Donga Mantung Division and 2000 caregivers were trained in nutrition and sanitation. Nascent also provided assistance in educational materials and clothing apparel to over 3,000 OVC.

In partnership with the Kumbo Municipal Council, Nascent erected a 60 x 40 prefabricated structure in Kumbo. This structure will serve as a multi-purpose center to accommodate a children's entertainment center, a warehouse, a fitness center and the Nascent field office.

Our protection of the rights of the woman and the child rights focused on rescuing victims and building the capacity and resilience for potential victims to initiate income generating activities. We are currently working with the Social Welfare department of the Diocese of Kumbo and the women's empowerment Institute to develop a comprehensive strategy to involve community effort to expand and sustain the the fight against trafficking in persons..

Nascent launched an internship program in Cameroon and recruited four interns from Buea and Dschang University. Interns assisted in collecting data on undernourished children and also developed a database of children with physical disability in Cameroon.

## **Uganda**

Our activities in Uganda focused on the Implementation of the 2009 International Food Relief Partnership Program (IFRP); a food aid program funded by USAID. The program benefited 26,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and widows in the Katakwi and Amuria districts of the Teso region.



As Nascent continued to explore opportunities for expansion in the country, the HQ staff worked with volunteers in the field to submit a new proposal for the US Department of Agriculture 2011 Food for Progress Program.

## Zambia

The women empowerment project - WEAVE -entered full gear; all the staff were hired after a hard struggle especially given the high competition for qualified staff and the difficult rural setting of the project. The Project has faced a lot of difficulties securing office space to accommodate the laboratory for computer training. However, after a long search, we have found a facility that can accommodate the staff and the training computer lab.

Despite these staff start-off challenges, all key components of the project were launched and very significant benchmarks attained before the end of the first year of implementation. The first cohort of 40 empowerment workers was trained, with their magnanimous support, the project reached 3,190 of the target 4000 women. The trained empowerment workers trained their peers in functional literacy, village banking and basic business skills. Before the close of the project year in October 2010, the women had raised 1,7 million Zambian Kwacha through the village banking scheme.



The search for new opportunity was rewarded by a partnership with Self Help Africa which has promised to support women groups with seed money to initiate income generating activities.

The nutrition program identified 500 undernourished children who are currently benefiting from a food aid program that will improve their nutritional status.