

## **NASCENT SOLUTIONS INS 2006 ANNUAL REPORT**

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### ***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 or operation has been largely devoted to establishing partnerships local and international organizations that work in Cameroon our first target country.

## **Programs and Accomplishments**

Though financially challenging, 2006 has been a very successful year for Nascent Solutions. Our major accomplishments of the year include:

- The USAID 2006 International Food Relief Partnership grant of 75 metric tons of dehydrated vegetable soup valued at \$173,000 and a cash grant of \$101,782 for 2,500 vulnerable children in Cameroon.
- A \$10,000 grant from the Conrad Hiltons Sisters Fund to work with the Federation of Catholic Youth to provide training in basic computing skills to teenage orphans in rural Cameroon.
- Donations in educational materials including computers, books and other technical equipment (7,500) for rural learning center projects.
- Collaboration with the International medical Equipment Collaborative to design a rural health project to improve the services of health and social service professional in Cameroon.
- Strengthened partnerships with US and Cameroon based non-governmental and faith based organizations.
- Partnerships with three US based organizations including, the International Medical Equipment Collaborative, the International Relief and Development and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency
- A rural health project with International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC) to provide medical supplies and equipment to six rural health centers in Cameroon
- Donation of a 40ft container of medical equipment (\$185,00) for three health centers in diocese of Kumbo
- Consultations with senior government officials in Cameroon including the Prime Minister, the Ministers of Health and Finance and the Minister Delegate at the Presidency, to explore possibilities of collaboration between Nascent Solutions and the Government.
- Draft Memo of Understanding with the Ministry of Health in Cameroon aimed at facilitating the implementation of a nation-wide rural health project.
- Donation of 40ft container paint (\$35,000) as support towards repairing health infrastructure in the diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon.

### **4. Financial Accountability.**

We were able to leverage our strong partnerships in the US and in the field to raise funds for our budgets of \$789,235 for 2007. Our accounting system is consistent with federal standards of checks and balances. Our transparent management and professionally audited financial statements gained the trust and confidence of USAID and enabled us to be registered as a PVO, leading to additional grant awards for 2007.

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