ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018

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Dear Friends of PFP,

One thing I realize when I am in Kenya working with our partners, is that we all want the same thing for our families. Friends there want the same things we want: healthy children and funds to educate them, enough food and water to see them thrive, good relationships with those they love, justice in their communities. We are not that different, except most of us have the means to make that happen and they don’t. Path from Poverty, working alongside our partners in Kenya, is seeing great change happen. It has been a wonderful year, thanks to your generosity and the grace of God. Many of you have faithfully supported Path from Poverty for many years and others have recently joined the cause. As you will see from this fiscal year report (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018), our organization is thriving, the women we work with abroad are committed and working very hard on their path from poverty. Our model works! Communities are being changed, women are empowered, orphans educated and poverty is lessened.

God has been so good to us to give us this amazing work to do. It is a cause and a model we can support with enthusiasm because we know good work is being done, the money is going where we are told it is and God is blessing us richly.

There is always so much more to do, and with your help, we will continue what we are doing and open new doors as they become available. But be certain that this work would not happen without you. We are so grateful for your partnership. We are thankful for all of you who have participated in various ways. Please keep praying, keep volunteering and giving, that our sisters and their families may thrive.

With Gratefulness,
Boni Piper,
PFP Board President
Path From Poverty is a Seattle-based non-profit organization that reaches across cultures to transform lives and communities by partnering with women’s groups; empowering and equipping women to break the cycle of poverty and live into their God-given potential.

“I appreciate the water tank so much. Now my family will not get sick from drinking dirty water.” - Veronica Masila, Wendo wa Mbooni Women’s Group, Kivani
OUR IMPACT FY 2017-2018

130
RAINWATER TANKS DELIVERED

36
SOLAR PACKS DELIVERED

1,100
WOMENS GROUP MEMBERS

48
WOMEN’S GROUPS SUPPORTED

5
HOURS SAVED EACH DAY

300
WOMEN RECEIVING LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Women no longer walk to fetch water every day.
“I have fetched water for long and I don’t want my daughters-in-law to go through the same. I will have a kitchen garden and my life won’t be same.” - Jeniffer Muinde, Muthambi Women’s Group, Tulimani.
This year the Kenya Program grew to 8 regions, 48 groups and over 1,100 members! The women’s small businesses continue to innovate and now include such diverse projects as tree nurseries, poultry farming, bee keeping, catering and cloth tie-dye - in addition to traditional sisal rope and basket weaving. In fiscal year 2017-2018, program members accessed a total of 130 rainwater catchment tanks and 36 solar panel packs! Bringing clean, safe water or sustainable energy to over 1,300 children and adults. We also continued high school scholarship support to six orphaned or disadvantaged young women.

In March we welcomed three regions into the Program – Malili, Kilome and Kibwezi. Led by Regina Mbaluku, Susan Musembi and Betrace Maundu, the women are working incredibly hard and already meeting their group savings targets. Of the over 265 new group members, 95% of the women do not own a water tank and are walking up to 3 hours each day to find clean water.

With sadness we witnessed the passing of Esther Kanyumu, Tulimani Regional Program Manager, who will always hold a place in our hearts. Monicah Muthoka has taken over the RPM position and is doing a tremendous job!

“I am very happy because this [solar panel] will save money and my health which was at risk due to the smoke emitted from the kerosene lamps.” - Mrs Venice Ngei
“Children’s nutrition has greatly improved – there is no longer severe malnutrition in the villages, and women have become much more valued and respected in their communities.” - Hotmaida Siahaan, Indonesia Program Director.
INDONESIA HIGHLIGHTS

Path From Poverty served 35 women via two women’s groups in North Sumatra, Indonesia - assisting the women to raise 30 sows and 150 piglets for income generation. Pig rearing means improved nutrition for the women and their families, manure is used as compost for gardens, and revenue from pig sales helps pay school fees and other family expenses.

Ibu Line has led the Dos Roha Women’s Group for the past 10 years. With no prior leadership experience, thanks to training from Path From Poverty she is now an influential leader and trusted mentor to 17 young women. Ibu Line has seen how pig rearing has transformed her community:

“Before we raised pigs, we could never really generate enough income by just farming.” - Ibu Line
“I am overwhelmed to accept this tank. It was a great achievement and relief from the long distance of searching for water.”

- Terceira Kianga, 70 years of age
AUGUST: Organization Rebranding

At our Sneak Peak event at Green Bean Coffeehouse, we were excited to launch a new chapter for the WEI organization - changing our name to Path From Poverty! Why did we make this change? Our new name better captures the life-changing and sustainable work we are achieving with our partner Women’s Groups.

SEPTEMBER: 2017 Harambee Gala

Our sold out 2017 Gala held at the Mountaineers Club in Seattle was an incredible success, raising over $103,000 for our programs in Kenya and Indonesia!

JANUARY: Employee Handbook

The Board of Directors developed and approved an Employee Handbook, providing policy guidance around organization staffing and human resources.

FEBRUARY: US Kenya Work Team

This year’s US Kenya Work Team visited the Kivani region, hosted by Regional Program Manager Rebecca Mutava and her program members. The team spent one week building water tank bases for 15 group members, learning more about Kenyan culture and the women who we support. It meant so much to our partners to sit with them and drink kyai tea at the end of a work morning, sharing stories about our lives.
MARCH: New Executive Director
In November 2017, Path From Poverty said goodbye to Jordan Canas Ramsey who relocated to Austin, Texas to be with extended family. Jordan had served our organization in a number of key roles since 2012. In March, we welcomed Frances Walker as our new Executive Director - she immediately flew to Kenya to participate in the US Work Team and meet with the Kenyan leadership!

APRIL: GuideStar Profile
Path From Poverty was thrilled to launch a profile on GuideStar – the leading online resource of US nonprofits. Visit us at this link to learn more about our organization, programs and financials: https://www.guidestar.org/profile/91-2153830

MAY: 2018 Walk for Water
The annual Walk For Water at Seward Park was a tremendous success - raising over $33,000 to buy rainwater catchment tanks for women in eastern Kenya! Thank you to all the amazing teams for making 2018 our most successful Walk ever!

JUNE: Strategic Plan
The Board and staff developed a strategic plan for the 2018 – 2019 fiscal year that outlined the organization’s goals and objectives for the new year, and a structured road map to achieve the results.

“I am honored to work with such a committed and passionate groups of professionals, both here in the US and overseas in our Kenya and Indonesia programs. The work and the women we serve always come first.”
- Frances Walker
Executive Director
FINANCIALS: FY 2017-2018

TOTAL REVENUE
$311,509
- Individual Gifts: 75%
- Corporate Partners: 20%
- Church Contributions: 5%

TOTAL EXPENSES
$280,506
- Programs: 80%
- Fundraising: 9%
- Management & General: 11%

*Ending Net Assets: $96,407
THANK YOU

**PFP-KENYA STAFF**
- Agnes Kioko, Kenya Program Director, Mbooni RPM
- Susan Musyoka, Kenya Program Secretary, Kisau & Makueni RPM
- Rebecca Mutava, Kivani RPM
- Monicah Muthoka, Tulimani RPM
- Susan Musembi, Kilome RPM
- Regina Mbaluku, Malili RPM
- Betrace Maundu, Kibwezi RPM
- Esther Kanyumu, Tulimani RPM (Deceased)

**PFP-INDONESIA STAFF**
- Hotmaida Siahaan, Indonesia Program Director

**PFP-US STAFF**
- Frances Walker, Executive Director
- Judi Krabill, Finance & Operations Manager
- Marilyn Kaino, Mission Advocate & Programs Associate
- Krissie Dillin, Marketing & Communications Manager
- Jordan Canas Ramsey, Former Executive Director

**PFP BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 - 2018**
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