

Annual Report
2015-2016

Loom International



A DREAM REBORN

Nanok goes to high-school in a small rural Maasai village in Tanzania. Her dream is to be a lawyer. But unlike many young, fickle dreams, Nanok's is unshakable. Why?

Just two years ago, when she was thirteen, her father gave her to a 50-year-old man to be his wife. She begged him to let her stay in school but no matter how hard she fought, he took her to her new husband's home and left her there to start a new life. Each day for a week, she cried out for someone to save her.

Nanok's dreams were crashing around her and all seemed lost. Except it wasn't. A man named John Mukolwe heard about what happened and immediately gathered local officials to rescue her and bring her safely back home.

Today Nanok dreams again because her future was handed back to her. With this future, she is determined that no one should ever endure the trauma she faced. As a lawyer, she will fight for the day when all the little girls in her village—future doctors, social workers, teachers—can go to school with a confidence that comes from knowing they are worthy of a future filled with hope.

CHILD MARRIAGE



2 out of 5 girls in Tanzania are married before the age of 18



250 million girls around the world are married before the age of 15

EFFECTS:



Missed education



Higher maternal mortality



Increased risk of abuse

FIGHTING FOR HOPE

John Mukolwe brings hope to his community in Arusha, Tanzania. He unveils the dignity of many little girls like Nanok, fighting for them to have the future they deserve.

Raised in poverty himself, and knowing the reality of going to bed hungry, he knows a thing or two about a future deemed hopeless. Yet, he says, it was the pain and lack he experienced as a child that ignited a deep compassion for the vulnerable around him.

As a result, he and his wife Jacinta work tirelessly to ensure that girls are not married off to the highest bidder, that single mothers and widows have a community of support around them and that children are fed. Inspired by his favorite William Booth quote, John says:

*While women weep, I'll fight.
While little children go hungry, I'll fight...
I'll fight to the very end.*

LOCAL SOLUTIONS

John and Jacinta's ministry is holistic, providing feeding programs, educational sponsorship and healthcare.



70 children receive food, medical care and familial support through John's Tumaini (Hope) Ministries



400 students receive an education at their New Vision School



60 girls attend school instead of becoming child brides



BRINGING CHANGE

As John pursues the rights of the smallest, weakest and most needy, Loom stands with him, equipping him with training, resources and support to carry out his mission. He attended our Celebrating Children Workshop last summer where he learned practical tools and strategies for working with children at risk. He said of his time here:

"I'm going to take this back home, I'm going to teach my staff, I'm going to mobilize the church. . . We run schools, so our teachers will have an opportunity to learn what I've gathered here. Thank you so much Loom, you've impacted my life a lot, and for sure we're going to change Tanzania."

OUR STRATEGY

John is not the only one. There are hundreds of individuals around the globe standing on behalf of the most vulnerable in their communities.

We call these people Local Experts because they know their community, the needs and the strengths of the people around them and are committed to creating sustainable solutions to poverty, hunger and abuse.

Loom exists to train and equip these Local Experts in their critical work. Through this last year, we devoted ourselves to this mission.

We hosted the Celebrating Children Workshop in Switzerland, Mexico and Portland, Oregon. At each workshop, we equipped caregivers from around the world with skills to provide life changing love and care to the vulnerable children they serve.

In January we debuted our ReNew program in Jinja, Uganda. This retreat was attended by over 30 caregivers who work across the continent of Africa caring for those suffering from HIV/AIDS. Some had not had a break from their difficult work in years. Attendees walked away from our retreat rested, empowered and encouraged to carry out their commitment to serve those around them.

Our work in Portland—like curriculum development, team building, administration, prayer, planning—is done with one goal: equipping projects around the world, so that we can celebrate more stories like Nanok's; more children whose future is built on hope and love.

KEY STATISTICS



22,160 men, women and children are served by the Local Experts we trained.



Participants from 21 nations attended our training events.



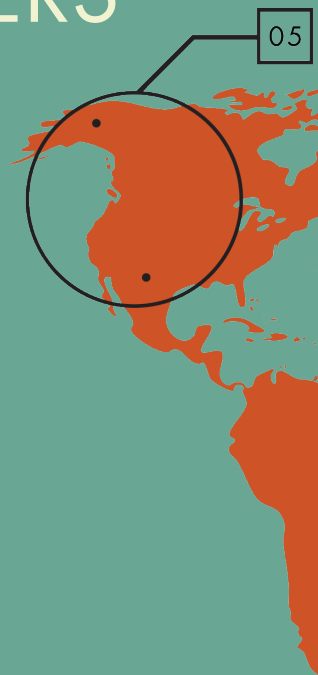
81 Local Experts joined us at our workshops and events.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

From Mexico to Nepal, Romania to Tanzania, our impact is global. It's also multipliable. It doesn't end with us.

We train John. John trains teachers in his schools and mobilizes churches. These teachers educate girls like Nanok, who are their country's future. Girls like Nanok raise their own children to know their incredible worth.

The impact is endless, because it's about people. One person chooses to devote their life to care for the vulnerable, then another, and another and soon, true change is happening everywhere. We are incredibly honored to be part of new futures that are being forged and hope igniting in the lives of people around the world.



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Centre MIAHY
Food & Education
Madagascar

Let My Voice Be Heard
HIV/AIDS, Orphan Care
Beira, Mozambique

Joseph's Project
After School Program
Johannesburg, South Africa

YWAM Itapela
Primary Education
Itapela, Mozambique

YWAM Blantyre
HIV Support Groups
Blantyre, Malawi

02 CENTRAL AFRICA

Philadelphia Missionary Center
Youth Programs
Democratic Republic of Congo

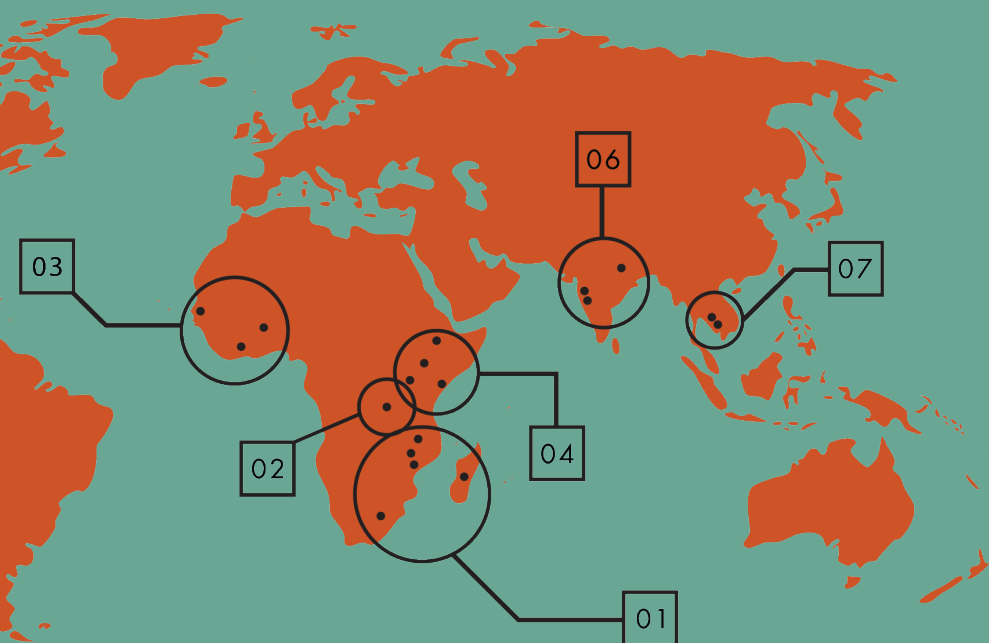
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Ministere Enfants En Difficulte
Food & Medical Care
Koutiala, Mali

CMA de Cote d'Ivoire
Child Discipleship
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

L'enfant de Pasteur
Child Discipleship
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

YWAM Senegal
HIV/AIDS Awareness & Care
Dakar-Fann, Senegal



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EAST AFRICA

The Forsaken Children
Street Child Rehabilitation
Ethiopia

Arise & Shine
Primary Education
Kigali, Rwanda

YWAM Torch
HIV/AIDS Support, Fostering
Jinja, Uganda

Ray of Hope
Primary Education
Mombasa, Kenya

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NORTH AMERICA

YWAM Fairbanks
Village Ministry
Fairbanks, Alaska

Ranchos Los Amigos
Children's Home
Juarez, Mexico

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SOUTH ASIA

Vanitashray
Orphan & Widow Care
Pune, India

Jyoti Kalesh
Survivors of Trafficking
Mumbai, India

Promise
Children's Home
Kathmandu, Nepal

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

Jeevit's House
Primary Education
Battambang, Cambodia

Pioneering Preschools
Preschool Education
Siemriep, Cambodia

REAL IMPACT

It is always an encouragement to hear from Local Experts how the lessons they learned from Loom have equipped and sustained them in their work, reminding us of the importance of our partnerships.

"Thank you for thinking of us when we were busy in the field; giving your time and energy so we could be refreshed."—Judy (Tanzania)

"I love this course. Everybody should know this truth, and act on it. Thank you for your heart for children at risk."—Karen (South Africa)

"I learned that all children need a caregiver supporting them and making a difference in their lives."—Betania (Mozambique)

*"I learned that we CAN stop the vicious cycle of malnutrition."
—Manuel (Mozambique)*

THREADS OF CHANGE

So far, we have seen three groups come together to bring change.

- 1. The Vulnerable & Marginalized*
- 2. The Local Expert*
- 3. Loom International*

However, the reality is we can't do this alone. Without those who partner with us, we would never be able to partner with Local Experts, transforming the lives of over 20,000 people this year. Thank you to each of you who wove your thread into our fabric of change.

To everyone who joined our Woven monthly donor team: thank you.

To everyone who volunteered their time: thank you.

To everyone who prayed for us: thank you.

To those who gave to us, encouraged us, listened to us, laughed with us and celebrated with us: thank you.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

This last year, we have seen the powerful breadth and depth of collaboration. We celebrate the impact that continues to grow as we work together, all over the world, empowering individuals to create communities that value the marginalized and vulnerable.

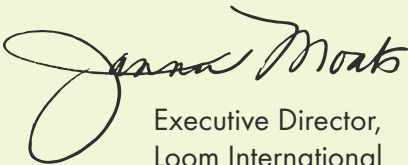
We celebrate the Local Experts—these unsung heroes, and their courage and dedication in disrupting the status quo within their communities. We celebrate how they relentlessly fight to establish and live out new value systems regarding the most vulnerable.

We celebrate those who hold firm to God's intentions in spite of oppression, injustice and poverty.

As I look back over the year and see the impact of Loom strategically partnering with Local Experts around the world, the results are invigorating. I hope you are equally inspired by the change you are bringing. Many people made that possible. Through your prayers, advice, silent auction bids, learning, giving and travel with us, you have joined this legacy of change. Your efforts have impacted the lives of children in places such as South Africa, Congo, Mexico, India, Alaska, Madagascar and Nepal.

I am always excited to see what is next; what more we can accomplish together. How many more disruptors can we encourage with ReNew? How many more caregivers will start to grasp God's unique design of the child's brain because of a Celebrating Children Workshop? How many more families can be preserved and single mothers find dignity through education? How many more children can attend school?

As we invest in powerful agents of change around the world, those possibilities are endless.



Executive Director,
Loom International

A LOOK AHEAD

Our commitment to the Local Experts we serve is not short term. They are giving their lives to serve their communities, and we walk with them in that process, creating long-term solutions. When someone attends our workshop, our partnership with them doesn't end there. We continue to stand with them and empower them to succeed.

Here are just a few examples of how we will continue that through June 2017.

OCTOBER - REGENERATE, TANZANIA

This Loom led consultation will bring together project leaders from across East Africa, for an opportunity to learn, grow, process and develop solutions to regional issues.

DECEMBER - CCW EAST AFRICA

Continuing our partnership with John, we will run a Celebrating Children Workshop (CCW) in Arusha, Tanzania, training up to 50 participants who serve in projects throughout East Africa.

FEBRUARY - CCW INDIA

Working with Anu and Vera, who attended our Celebrating Children Workshop (CCW) in Portland in 2015, we will run the workshop in Mumbai, India to train and equip child caregivers in South Asia.

MAY - CAFO SUMMIT

As members of the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO), we will participate in training at their annual summit, focused on creating healthy solutions to the global orphan crisis.

JUNE - NATIONAL CONFERENCE, TANZANIA

Training staff and teachers from 9 schools on the importance of education in working with children and youth.



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