Little Ripples

iACT

Featured grantee for December 2016

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Introducing iACT

iACT provides humanitarian action to aid, empower and extend hope to those affected by mass atrocities, creating a world where people are connected and equipped to act.

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Where in the world?

iACT’s Little Ripples leadership development project will take place in the Goz Amer refugee camp in eastern Chad, ranked 184 out of 187 countries in the UN Development Index. Located in the Sahel, Chad is Africa’s landlocked country, where hot, dry, dusty winds and periodic droughts and locust plagues are the norm. The incidence of childhood malnutrition is high, as is the chance of contracting a major infectious disease.
What are we supporting?

DFW’s donation of $49,320 will pay for a leadership development program for 62 female refugee teachers in Goz Amer, to give these educators the necessary skills and voice to access school resources and assist with camp management. The donation covers salaries for teachers, curriculum development and training and a nutrition program.

**Direct impact:** 62 (21 Little Ripples employed early childhood educators and 41 prospective early childhood educators)

**Indirect impact:** 775+ (Approximately 240 female students [45 percent of 535 total students], approximately 535 female caregivers and 3 Pond refugee host families)

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The Darfuri women and girl refugees in east Chad have fled Sudanese government-backed violence since 2003. Prior to enduring rape, attacks and loss of family members, these women were farmers in small villages. Refugees are vulnerable to gender-based violence, sexual harassment, prostitution and early marriage, often by age 10 or 12. Women and girl refugees have no choice, opportunity or hope beyond the confines of their gender-defined roles.
# Budget

How Dining for Women’s grant of $49,320 over one year will be used:

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<td><strong>Personnel</strong></td>
<td>Little Ripples in-camp teachers (18 teachers for 9 months – two teachers per classroom) and lead teachers (two, selected by their peers)</td>
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<td><strong>Curriculum Development and Training</strong></td>
<td>Weekly peer meetings, early childhood education training (three trips to the camp per year), leadership training curriculum and teacher’s guide, mindfulness curriculum, health and hygiene materials (coloring books and supplies for students, posters for kitchen and classrooms)</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition Program</strong></td>
<td>Snack and breakfast (for students and staff, six days per week for nine months), local cooks who identify meals, local food sources and distribute daily meals</td>
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About the Featured Grantee

iACT Founder and Executive Director Gabriel Stauring became involved in the Darfur crisis out of a sense of personal responsibility. He believes the power of community and compassion, combined with personal empowerment, can bring about meaningful change. iACT has been visiting refugee camps in Eastern Chad since 2005, and sees each expedition as a chance for individuals to connect with refugees on a personal level.
About the Featured Grantee

iACT assists refugees through activism, education and sports. Their Little Ripples early childhood education program, created to address those exposed to severe trauma, improves the social-emotional, cognitive and health behavior of children. Through this program, refugee women are trained to provide play-based, peacebuilding and culturally inspired preschool.
December 2016 Sustained Program: Shining Hope for Communities

Shining Hope for Communities combats intergenerational cycles of poverty and gender inequality by linking tuition-free schools for girls to essential social services in Kenya’s Kibera slum through a holistic, community-driven approach. The sustained grant of $20,000 per year in 2015 – 2017 supports a Maternal and Child Health Incentives Program, which is a conditional, in-kind transfer program provided for free to mothers in Kibera, and is aimed at counteracting high child morbidity and mortality rates by encouraging mothers to seek regular prenatal, postnatal and child welfare services to ensure positive health outcomes for themselves and their children.

**Direct Reach: 2,469**
Conditional in-kind incentive expenses – given to mothers and/or their children when they have met the milestones specified.

Salaries for clinic staff
1. How do you think increasing leadership qualities in refugee teachers will affect their students in the future?

2. How will the refugee camps change when women have a stronger voice in decision making?

3. How can education help refugees overcome the atrocities they have endured?