

November 2019 Featured Grantee Young Heroes Foundation



eSwatini/Swaziland

Introducing Young Heroes Foundation

Young Heroes supports families of AIDS orphans in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland), empowering vulnerable youth and their caretakers through

- life-support grants
- healthcare
- HIV education, prevention, and care programs
- educational support
- gender and economic empowerment programs.



Where in the world?

- eSwatini is a small, predominantly rural, landlocked country surrounded by South Africa and Mozambique
- More than 25% of the adult population is infected by HIV/AIDS
- Median age is 23.2 years
- Life expectancy is 57.2 years
- The literacy rate is 87.5%, about the same for women and men



Life Challenges of the Women Served

- 69% of Swazis live below the poverty line of \$1 per day as subsistence farmers
- 44% of Swazi women are unemployed
- Rural people have very limited employment opportunities
- HIV/AIDS traps poor people in poverty and ill health
- Women only gained legal rights as adults in 2005



Life Challenges of the Women Served

- World's highest rate of HIV/AIDS at 27%
- The loss of an entire generation of adults has created a generation of orphans
- Nearly 1/3 of Swazi youth have lost at least one parent to the epidemic
- Grandmothers and aunts have assumed the responsibility of raising the children



About the Featured Grantee



- Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland, Steve Kallaugher was struck by the plight of the many orphans and the women raising them
- He established Young Heroes Foundation in 2006
- In 2018, YHF assumed the management of more than 90 Neighborhood Care Points for orphans and vulnerable children
- YHF is the only organization in eSwatini that focuses on orphans and vulnerable children nationwide

What are we supporting?



Year One - Direct Impact: 200
Indirect Impact: 400
Year Two - Direct Impact: 400
Indirect Impact: 600

- **WORTH alleviates poverty by teaching rural Swazi women to be financially literate**
- **Creates microentrepreneur opportunities through access to micro-loans**
- **Women's groups self-govern and grow their pool of funds**
- **Will directly serve 500 adult women caretakers of orphans and vulnerable children**

Budget

DFW's grant of \$45,000 for two years will fund:

Item	Description	Total
Project cost: Training materials		\$4,537
Project cost: Local transport for WORTH members		\$2,665
Project cost: Training sessions for management committees		\$3,198
Project cost: Start-up grants for microenterprises		\$24,600
Salaries	WORTH Project Officers (30% of salary)	\$6,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	Annual review	\$2,000
Administrative Expenses		\$2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$45,000

Share Your Thoughts

1. How does this project benefit both caretakers and children?
2. How do you think this project promotes self-sufficiency and gender equality for young girls?
3. How do you think the traditional, patriarchal culture has affected families in eSwatini/Swaziland?



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November's Sustained Grantee: Bond Street Theatre Women and Girls Speak Out for Justice



- **This project will introduce BST's creative arts model to new groups and audiences to educate, empower, and heal, and to bolster ability of partner organizations/constituents to carry out social justice work in their communities**
- **Women and girls in Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Malaysia will receive the tools and training to speak out for equal rights through theatre, leadership, and advocacy training, and informational performances in their communities**

Direct Impact: 60 – 150 women Indirect Impact: 6,000 community members