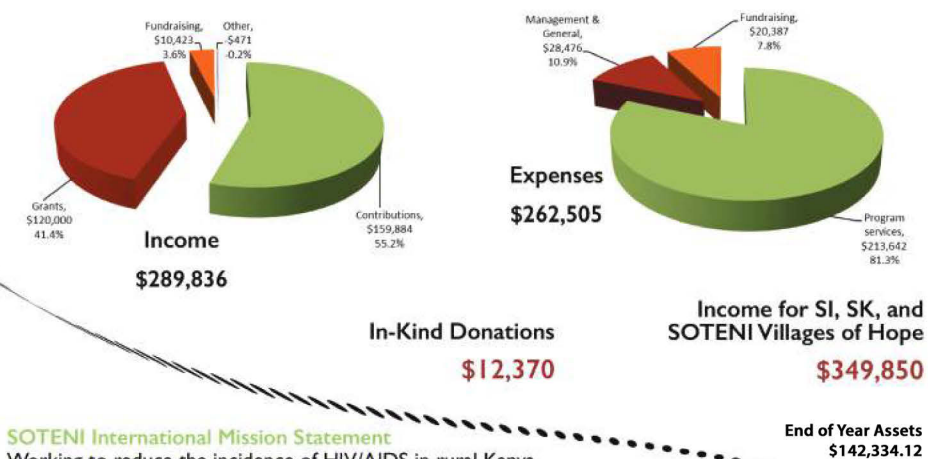


Partners on the Journey



April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016 Financial Information

SOTENI International met all 20 Standards for Charity Accountability according to the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau.



SOTENI International Mission Statement
Working to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in rural Kenya and to improve the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS.



Margaret Wenyrr, Chairlady of Murhuyu Support Group, SOTENI Village of Hope (SVH)-Mbakalo

"Nobody feels lonely. We have others to count on, and feel encouraged to live a normal and happy life. Being part of the support group not only improves our lives economically, but psychologically because we share ideas and knowledge. Problems we may not be able to face alone, we are able to overcome as a group."



Annual Report

April 2015-March 2016

Victoria Wells Wulsin, Co-Founder SOTENI, SOTENI Kenya (SK) Board Chairperson

Reflecting on SOTENI's accomplishments leads to my appreciation and admiration of the many partners who have joined together to realize our mission. SOTENI's partners extend far beyond the US and Kenya. Partners like you have contributed their time, talents, energy, creativity, and funds. Partners include HIV-positive community members encouraging and supporting one another, orphans giving back to their communities, women empowering each other to open their first bank accounts, and US partners gathering donated items for use in Kenya. Volunteers have come from all over the world to work hand-in-hand to empower the grassroots. University and high school students have increased awareness of AIDS while raising money for SOTENI. You are our partner and your contributions are unique, valuable, and valued.

Stopping AIDS requires all of us to do our part. "SOTENI" is derived from the Swahili *sisi sote ni pamoja*. All of us are together. In the interdependent web of our networks, we are partners in love and giving.

As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give."



Pamela Josephine Anyango, Nurse with Amira Sub-County Hospital, SVH-Ugunja

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Partners Sharing



Peter Kihuria, SOTENI Kenya Business Manager

"Through our community approach SOTENI Kenya has in the past and in the present been able to achieve social good through partnering with the community and other stakeholders. I have especially seen this in the Family Planning project in SVH-Ugunja where the involvement of our ABDs, Community Health Nurses, GoK- Ministry of Health officials, Health Centers, Local Management Committee, churches, and the funder have combined to support this important project in achieving a pertinent community need. SK continues to value such partnerships because without them we would achieve very little in the way of touching the lives of the communities we serve."



"Today we educate other HIV-positive couples on how to live positively and not in fear. We would like to be role models in the community for other families to encourage HIV testing and how to live with HIV."

3802 Clinical lab tests



652 HIV tests SVH-Mbakalo



Morine Maruti, Support Group Member, SVH-Mbakalo

1271 Support group sessions



"The impact SOTENI has made in the community is great. They educate the public during barazas on health issues, especially HIV/AIDS. The community always turns out in great numbers when they speak. The number of people going to hospitals for HIV testing has increased since SOTENI started speaking at barazas in 2005. They do not fear the stigma anymore, and have courage. SOTENI has given them hope. My knowledge about HIV/AIDS in the community has increased, as well. I refer those who have HIV to SOTENI in order to join a support group and receive counseling."



Chief Charles Oleno, West Uholo Location, SVH-Ugunja

"I am a single mother of one boy, Edwin. In Oct. 2005 after knowing my status, I would meet people from my neighborhood but no one would tell the other their challenges. Yet people from other places would openly talk about their status and also inform us that they had support groups back home. This encouraged us a lot and in 2006, we formed the Ayub support group with a few neighbors and support from SOTENI. Since then, we have continuously benefited from trainings, nutritional support, drug adherence, and educational support and finally managed to overcome the stigma."



Helen Kabirithu, Support Group Member, SVH-Mituntu



42 Students supported by Friends of Kianjai SVH-Mituntu



2 tons Watermelon harvested to generate income SVH-Mituntu



Sylvia, Client, SVH-Mbakalo

2451 Patients SVH-Mbakalo

"The dispensary is close to me, and I am able to make sure my children are taken care of and up to date with vaccinations. I do not have to worry about them getting sick. I know I can always get treatment here."



1887 Family planning beneficiaries SVH-Ugunja



Winnie Adhiambo, SVH-Ugunja

"Before the program I did not think of family planning at all. Now I want to share this information with my family and friends who were not a part of the program. I want to have three children in the future and practice family planning."



2000 Orphans & Vulnerable Children supported by Aphia Plus

"Before going to the University to study International Business, I plan to give back to my community for a year after I graduate. I want to be able to make a difference in someone's life in the same way SOTENI has with my life. SOTENI has not only given me an education, but has also given me the confidence to fulfill my dreams."



Samson Chonchorio, Sponsored Student (Prefect and Head Boy), SVH-Kuria



631,775 P&G PURIFIER of WATER packets distributed



Fosca Ndongi, Support Group Member, SVH-Mbakalo

"SOTENI has helped me to continue to purify water with the P&G sachets, and provide clean water for my family. This support group has allowed me to pay my children's school fees, and provide basic needs like T-shirts. I was approached by the chairlady of the group in 2005 about joining. The SOTENI support group members mean so much to my life. They have helped me educate myself how to live positively every day. The group brings unity and sharing of ideas."



30 million liters of purified water provided to families living with HIV/AIDS since partnering with P&G



Randie Marsh
Executive Director
SOTENI International

As you have read in this annual report, our partnerships have accomplished many things and greatly impacted men, women and children's lives. The education, opportunities, and services SOTENI has been able to provide are due to your generosity.

We value all of our partners. To our first time donors, we say *asante sana*, which is Swahili for "thank you very much" and may this partnership grow into a long relationship. If you have a question, ask us, so we may continue to build our relationship. For those who have given over multiple years, we deeply appreciate our partnership. We have done a lot together.

Our partnership can continue to make a difference with your support. We ask that if you are able to give more throughout the year, then we as an organization can reach out to even more families and individuals that have been devastated by this disease.

Let's continue to walk side by side on this journey.



3180 Volunteer hours



10 Volunteers/interns in Cincinnati office



160,500 Miles traveled by staff & volunteers to work in Kenya



Steve Wolf
Board Chairperson
SOTENI International

Hello, my name is Steve Wolf, Board Chairperson for SOTENI International. I am very pleased to have an opportunity to once again say "thank you" for your continued support of our Mission. SOTENI's theme for this year is that we are "Partners on the Journey." The English writer Izaak Walton once wrote that "Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter." That has certainly been my experience with SOTENI.

Since I became involved eight years ago, I have had the opportunity to get to know so many amazing people with incredible commitment to our cause and to one another. When SOTENI co-founder, Vic Wulsin talks about SOTENI as a family, she genuinely means it. The extended network of donors, interns, volunteers, and staff work together with sincere enthusiasm and genuine affection for one another. You are an important part of that family. The culture we are creating together makes me especially proud to be a partner with you on this journey. I relish the opportunity to continue to share such good company as our journey continues.