The U.S. African Development Foundation
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The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) is a small, independent agency with a big mission. Our work ensures all Africans have a chance to be a part of Africa's growth story.

USADF works directly with Africa’s underserved and marginalized populations to secure economic development and growth among the most vulnerable and underserved communities.

- African-led development model
- Small grants of maximum $250,000
- Impacts 1,500,000 people each year
Accountable, Direct and Frontier

ADF: Accountable, Direct, and Frontier

- ADF relies on partnership accountability
- Africans lead our country teams, and facilitate our African-led, grassroots model
- ADF is on the frontier - working with vulnerable populations

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In partnership, we **direct** our investments in 100% African enterprises.
USADF “By the Numbers”

• ADF’s current portfolio has 400 grants, benefiting more than 1.3 million people impacted by extreme poverty

• Over 70% of our programming is in agriculture

• USADF grants generate $110 million of new economic growth in poor communities

“USADF focuses limited resources on groups often left out of Africa’s growth and development efforts.” -- Shari Berenbach, President & CEO
FY 2015 Results

- Awarded 160 new project* grants in 30 countries
- Invested $15.4 million to build capacity and expand economic activity
- Projected to generate $40 million in new economic activity and support 50,000 jobs
- Directed $5.7 million to 19 implementing partner grants
- 50 small grants, in coordination with the U.S. Ambassadors’ Self Help Fund
USADF: Our Partners and who we serve

Who we serve

- Small holder farmers
- Youth
- People re-building their communities after conflict
- Women & Girls
- Persons with Disabilities

Why they matter

- >60% of Africans live in rural areas, which account for 70% of Africa’s poverty
  - Almost all are smallholder producers with access to productive, arable land
- >20% of Africans are aged 15 – 24, they account for 60% of unemployment
  - Could be workforce of the world, but require skills
- > 40% of Africans live in post-conflict states
  - High motivation to establish basic means for economic and food security
- African women have less access to economic opportunity and training
  - Research says women earners make better decisions for their families
- In Africa, an estimated 60-80 million people are living with disabilities today; many are risk-taking and enterprising but lack opportunities for employment and access to work that accommodates their needs.
USADF: Where We Work

Reaching communities beyond Africa’s growth frontier

Where we work

Conflict affected and post conflict countries

- USADF works in many conflict and post-conflict countries:
  - Burundi
  - Guinea
  - Liberia
  - Nigeria
  - Rwanda
  - Somalia
  - South Sudan

Communities left behind in emerging Africa

- Examples:
  - 15 food security and resilience projects in the Turkana region of Kenya
  - 21 projects focused on agriculture for regional export in Nigeria

“USADF’s model provides quick and effective capital to people that need development resources the most” -- Shari Berenbach, President & CEO
WHO WE ARE

HQ
USADF in Washington and Africa provides:
- Capacity building assistance and strategy development to grantees
- Technical assistance with project development
- Oversight and monitoring

Partner
USADF Partners provide:
- Technical assistance with project development, and disbursement management
- Commitment to capacity building through project design goals and objectives
- Oversight and monitoring

Grantee
USADF Grantees bring projects to life by:
- Developing project objectives based on sector knowledge and community needs
- Bringing human and community resources and commitment to each project

Creating Pathways to Prosperity
USADF: Key Take-Aways

Core elements of USADF’s platform:

1. **Who we serve:**
   Marginalized communities that have fallen behind in Africa’s growth story

2. **What we do:**
   We identify and structure grants for African organizations and leverage support from our partner organizations to improve lives

3. **Where we work:**
   We work with hard to reach communities beyond Africa’s growth frontier.
USADF: Key Take-Aways

How is USADF different from other development assistance?

• Provides funding directly to 100% African groups
• Uses a model that integrates funding and local technical assistance
• Moves quickly to start new programs and award grants
• Leverages U.S. Government resources with African governments, NGO’s and the private sector
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