



Empowering African Nations Since 1981

IFESH At a Glance

The International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH) currently operates Education, Health and Conflict Management projects in 12 sub-Saharan African countries. The mission of IFESH is to support African nations in their efforts to eradicate poverty, disease and inequity through self-help partnership programs. We achieve our goals by working with African governments at the local, state and national levels; international donors and U.S. government agencies; civil societies, including local communities and community based organizations; and the private sector. Education is the cornerstone of all IFESH programs and emphasis is placed on supporting access to education and skills attainment among vulnerable population, particularly women, children and orphans.

Offices

Headquartered in Arizona, IFESH currently has offices in 12 sub-Saharan African countries including Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ghana, Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa.

Fiscal 2007 Financial Information

We are proud that we have a strong financial position, that 85% of all expenses go towards our programs in sub-Saharan Africa, and only 15% of expenses are spent on management and fundraising.

Staff

IFESH has a staff of 192, 173 of whom are employed in international offices.

Projects that support our Education, Conflict Management and Health programs

- Conflict Abatement Through Local Mitigation
- American Educators for Africa Program
- International Educators for Africa
- International Fellows Program
- Support of sub-Saharan Africa
- HIV Prevention, Care & Support, & Confidential Counseling & Testing in Selected States
- Schools for Africa
- Functional Literacy Projects and Teacher-Training (ECHOES)

Areas of Expertise

- Education
- Capacity Building
- Democracy Building
- Civil Society and Governance
- Conflict Mitigation Among Restive Youth
- School Building and Refurbishing
- Adult Literacy & Income Generation
- Teacher Training/ Primary and Secondary Education reform
- Community Development
- HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Treatment

Our Donors

Our donors play a critical role in sustaining our life-changing programs and projects. We receive financial support from U.S. government, corporations, foundations, private industry, trusts and individual donors.