

PARTNERS FOR DEVELOPMENT

PROMOTING HEALTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WHO WE ARE

Partners for Development (PFD) has been building skills and resources for sustainable development in Africa and Asia since 1992. PFD is an American not-for-profit organization whose employees and volunteers work in partnership with local and international groups to improve quality of life of vulnerable people in underserved communities. PFD envisions a more just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world. We empower persons through training, education, and access to resources which will help create more vibrant communities and more accountable leadership.

Through our **partnership approach**, PFD has addressed poverty, malnutrition, and preventable diseases with integrated activities in health, safe drinking water and sanitation, secure livelihoods, natural resource management and agricultural development. PFD programs build local partner capacity to deliver services that are priorities in the communities they serve. PFD builds these skills through training programs, internships, on the job mentoring and other provision of technical assistance. Together, these approaches enhance abilities of partners to assume greater roles over the course of program implementation. PFD's partners include non-governmental organizations, as well as local governments and enterprises.

To improve health, PFD builds skills and resources for prevention and treatment of disease particularly HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and dengue fever. Access to safe water and addressing contributing factors to maternal mortality and child survival such as nutrition and sanitation are key ingredients in our approach.

To improve environmental sustainability, PFD pilots innovative renewable energy technologies and builds on traditional modes of natural resource management.

To improve food security and strengthen rural economic development PFD builds skills and resources for agricultural production, marketing, and crop diversification. PFD also supports the growth of small and medium enterprises through micro-credit and other financial services, business development skills (BDS) training, and introduction of new technologies.



This range of experience in community-based partnership activities has allowed PFD to develop recognized capabilities in health and livelihood programming. Through its core program areas, PFD presents balanced, well-tested competencies to supportive donors.

WHERE WE WORK

PFD has experience enhancing development programs in Rwanda, Somalia, Cambodia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Benin, and Liberia. The following section highlights a small sample of our programs' many achievements.

CAMBODIA

Since 1992, PFD has worked with communities on priority development issues. With its local partners, PFD has addressed poverty, malnutrition, and preventable diseases through integrated activities in health, safe drinking water and sanitation, and agricultural development. PFD's Cambodia program highlights include:

- Reconstituting and training of over 200 Village Development Committees (VDCs) enabling them to collaborate with their local governments to improve infrastructure for water supply and transport for agricultural production.
- Conserving natural resources through water harvesting and producing renewable energy using a cement and brick "biogas digester" that transforms manure into methane gas.
- Improving agricultural productivity through livestock extension training for village animal health workers (including vaccination and breeding)
- Piloting three new rice varieties on farmers' plots leading to increased rice production for the participating communities.

NIGERIA

Since 2000, PFD has been improving agricultural production, processing, and marketing as well as enhanced health care through partnerships with over 25 Nigerian NGOs. Geographically, the program works in several central-northern states and in the Niger Delta. PFD's Nigeria program innovates by embedding business development skills and reproductive health skills training into credit methodologies of partner micro-finance institutions (MFIs).

PFD's Nigeria program highlights include:

- Strengthening agricultural market chains through training farmers to add value to production and link more effectively to input suppliers, processors and traders.
- Building women and girl-centered approaches through partnering with women's organizations for health promotion and service provision. PFD trains partners to mobilize increased utilization of and support for primary health care facilities offering safe motherhood and family planning programs.
- Increasing incomes through building capacity of Nigerian MFI to offer financial services to predominately female low income agricultural producers and processors. These MFI have made loans to over 40,000 borrowers and provided them with business development skills (BDS) training embedded into MFI partners methodologies.
- Serving vulnerable children through providing education, counseling, health care and other services for children affected by HIV/AIDS (including ARV treatment and early HIV diagnosis).

TANZANIA

PFD implements an integrated agricultural development, nutrition, and renewable resources program benefiting 37,550 small-holder farmers in several regions of Tanzania. The JANI project (Swahili for "green") works to diversify and increase the incomes of rural, small-holder farmers through the expansion and commercial utilization of *Jatropha curcas*, commonly referred to as *Jatropha*. PFD Tanzania program highlights include:

- Improving productivity by training farmers on various cultivation methods for a renewable energy biofuel – *Jatropha*, as well as other methods for bio-intensive cultivation.
- Conserving water by promoting and adapting to local conditions small scale "hafirs" (reservoirs) for water harvesting and conservation
- Reducing deforestation through adapting new *jatropha* burning stove technologies.
- Improving nutrition through training on diet diversification and food preservation as well as bio-intensive gardening requiring low labor inputs for People Living with HIV/AIDS

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

PFD began working in central Bosnia to assist municipalities to rehabilitate their agricultural, economic, and environmental resources and to provide emergency shelter during the war.

Afterwards, PFD continued to facilitate ethnic reconciliation by working with multi-ethnic communities to enhance agricultural production and marketing through addressing poor infrastructure, lack of market linkages, and technical support for local farmers. Program highlights include:

- Strengthening credit, extension and marketing capacity of the Independent Farmers Association (IFA) of the Upper Vrbas region to provide improved services for members.
- Facilitating market linkages and extension services for raspberry producers, and those involved in non-timber forest products (NTFP) such as mushrooms and medicinal and aromatic plants.
- Facilitating cross border trade through establishing veterinary "Border Inspection Posts" (BIPS) – helping to harmonize strands of divergent veterinary-trade regulatory legislation.
- Increasing nutritional status in vulnerable communities by helping low income farmer association members who did not own land to diversify their livelihood strategy by gathering and selling forest products. PFD's local partner organized buying stations of these products which were used for medicinal purposes.

BENIN AND LIBERIA

PFD supports enterprise development programs in these two countries working with local MFI – the Benin Center for Environmental, Social, and Economic Development (CEBEDES) in Benin and Local Enterprise Assistance Program (LEAP) in Liberia. The programs continue PFD's successful small enterprise development activities in Nigeria and in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) where over the past ten years PFD has issued \$9M in 42,000 loans, with repayment rates on the loans exceeding 90%.

CONFLICT RECOVERY IN RWANDA AND SOMALIA

PFD helped both Rwanda and Somalia recover from conflict by rehabilitating health and water infrastructure and rebuilding health and educational services. In Rwanda, PFD helped attract displaced Rwandans to: (a) repair 35 gravity-fed water systems and trained village committees to maintain the systems, thereby providing an estimated 55,000 persons with improved access to clean water; (b) repair four health centers and trained the centers' staff, thus offering primary health care to an over 2,000 persons weekly; and (c) trained teachers in working with war traumatized children and provided credit to 300 small groups of vulnerable women for income-generating activities.

The PFD Somalia program, assisted in the rehabilitation of primary health care in the northeast of the country. Community leaders and PFD identified communities in need and capable of managing health posts and/or Maternal and Child Health (MCH) clinics and then trained the personnel. Thus, approximately 30,000 Somalis – especially infants and children, pregnant and lactating women, the malnourished, and the sick – received basic preventive and curative health care from Somali health care workers.