## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Donors,

You're simply the best. When I think about each of you and all the lifesaving work you enable, I oscillate between tears of joy and dancing for joy. You are the best because you care about others you may never meet in some of the poorest parts of the world. That truly makes me feel such deep gratitude for each of you. Each time I talk to our African partners, they ask me to tell you how much they love you and how thankful they are for your support and love. It's worth noting that your donations translate to them as love. They often say, "Thank you for loving us."

The stories we hear are incredible. We do our best to share these with you throughout the year, but there is something about seeing them all wrapped up together that is truly remarkable. This report speaks to the commitment of our donors, the resilience of the communities we partner with, and the change that is possible when we embrace that our own well-being is inextricably bound to that of our brothers and sisters in Malawi and Uganda.

With your help, we want to continue this incredible work. Our local partners lead the way. We look to their local expertise and then join in. This year, we are excited to take significant steps in three specific areas to further empower the communities we serve - leadership training, WASH and community health worker training, and increasing access to village savings groups. These initiatives can create compounding positive change, driving a domino effect of transformation across communities. You will hear us talk about them a lot in the coming months!

There are so many exciting things coming, and we hope you will continue to support the work and joyously follow along with the stories. Thank you for remembering and loving the amazingly resilient people of Africa. Thank you for extending hope and justice to their corner of the globe, to their villages, and to their very homes. Every single day of my life, I count it a privilege to be on this journey with you.

With love, Patrick Mitchell

## RENDVIN 2023 KEY PARTNERS



Key Projects WASH Schools of Excellence Clean Water Access Pre/Postnatal Support Gender Equity

## - COPRED

**Key Projects** Clean Water Access AIDS Prevention and Care Cyclone Relief Orphan Care

**STATESIDE PARTNER** 

**O BLOOD:WATER** 

UGANDA

MALAWI /

#### GOOD NEWS = CHILDREN'S HOME

Key Projects Orphan Care Education Healthcare

#### WE START WITH CLEAN WATER

...and it grows from there. On the priority list of needs, water sits firmly at the top. So, when our partners in Malawi and Uganda look to transform a community, they first ensure access to clean and safe drinking water. Once the bedrock of clean water is established, the gates of opportunity swing wide.

Mchacha, Malawi Well built in May 2023

## **43 CLEAN WATER** PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2023

This year, Renown invested in wells throughout Uganda and in central and southern Malawi. Water projects include establishing new wells (like the one seen below in Mchacha, Malawi), completing well repairs, installing water filtration systems, and investing in natural protected springs.

the newly tapped well.

#### SINCE IT'S INCEPTION, RENOWN COLLECTIVE HAS COMPLETED **120 CLEAN WATER PROJECTS**

# WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE

OUR PARTNERS IN AFRICA ARE FOCUSED ON HOLISTIC WATER SOLUTIONS. INCREASED CLEAN WATER ACCESS, COMBINED WITH EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, IMPROVED BATHROOM FACILITIES, AND HAND WASHING STATIONS, GIVE COMMUNITIES A FIGHTING CHANCE AT ELIMINATING WATERBORNE ILLNESSES. "Safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being. Safe WASH is not only a prerequisite to health, but contributes to livelihoods, school attendance and dignity and helps to create resilient communities living in healthy environments." -World Health

Organization

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS =** 

**PACT** O BLOOD:WATER

#### **KAPEKE, UGANDA** 0.9725, 31.9174

In 2022, only ~50% of the people in Kapeke, Uganda - a region home to ~20,000 people - had access to clean water. Partners for Community Transformation, an African-led non-profit (and our long-time partners on the ground), devised an ambitious plan to drastically raise access by the end of 2023. Through the collaborative efforts of PaCT, Renown Collective, and our friends over at Blood:Water, 85% of the community now has access to clean water.



#### WASH MODEL SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

WASH Model Schools of Excellence are a novel way to empower children as agents of change in their communities. Schools are equipped with clean water access, bathroom facilities, hand washing stations, and a curriculum aimed at embedding healthy sanitation and hygiene habits in children. Children then carry this knowledge into their communities, becoming the cheerleaders for safe practices in their own homes. In collaboration with Renown and Blood:Water, PACT oversaw the launch of five WASH Model Schools of Excellence.

### 105

Functioning water points constructed/ rehabilitated 100 ceramic home filters + 5 wells

5 Latrines constructed

100

Mothers reached with breastfeeding support

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### 4,500

People reached with improved access to clean water and sanitation practices

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Increase access to safe and clean water and sanitation facilities in 5 schools and surrounding communities.

Improve the knowledge and practices of 2,000 students on hygiene and sexual reproductive health.

Improve the nutritional outcomes of children by 30% in 5 schools and surrounding communities.

10 Hand-washing stations constructed

30

Households with children below 5 reached with house gardens 40 Individuals trained as WASH trainers

5

Water management committees formed and trained 25 Hygiene promotion trainings conducted

**650** 

Women and girls reached with support for sanitary menstruation

#### **BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE THROUGH**

The World Bank released a holistic plan for improving life in rural Africa. Among the top factors that will determine the economic well-being of these communities is education - specifically, education for girls. That's why our African partners prioritize increasing access to education for children. This year, 80% of our initiatives involved partnering with schools in some way.

Good News Academy /// Temporary Tent Classroom /// Malawi

#### **200** SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORPHANS

Renown funded school scholarships for 200 orphaned students who wouldn't otherwise have been able to attend school.

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**OPENED SEPTEMBER 2023** 

#### 4 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Renown paid tuition and school fees for four orphan graduates from Good News Children's Home. These students are studying law and medicine.

In Mchacha, Malawi, there are over 20,000 schoolaged children and 1 secondary school.

That was Joseph's leading line in his pitch to open a new school across from Good News Children's Home. 90% of children in the area cannot attend school -There simply isn't room.

Joseph has been the director of Good News for over a decade. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the children who come into his team's care have the opportunity to learn.

Now, he is taking it a step further. With Renown's help, Good News has opened a school that will serve the orphans at Good News as well as children in the surrounding community.

Renown has provided funding for the temporary classroom (a 7,000 sq ft. tent), staffing, and school supplies. Additionally, Renown funded the purchase of a 12-acre plot of land across from Good News that will serve as the permanent school campus.

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OR RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

**Jimmy Katuma** Executive Director & Founder of COPRED in Malawi.

#### A HEALTHY AND SELF-RELIANT MALAWIAN COMMUNITY

For over 20 years, that has been COPRED's vision. And, for the past five years, Renown has joined hands with them to see that vision become a reality. In 2023, we partnered with COPRED on clean water initiatives, HIV prevention and care, and natural disaster relief.

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#### IN FEBRUARY 2023, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL STORMS EVER HIT MALAWI.

Houses were destroyed, crops wiped away, and over 1,200 died during the storms. The fallout in the coming weeks was catastrophic, with food insecurity, homelessness, and disease skyrocketing. COPRED shifted its focus to disaster relief, providing temporary housing, food and water, and mobilizing hundreds of volunteers to rebuild farms and homes.

RENOWN PROVIDED SUPPORT TOWARD THESE RELIEF INITIATIVES, WHICH IMPACTED AN ESTIMATED 20,000 INDIVIDUALS.

## **A NEW** WEBSITE

In addition to providing financial support for key initiatives, Renown built COPRED's first-ever website (<u>COPRED.org</u>). This site is a game changer for COPRED, increasing visibility for fundraising and broadening access for community members seeking services.





A healthy and self-reliant Malawian community



"I have run out of words with which to express my gratefulness for the support Renown Collective has provided to COPRED. We are proud and very grateful for your time, your efforts, and your dedication to making the world a greater place where everyone is equally valued and served."

-Jimmy Katuma Executive Director of COPRED

IN MALAWI, 17% OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 ARE ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE CHOSEN PARTNERS WHO PRIORITIZE CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE. IN 2023, RENOWN PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR 200 ORPHANS, COVERING BASIC NEEDS, FOOD, AND SCHOOL FEES.

Children at Good News



#### **PACT**

- IN 2023, RENOWN SUPPORTED KEY HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES THROUGH EACH OF OUR PARTNERS.
- Breastfeeding support for 100 women.
- Re-usable menstruation pad program impacting 650 school-aged girls.
- Kitchen gardens for 30 households.



• HIV/AIDS prevention and care



 Launched Good News Clinic

In partnership with Renown, Good News launched a medical clinic that serves the children at the orphanage and people in the surrounding communities. This clinic generates income for the orphanage and drastically increases healthcare access for the surrounding villages.

## A SELF-SUSTAINING

### LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 2023

#### MENSTRUATION SUPPORT WHAT IS IT? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



In many parts of Uganda and Malawi, periods are highly stigmatized. Furthermore, schools and communities often lack the resources and facilities to ensure women feel comfortable when they are on their period. This leads to young girls missing loads of school time and often dropping out once they hit puberty. PACT in Uganda has taken a multi-pronged approach to support and empower women.

REUSABLE PAD PRODUCTION PROGRAMS mobilizing both boys and girls in schools

INITIATIVES for boys and girls in school aimed at normalizing periods

**EDUCATIONAL** 

IMPROVED BATHROOM FACILITIES

providing privacy for girls

Girls in Uganda learning to sew reusable pads

## HEAR THEIR VOICES

In May, we had the privilege of recording Goma Women's Choir in Mchacha, Malawi. As a gift to hard-working women in Mchacha and our incredible donors, we've made this music available to stream. You can search "Renown Collective" in your streaming service to access the music today.



## HEY DONORS!<br/>YOU LOOK<br/>GOOD!TOTAL DONORS: 99<br/>MONTHLY DONORS: 61<br/>AVERAGE DONATION: \$291

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62% OF RENOWN DONORS ARE MONTHLY DONORS

This water is from **MCHACHA WELL** -16.5321, 35.0077 This year, all of our donors received water directly from a well funded by Renown that was built in May of 2023.



## OUR 2023 TEAM



Chaz Ripley Communications, Creative



#### Patrick Mitchell

Executive Director & Founder



Chris Lee Photos, Videos, Creative