INTERNATIONAL TRANSFORMATION FOUNDATION
(2010 — 2015)

LEAVING FOOTPRINTS OF CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION IN YOUTH’S LIVES
ABOUT US

International Transformation Foundation is a youth led non-profit organization, whose mission is based on principles of stimulus and inspiration for change and transformation of youths, by providing Youth self development programs that encompass leadership & entrepreneurship.

A significant number of Kenya’s population is composed of young people, often the most productive constituent of an economy. However, facing wide spread unemployment, many jobless and idle youth are migrating to urban areas and a good number residing in urban areas to look for elusive jobs. Their desperate search for jobs continues to increase the pattern of social uproar leading many to immorality practices.

This unemployment crisis requires a change and transformation to enable them pursue self-help initiatives. Consequently in 2009 International Transformation Foundation-ITF was established by amalgamated youth across East African countries and was dully registered in Kenya on 25th August 2010 as an international Youth led nonprofit organization, providing youth self development programs to inspire the youth to become leaders with creative and progressive thinking so as to improve their well being.
BACKGROUND

About 500,000 Youth leave school each year despite the Kenyan economy generating only about 150,000 jobs annually. Consequently Kenya’s population unemployment rate is 40% of which 64% are youths who constitute about 60 percent of Kenya’s estimated population of 43 million. Nairobi, the nation’s capital population is about 3.5 million and about 60 percent live in slums of which about 75% is youth; forming the largest part of the available human resource. However, many of them who are productive and energetic remain unemployed and continue to suffer from Idleness’s social ills, due to the growing sense of alienation felt by young men and women dropping out of schools to join gangs, violence and drug addiction as part of their everyday life where the future seems dark, Poverty and unemployment being the norm.

With the belief that insufficient employment opportunities for youth; is a long term problem not only in Kenya but all Africa. International Transformation Foundation (ITF) was established in December 2009 and dully registered in Kenya on 25th August 2010 by amalgamated youth across East Africa as an internationally youth led non-profit organization to provide youth leadership and entrepreneurship programs to harness creativity for Youth system that provide jobs; offering security, opportunities to grow, and contribute to the development of our communities.

LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

The duties of the various bodies within International Transformation (ITF) are determined by the laws of Republic of Kenya and by the organization’s governance policy and By- Laws. The ITF’s governance policy and by laws is decided by the Board of Directors (The Board).

The Board is responsible for the management of the organization and has legal, fiduciary, and ethical responsibilities. Other governance bodies have an assisting and supporting role. Day to day operations of ITF are coordinated through the Secretary General and volunteer members at the Secretariat based in Nairobi, Kenya.
1 SLUM 100 COMPUTERS PROJECT

This is a self sustainable project that provides computer training and entrepreneurship mentorship to disadvantaged youth in Eastern Nairobi slums to be familiar enough with basic computer applications and design a profitable computer based business. After the completion of the training and mentorship, ITF loans them required funds that they need to start designed business such as a cyber café. So far, since the launch of the project in November 2014 we have successfully trained 3 youth groups with 10 members each and they are all in the initial stages of their start up businesses.

JIJENGE KIJANA FUND

Jijenge Kijana fund is the newest project run by ITF. The fund was introduced in March 2015 after one of our members lost his employment where he was drawing income to mature chicks in his just launched small poultry farm. The Jijenge Kijana fund was then introduced as our members’ livelihood pathway offering microcredit and training to enable them to engage in productive and stable livelihoods gradually generating increased income to lift themselves out of poverty.

LEADERSHIP AND ENTERPRENUERSHIP TRAINING

The ITF Youth Leadership and entrepreneurship trainings consist of debates and training workshops giving youth life didactic principles with rigorous instructions that shoves them to expand their boundaries of knowledge molding them into great leaders and entrepreneurs. Since 2010, Over 26000 Youth across east Africa have participated in our Trainings.
JOIN THE PIPE PROJECT

Join the Pipe project also known as a water kiosk at school is a collaborative project with the Join the Pipe Foundation - a non-profit organization established in Amsterdam, that produces and provides sustainable public tap water stations and services to all people around the globe by servicing communities, cities, and towns with clean tap water. Through the Join the pipe project we install specially designed Dutch taps stations near playgrounds, city centres, parks, schools and bus stations in Kenya in order for people to drink clean water whenever possible.

Since the project launch in 2013, we have built nine (9) water kiosks and stations at community based schools across Kenya providing drinking tap water and sanitation to 4338 students and 70587 community residents. We also distribute environmentally friendly water bottles to school children to encourage them to carry clean water to schools thus preventing the spread of water borne diseases. In 2014, the Join the Pipe Project won the Saville Foundation Pan African award for entrepreneurship in education. And the 2015 Global Awards for fundraising- Big Impact Small Budget Category Award.
31 young people under 30 years old from 8 different countries across the globe have worked at ITF Secretariat since August 2010. Since November 2013 we have built 9 joint pipe water kiosk model at schools in Nairobi, Siaya and Bungoma County’s communities providing clean tap water and associated multiple benefits to 4338 students and 70587 general community residents. Over 26947 Youth across east Africa have participated in our leadership & entrepreneurship trainings consisting of debates and workshops since August 2010. Since the launch of 1 slum 100 Computers project in November 2014, we have provided youth groups from eastern Nairobi slums with Computer training and entrepreneurship mentorship to design and set up a profitable computer based business, 3 youths groups with 25 youth have participated.
AWARDS

2015  Global Award for Fundraising-Big Impact Small Budget Category.

2014  Pan African Award for Entrepreneurship in Education.

2012  Global Social Benefit Incubator - Santa Clara University, California.

TESTIMONIALS

Mr. Yannis Derbali, Director, Close the Gap

At operational level it was a pleasure to work with ITF and its professional team on the 1 Slum 100 computers project. Close the Gap is proud to contribute through ITF to the development of the entrepreneurial spirit in the slums of Nairobi that will create change makers for the Kenyan community.

Beth, Former Projects Assistant

Volunteering at ITF as a Projects Assistant was one of the best decisions I ever made. It was a very intensive experience and it taught me so much. It’s hard to find an organization that strongly believes in its mission and executes it with enthusiasm. If you are considering volunteering for ITF, GO FOR IT! It is a serious commitment and hard work but it is well worth it.

Gilbert Ngige, Member

ITF has been of great benefits to me- like getting to learn computers and participating in debate raised my self esteem and gave me confidence in myself which I never had... I learned business skills through which I developed a critical thinking and ventured in poultry and quail farming.
WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

Membership
Anyone who is 18-30 years old is eligible for ITF membership subject to the approval of the administrative committee upon application with payment of a minimum annual membership fee of Ksh. 500. Those over 30 years old are welcome to the advisory board.

Volunteer
ITF volunteers are part of the ITF Secretariat which is responsible for day to day operations of the organization and is coordinated through the Secretary General. ITF Volunteer Application is open to anyone who is 18 to 30 years old with relevant educational background.

Programme support - support one of our programmes such as our water and computer projects through technical or even financial support.

Sponsor an event - sponsor an event such as our leadership and entrepreneurship Debates, Forums and workshops.

Partnership - we are interested in creating partnerships with those who share our values and seek to further our mission.

In kind gifts - we welcome in kind gifts of goods or professional skills to promote our work as widely as possible.

ITF PICTORIAL

The first ITF Volunteers who staged first ITF activity “2010 ITF Debate” at Nairobi National Park.
A Join the pipe water kiosk at school model built at Cheptais SDA Primary School in Bungoma County (Western – Kenya).

Members of Excellent Youth Group (1slum 100 Computers Project – Class II participants) receiving computer training at ITF Secretariat from IT & Development Assistant Mr. Athanas.

2011 Debate: sponsors, all awards winners and ITF crew at Kenya Polytechnic University College.