Building Homes and Communities

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My involvement – 2010 Study Tour of Kenya & Tanzania
Who we are
Rooftops Canada is a non-profit founded in 1984 as the international development program of co-op and social housing organizations in Canada.

- Help communities create sustainable and practical housing solutions.
- Provide thousands of families with secure, affordable shelter.
Our Canadian Partners

- Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada
- CHRA ACHRU
- ONPHA Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association
- BC Non-Profit Housing Association
- Confédération québécoise des coopératives d’habitation
- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
Our stories
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WAT-SAVINGS AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

CHAMA CHA USHIRIKA WA AKIBA NA MIKOPO-WAT
Our Microfinance Loan Impact

- **ZINAHCO**: 674 loans (548 in December 2013, 397 in June 2014)
- **WAT**: 720 loans (397 in December 2013, 475 in June 2014)
- **NACHU**: 1,065 loans (475 in June 2014)

**Total Impact**: 2,459 loans

*Source: Rooftops Canada*
“I have built this nice house in the city for my children.”
-Mama Sikitiko
Qualifying for a Mortgage Loan in Kenya

Source: Kenyan Spirit
Decent and Affordable Housing
Young Workers in Africa

72% of S-S Youth earn $2 or less.

Source: The Guardian
Youth & Unemployment in Africa

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“I used to destroy them [youth] with drugs...but now, I can add life to them through urban farming.”

-Humphrey Omukuti
Training Co-op Leaders in Kenya
Nutritious Food in Zimbabwe
HIV Education in Uganda

How HIV is spread:

HIV is found in the blood and in sexual fluids of both men and women. It is spread in three main ways:

1. Through sex:
   - You can get HIV by having sex with someone who is already infected with HIV.

2. Through infected blood:
   - People get HIV when HIV infected blood mixes with their blood. Infected blood can come from blood transfusion, HIV blood contaminated razor blades, needles etc.

3. From mother to baby:
   - A woman with HIV can pass it on to her baby. The baby becomes infected while in the mother’s womb when it is being born or through breast milk.

How to prevent HIV infection:

1. Do not share instruments such as razor blades, needles and syringes. If sharing cannot be avoided, then insist on using sterilised instruments.

2. Cover cuts and wounds with water-proof plasters or a piece of clean cloth.

3. Do not have sex until you are married and then stay faithful to your partner. Both partners should also carry out HIV test before marriage.

4. Women with HIV should seek advice before getting pregnant because they may pass on HIV to their babies.

5. Avoid HIV by abstaining from sex or by proper use of condoms if at all you can not abstain.

6. If you can not avoid blood transfusion, then insist on blood which has been tested for HIV.
“Before gaining access to safe, affordable housing through Johannesburg’s Madulammoho Housing Association, I was living in a garage and selling my body to support my three kids.”

- Thandiwe Austin
“We were told we did not have the capacity to purchase land as we were disabled.”

-Phathani Mlalazi
“The cooperative concept has enabled me to achieve what I would not have achieved on my own.”

-Tariro Gamanya
80% of people with disabilities are unemployed or have no healthcare.
How we work
Current Overseas Partners

Zimbabwe National Association of Housing Cooperatives

ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING COOPERATIVES
Funding for Supplies & Loans
Study Visits for Mutual Learning
Countries We’ve Worked In

Africa
- Cameroon
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Asia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- The Philippines

Eastern & Southern Europe
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Lithuania
- Latvia
- Russia
- Turkey

Latin America & the Caribbean
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Cuba
- Chile
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Uruguay

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Mary Mathenge video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rhete8OqOVg
Where do I fit in?
How to Get Involved

LEARN – www.rooftops.ca

SHARE – Talk about us!

GIVE – Donate to provide more safe, affordable housing to all

ACT – Consider partnering with us
  – Or consider supporting or starting a similar US initiative (Rooftops USA?)
  - We would love to help with whatever way US housing coops would like to get involved!