

# CORPSAFRICA 2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

Every year, I am reminded that meaningful change often begins with the simple act of listening. CorpsAfrica Volunteers enter communities without predetermined projects. They build relationships, learn what matters to residents, and work with them to turn their ideas into action.

That commitment was at the heart of our work again this year. Across 11 African countries, 460 CorpsAfrica Volunteers facilitated 9,469 projects spanning food security, education, clean water, employment, health, environmental sustainability, and more ... all shaped by local priorities.

This approach is especially important as the international development landscape continues to change and resources become more constrained. The need for locally-led, cost-effective, and sustainable development models is growing. CorpsAfrica offers a powerful example: building on local strengths and co-creating solutions that communities will sustain long after a Volunteer leaves.

I am incredibly proud of what our Volunteers and communities have accomplished by working together. I am equally proud of how service transforms our Volunteers, building the confidence, leadership skills, and experience they will carry into their careers.

And many more young Africans are ready to serve. More than 15,000 applied to CorpsAfrica this year. This is a powerful reminder that Africa has no shortage of young people ready to lead and help shape the future of their countries.

To our Volunteers, alumni, communities, staff, partners, and donors: thank you. Your belief in young African leaders and community-led development makes this work possible.

We have seen what can happen when young people are given the opportunity to serve and communities are trusted to lead. Now is the time to take that model even further.

With gratitude,

**Liz Fanning**  
CorpsAfrica Founder and CEO



## FISCAL YEAR 2025 FINANCES

 **TOTAL REVENUE**  
**\$16,026,066**

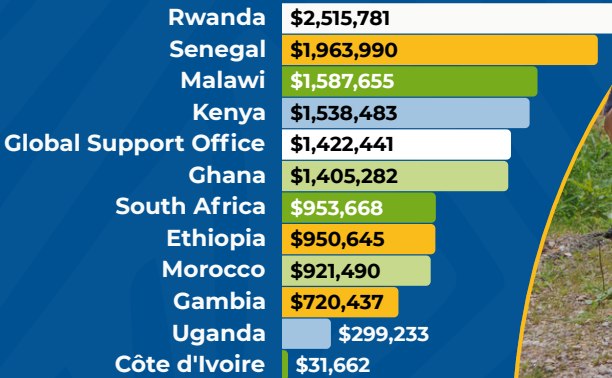
Grants and Contributions  
**\$15,722,651**

Donated Securities  
**\$100,103**

Contributed Nonfinancial Assets  
**\$26,000**

Other Revenue  
**\$177,312**

 **TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$14,310,767**



# ABOUT CORPSAFRICA

CorpsAfrica is an international development organization that recruits, trains, and sends young college-educated Africans to serve in rural communities in 11 African countries. Volunteers live alongside residents, listen first, and help turn local ideas into small-scale, high-impact projects that strengthen communities, expand economic opportunity, and improve lives.

## THE CORPSAFRICA APPROACH

Our model puts young Africans and local communities at the center of development. Rather than arriving with predetermined projects, Volunteers work alongside residents to identify local needs and develop solutions together.

- **Youth Leadership Through Service:** Young Africans gain hands-on leadership experience while contributing their skills, energy, and knowledge in service to their own countries.
- **Community-Led Development:** Communities identify their priorities and play a central role in designing, implementing, and sustaining projects.
- **Human-Centered Design:** Volunteers listen first and work with residents to develop practical solutions grounded in their experiences, needs, and ideas.
- **Asset-Based Community Development:** Volunteers help communities identify and build on their existing skills, knowledge, relationships, and resources.
- **Small-Scale, Sustainable Solutions:** Most projects cost less than \$8,000 and are designed so communities can continue benefiting from and managing them after a Volunteer's service ends.

Together, these principles are advancing a pan-African movement rooted in volunteerism, youth leadership, and community-led development.

## WHERE WE WORK



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Benjamin Builds Opportunity Through Aquaculture

Ghana

In Kpeve Tornu, Ghana, declining fish stocks and changing weather patterns were making it harder for families to rely on traditional fishing. CorpsAfrica Volunteer Benjamin worked with elders, women traders, and youth to identify another way forward: tilapia aquaculture. Together, they mobilized more than \$4,100 in CorpsAfrica and community contributions to establish community-managed fish cages stocked with more than 20,000 tilapia fingerlings.

In its first year, the project's first two harvests produced 2,088 kilograms of tilapia and generated approximately \$8,556 in revenue. Women expanded their income through fish processing, smoking, resale, and fish-oil production, while residents gained new aquaculture and business skills.



### Yusupha Helps Gardens and Livelihoods Grow

The Gambia

In Jammeh Kunda, The Gambia, CorpsAfrica Volunteer Yusupha worked with women vegetable growers who identified reliable access to water as a major barrier to expanding their livelihoods. The 38 gardeners often began drawing water manually from wells as early as 5:00 or 6:00 a.m., limiting how many vegetable beds they could cultivate. Working with the community, CorpsAfrica, and the Steevort Foundation, Yusupha helped build a new borehole that now provides reliable irrigation for the community garden.

With easier access to water, the women are growing more onions, tomatoes, and other vegetables while increasing household income. To sustain the project, community members contribute monthly to a maintenance fund, help manage the borehole, and receive training in water conservation and sustainable gardening, giving the community the resources and systems to keep the garden growing.



# CORPSAFRICA FY25 BY THE NUMBERS

460

New Volunteers

CorpsAfrica continued to grow in 2025, with the number of Volunteers rising 47% from 314 in 2024 to 460 across all countries of operation, while applications climbed from 10,927 to 15,315.

360

Community-Led Projects

Communities brought even more ideas to life, with community-led projects increasing 83% from 197 in 2024 to 360 in 2025, primarily in agriculture, food security, and economic development.

9,469

Development Activities

CorpsAfrica Volunteers facilitated 9,469 development initiatives addressing local priorities and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals, including 1,780 activities advancing Zero Hunger (SDG 2), 1,675 in Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8), and 1,502 in Climate Action (SDG 13).

11,278

New Jobs

Through their projects and initiatives, Volunteers helped create 11,278 new jobs, largely through community members starting businesses and generating income. They also helped sustain 2,139 existing jobs and improve 11,650 more.

216,869

Direct Beneficiaries

CorpsAfrica projects and initiatives directly benefited 216,869 people and reached an additional 832,627 indirect beneficiaries across all countries of operation.

## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BY SECTOR

Primary Focus and Number of Activities



Agriculture and Food Security  
1,780



Economic Development  
1,675



Climate Action and Environment  
1,502



Health  
207



Women and Girls' Empowerment  
48



Education  
990



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene  
1,767



Youth Sports and Recreation  
486



Digital Economy and Technology:  
81



Construction, Renovation, and Infrastructure  
933





# CORPSAFRICA PITCH DAY EVENTS

The 2026 Pitch Day once again demonstrated what is possible when Volunteers and communities have the opportunity to lead. From March to July, we hosted Pitch Days across Ethiopia, Morocco, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, The Gambia, and Côte d'Ivoire, highlighting locally identified challenges and community-driven solutions to partners, supporters, and potential investors.

With 73 CorpsAfrica Volunteers and 1,264 attendees across all country offices, Volunteers and community members engaged directly with development partners, government representatives, embassies, the private sector, and other stakeholders to get their projects funded and sustained for the betterment of the communities future.

In Ghana, for example, six Volunteers presented initiatives spanning poultry, catfish and sheep farming to irrigation, corn milling, seedling production, and water-system expansion.

Pitch Day translated into tangible support. Country offices reported raising \$107,335 for Volunteer-led community driven projects. Morocco, Malawi, Rwanda, and The Gambia surpassed their individual targets, collectively raising \$94,344–\$30,460 above their combined target of \$63,884.

Pitch Day 2026 was about more than fundraising. It's a showcase of community-led development, partnership-building opportunity, and a celebration of CorpsAfrica's impact. By bringing Volunteers, communities, partners, and supporters together, the 2026 events demonstrated the power of turning local ideas into visible, investable solutions and strengthened CorpsAfrica for even greater impact in the years ahead.



## SUCCESS AFTER SERVICE



A Volunteer's year of service may end, but CorpsAfrica's investment in their future continues. Through the Alumni Network, former Volunteers access new pathways to advance their careers, pursue higher education, launch businesses, and expand their impact. In 2025, more than 400 alumni joined the second annual Alumni Virtual Summit, learning from and engaging with representatives from global institutions. In addition, Opportunity Fairs across seven countries placed alumni directly in front of local recruiters, development agencies, and industry leaders.

CorpsAfrica also backed its alumni across three foundational pillars: entrepreneurship, advanced education, and rapid employment. The Entrepreneurship Incubator offered business training and awarded \$210,000 in seed funding to 42 alumni ventures, while the Matching Scholarship Program enabled 48 alumni to pursue advanced degrees and professional credentials, leveraging \$160,997 in CorpsAfrica funding to secure \$212,517 in external awards. The Alumni Team also provided six months of career-focused individual and group mentorship sessions, helping 81 alumni secure employment. Together, these programs are equipping alumni to drive change as the next generation of Pan-African leaders.



## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION



### CorpsAfrica/Rwanda and Trinity Metals Build New Livelihoods

Rwanda 🇷🇼

CorpsAfrica/Rwanda partnered with Trinity Metals Group in 2025 through a \$180,000 agreement to help communities around Rwanda's Rutongo Mine region transition from unauthorized mining to safe, sustainable livelihoods. In its first year, the partnership created 1,195 employment opportunities and helped 409 unauthorized miners transition to sustainable livelihoods. More than 6,800 community members received training, while 15 savings groups were established and accumulated more than RWF 30 million (\$20,433).

The project further supported economic opportunity and environmental sustainability through the distribution of more than 2,300 livestock and 125,000 trees. In recognition of this work, CorpsAfrica/Rwanda received Trinity Metals' "Partner of the Year" award at its annual Safety, Health, Environment, and Community Summit.







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