



Center: IFFAMPAC Africa Rep-Mr. Lombe, Bwafwano Chairperson-Mrs. Mazuba, IFFAMPAC Volunteer-Mr. Willy Chikwemba, posing for the photos with beneficiaries

IFFAMPAC STRIVES FOR BETTER AFRICA

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IFFAMPAC's Africa Regional Office donated educational materials and supplies to children at the Bwafwano Community School, located in the Chawama Compound, Zambia Africa. Amano Sanitary Services Enterprise contributed the educational materials to IFFAMPAC. IFFAMPAC's Educational Support Program aims to provide support towards the achievement of a primary education for all African children, in compliance with the United Nations Millennium Development Goal on Education. IFFAMPAC's Educational Support Program also helps to motivate families to take their children to school. These generous donations to IFFAMPAC help supplement efforts to assist families seeking educational opportunities for their children and other youths in the community.



About 196 children benefited from IFFAMPAC’s educational material distribution and it is our sincere hope that the program will continue to grow so that more families in Africa may benefit. Through IFFAMPAC’s Educational Support Program families can begin to transition from illiteracy and begin to see a prosperous future because they are literate. Literacy exposes children and youths to future educational prospects, knowledge and will help them to more effectively lobby for social rights in the future.

IFFAMPAC’s Africa Representative, Mr. Lombe, presented the educational materials to the children and youths while emphasizing that education is the key to social development in Africa. Mr. Lombe further emphasized strong collaboration and networking among organizations in Africa if poverty and high levels of illiteracy are to be reduced.



Most children lack educational materials that enable them read and write because of this, under its Educational Support Program, IFFAMPAC is committed to continued donation of educational materials to families in need. Since the inception of its Educational Support Program, IFFAMPAC has donated educational materials to Vision of Hope in Kanyama in 2008 and to Maheba Refugee Camp in 2009. The program is ongoing and will continue to be expanded and replicated in other African countries with a view toward enhancing our contribution to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

IFFAMPAC firmly believes that education is a great tool with which to fight poverty and to attain peaceful co-existence among various societal inhabitants. Proper education helps children and families better express themselves which contributes to social justice, community harmony and societal development. IFFAMPAC is committed to helping the families of missing persons to achieve each of those laudable goals and we are very thankful to Amano Sanitary Services Enterprise for supporting our efforts.

In the year 2011 IFFAMPAC is committed to intensifying the education support to African families, because education investment is an assurance for sustainable society. Further, IFFAMPAC realizes that the United Nations MDGs on

education can only be achieved when stakeholders like ourselves and other NGOs supplement the efforts of governments and that of United Nations.

IFFAMPAC PARTICIPATES AT REAF WORKSHOP

Lusaka-Zambia- IFFAMPAC was invited by Rural Equity for Africa (REAF) to be a featured speaker and to participate in the special workshop focusing on the plight of women refugees in Africa. The workshop was held at the YWCA in Zambia. Amongst the invited guests and speakers were: Mr. Evans Lombe, IFFAMPAC Africa Representative; Mrs. Siwale, Executive Director of YWCA-Zambia; Reverend Mulumo from the United Church of Zambia; and Mr. Chela, Coordinator for African Human Action. The workshop was moderated by the REAF Executive Director, Ms. Laurah Harrison. Also amongst the participants were refugee women from the Great Lakes Women Refugees Family Association in Zambia (GLWRZ).



REAF Director Laurah Harrison, IFFAMPAC Rep Mr. Evans Lombe & participants

The workshop focused on issues of refugee women empowerment, gender based violence, legality of their status, networking and linking Great Lakes Women Refugees Family Association in Zambia to other organizations and individuals who can be of help to further their goal of empowering women.



Participants during workshop listening to IFFAMPAC Representative, Mr. Lombe

The workshop emphasized the need to empower refugee women with entrepreneurship skills as a means for survival, and also to ensure that refugees are protected from further abuse.

IFFAMPAC’s Africa Representative, Mr. Evans Lombe was privileged to speak at the workshop, emphasizing the need for more organizations to actively assist the projects of the Great Lakes Women Refugees Family Association in Zambia which focus on the welfare of women refugees who suffer from social stress, poverty, post traumatic stress and other economic problems imposed upon them as a result of armed conflicts. Mr. Lombe reaffirmed IFFAMPAC’s commitment to network with organizations such as Rural Equity for Africa, YWCA, AHA and the Church in addressing the social and economic problems confronting women refugees in Africa.

IFFAMPAC reinforced its commitment to all participants that it will continue to collaborate and network with all organizations that recognize the importance of addressing issues of families of missing persons from armed conflicts in Africa and beyond. IFFAMPAC believes that forums such as workshops, seminars, conferences and summits are critical to show support of these families, and to communicate their messages to the international community.

IFFAMPAC CONDUCTS FORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE AFRICAN UNION & AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS

On 16th – 21st August, 2010 IFFAMPAC’s President, Ms. Jane Durgom-Powers, and its Africa Representative, Mr. Evans Lombe, held a series of successful meetings in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with representatives of the African Union. Separate meetings were also held with ambassadors and other government officials. The African governments of Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Liberia, Angola, and the State of Palestine met with IFFAMPAC independently to discuss its work with the families of missing persons from armed conflicts, and also to address economic, social, and legal issues confronting such families in their respective countries.



From the left: Mr. Evans Lombe, IFFAMPAC Representative; Mr. Jalel Chelba, AU-CIDO Acting Director; and Ms. Jane Durgom-Powers, IFFAMPAC President

At the end of the African Union meetings, IFFAMPAC was presented with a formal letter from The Citizens and Diaspora Directorate of the African Union Commission (CIDO). The letter, in part states that CIDO “is keenly interested in your work and we would like to intensify the process of cooperation and collaboration in this regard of an opportune time in the near future.”



From left: Ms. Sophie Togba Mawlue, Liberian Embassy 2nd Secretary; Ms. Jane Durgom-Powers; Dr. Edward Gboloco H. Clinton, Liberian Ambassador to Ethiopia; Mr. Evans Lombe



From left: Mr. Idule Amoko, Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda and Deputy Head Mission; Ms. Jane Durgom-Powers; Col. Emmanuel Musinguzi, Uganda Defence Advisor; and Mr. Evans Lombe

Further, many governments welcomed IFFAMPAC to immediately introduce its programs and projects through their respective national protocols or procedures. IFFAMPAC will begin conducting needs assessment programs to structure activities and projects to assist the families of each of the targeted countries based upon the individual country's unique needs and opportunities.



From left: Ms. Constancia Oline, Third Secretary at Angolan Embassy; Mr. Evans Lombe; Mr. Tiago J. Antonio, First Secretary at Angolan Embassy; Mr. Domingos A. Tchikanha, Angolan Military Attache

IFFAMPAC re-affirms its commitment to continue to be a part of social and economic transformation of the African continent, and looks forward to working with the African Union and the African governments.

Through providing opportunities for the families of the missing persons to heal, reconstruct and be empowered, the United Nations Millennium Goals can be met; transforming families of the missing into strong pillars of social economic development and catalysts for sustainable peace.



From left: Mr. Evans Lombe; Mr. Mohamed A. Hashim, Republic of Sierra Leone First Secretary; Ms. Jane Durgom-Powers; Mr. Andrew G. Bangali, Republic of Sierra Leone Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa



Ms. Epiphanie Kabushemeye, Burundi Ambassador to Ethiopia and Mr. Evans Lombe

In the year 2011 IFFAMPAC shall intensify the process of collaboration with the African Union and other African governments on the issue of African families of missing persons from armed conflicts, in order to strengthen our efforts.

WHY SUPPORT, DONATE and FUND IFFAMPAC WORKS IN AFRICA?

In Africa, IFFAMPAC has begun to get an accurate accounting of the surviving families and their missing family members. Our approach gives us unique understanding of the overall problems that families face, and will enable IFFAMPAC to represent them effectively at forums such as the United Nations and international conferences with

governments, private agencies, and other NGOs. The planned future projects for building schools, skills and recreation centers for these families is a cornerstone of the fulfillment of fundamental human rights for a basic unit of society, which is the family.

IFFAMPAC welcomes donors to become part of the project implementation team. Our organization cannot work in isolation. As a team we can realize success. We welcome volunteers, and other organizations to affiliate with us. We also welcome in-kind donations.

For Donations and any other assistance please contact the following persons:

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF IFFAMPAC

Below is a brief list of the history and accomplishments of IFFAMPAC:

1970s: Our President first became involved with the issue of people who have disappeared and their families. She worked directly with families around the world, helping them to set up Family Associations. She began drafting national laws and reforms to assist surviving family members.

February 2003: The ICRC conference on The Missing recognized the need to unite and co-ordinate the work of the numerous associations of affected families in many parts of the world. Our President addressed the conference.

April 2003: IFFAMPAC was incorporated in the USA.

March 2006: IFFAMPAC was appointed to the United Nations Working Group on Persons who are unaccounted for in Connection with Events in Kosovo.

May 2006: The United Nations Economic and Social Council granted IFFAMPAC Special Consultative Status.

December 2007: IFFAMPAC was approved for association with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI).

March 2008: IFFAMPAC opened a Kosovo branch office in Pristine.

April 2008: IFFAMPAC opened an African branch office in Lusaka, Zambia.

September 2008: IFFAMPAC is chosen by the UN to conduct a workshop on families of missing persons from armed conflicts at the UN prestigious meeting in Paris, France celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

If you would like more information on the issue of missing persons from armed conflicts or if you can help us continue our work by making a donation, volunteering or assisting us to obtain further funding – please contact us at:

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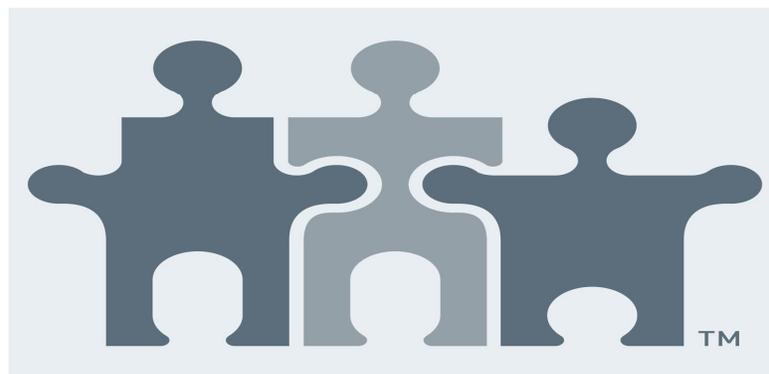
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