


IMPACT REPORT

2017 IN REVIEW



A COMMUNITY OF
CHANGEMAKERS BRINGING
DIGNITY, HOPE AND JUSTICE



**AS LONG AS
POVERTY,
INJUSTICE
AND GROSS
INEQUALITY EXIST
IN OUR WORLD,
NONE OF US CAN
TRULY REST**

— NELSON MANDELA

A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER

In the 10 years that APP has been a charity, our work has been evolving. Whilst we continue to support every effort to provide health, education and lifeskills, we've seen that whatever we do to improve people's welfare in prison, if they don't have justice they won't have peace.

The prisons we work in are full of poor, barely literate people who often have terrible stories of suffering. In countries like Uganda and Kenya more than half of prisoners haven't been convicted of an offence. They are vagrants, debtors, those who've attempted suicide and mothers of children who've died. Some may be on remand for many years. Most never meet a lawyer.

Our focus is now shifting from making prisons better, to emptying them of those who shouldn't be there. Our vision is to empower those within prisons to use the law to bring justice where it's needed most.

By the end of 2018, with your support, we will have almost 100 people in prison in Uganda and Kenya studying for University of London law degrees by correspondence and over 150 more trained as auxiliary paralegals.

In October of 2017 our auxiliary paralegals managed to get every inmate in the women's section of Kole Prison in Uganda released. By 2020 we expect the 3,000 people freed from prison by our community's work to date to be 30,000. Each year we'll work to change unjust laws, such as the case of Susan Kigula, our first female law student. She challenged the mandatory death sentence in the supreme court of Uganda, resulting in her and hundreds of others being released from death row.

Ultimately our hope is that those we train will move into positions where they are the ones making and implementing the law. Our first graduate, Moses, has gone from prisoner to a lawyer in the Ugandan army.

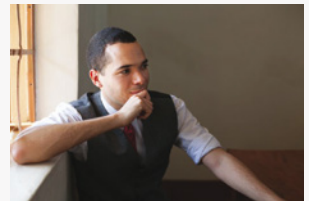
Along the way we've presented at the UN in New York, had our model for provision of health services in prisons replicated nationwide by the Ugandan government and seen our prisoner students given day release to provide legal services at nearby prisons.

We are a family of prisoners, ex-prisoners, prison officers, lawyers, judges and allies. From different countries, faiths and social groups and guided by our

values statement, we are a 'community of servants, accountable stewards and courageous changemakers'. We are hated by many and expected to hate each other. Instead we try to grow in love for one another and those we serve, inspired by Jesus, example of loving and serving the outcast.

As well as studying and applying the law together, we try to grow in relationship with one another as a community of reconciliation—sharing meals, washing each other's feet and caring for one another.

We are people like Kamande at Lang'ata Women's Prison in Nairobi. When she was imprisoned she was suicidal. Now she says her life has great purpose and value as a paralegal. Rahab, imprisoned as a notorious armed robber is now one of our most effective legal aid workers. Or Pascal, who started studying law whilst on death row. He has now completed his degree, is working towards his masters with the University of London and will be released in 2019. And you.



Alexander McLean

Alexander McLean
Founder & Director General

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Reference and administrative information set out on page 5 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company number	06260329
Charity number	1121764
Registered office and operational address	95 Miles Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3FH
Country of registration	England & Wales
Country of incorporation	United Kingdom
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THE TRUSTEES PRESENT THEIR REPORT AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objectives are to bring dignity, hope and justice to men, women and children in prisons in Africa.

All its charitable activities focus on the men, women and children in prisons in Africa, as well as those who work alongside them, and are undertaken to further African Prison Project's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Transition

In April 2017 APP launched its 2017–2020 strategy. This sees the development of a legacy plan to handover our healthcare services to the Ugandan Prison Service, Uganda.

Over the past 10 years APP has established a high quality, low cost health and life skills infrastructure within Ugandan prisons, providing a range of basic services to the most vulnerable groups, including nutritional support to death row prisoners living with HIV

and support to terminally ill prisoners through the Cancer Support Fund. APP will continue to partner with UPS to complete the existing programme.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Looking Ahead

This strategy enables APP to focus on its main objective - ensuring equitable access to justice. APP will continue to do this through the provision of legal training, services and support working across 4 key areas:

- **Justice Changemaker Services**
[Formerly Access to Justice and Leadership]
- **Justice Changemaker Training**
[formerly Education]
- **Justice Changemaker Journey**
[formerly the Secondment programme]
- **Improving Prison Conditions**
[formerly Access to Health and Lifeskills]



OUR VISION

Our vision is to bring dignity, hope and justice to all.

OUR MISSION

We are committed to pursuing access to justice for those who need it most, across Africa and beyond. By empowering prisons and prison staff we seek to place the power of the law into the hands of the poor, enabling them to make, shape and implement the law.

HOW WE WORK

We work holistically to support some of the most vulnerable communities – ensuring equitable access to justice. By helping people to realise their rights we can empower the changemakers themselves. Together we can inspire and lead positive transformation, building a platform from which to share innovation and inspire entire nations.



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER PROGRAMME



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER SERVICES

[JCM SERVICES]

Ensuring that the rule of law, human rights and equal access to justice is promoted, respected and fulfilled across prison communities.



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER TRAINING

[JCM TRAINING]

Creating a new generation of advocates with first-hand experience of the justice system, working selflessly as a community to use the law to serve the marginalised and create more just societies.



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER JOURNEY

[JCM JOURNEY]

Creating opportunities for prison staff and criminal justice decision makers to develop leadership skills – modelled on a framework of excellence using the UK penal reform system as a founding basis for achieving best practice.



IMPROVING PRISON CONDITIONS

Promoting the physical well-being of men, women and children in prisons through increased access to essential health services and library facilities.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

£1,269,254

During 2017, African Prisons Project received income of £1,269,254 (2016: £2,020,312). Of this, £639,933 (2016: £1,576,733) is unrestricted and £629,321 (2016: £443,579) is restricted.

During the year expenditure was £1,610,637 of which £507,418 was spent from the restricted funds leaving a balance on these funds of £400,445.

APP IN NUMBERS 2017



29

PRISONS SUPPORTED



58

PRISONERS STUDYING
LAW WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



504

PRISONERS
ACCESSING BAIL



2,020

PRISONERS SUPPORTED
BY APP LAW STUDENTS



21,546

PRISONERS WITH
IMPROVED ACCESS
TO HEALTH



SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN 2017



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER SERVICES

WHAT WE DO

Ensuring that the rule of law, human rights and equal access to justice is promoted, respected and fulfilled across prison communities.

HOW WE DO IT

Human Rights Training: In-house training for prisoners and prison staff to become auxiliary paralegals, advocates and peer educators. This means that they can then provide simple, accessible information about the court process to those in need.

Systemic Education: We create opportunities for officials to visit prisons and see first-hand the transformation that is possible behind bars. We also provide platforms for officials to discuss challenges that affect access to justice, supporting them in fostering a human rights culture across prison communities.

Capacity building: We contribute to building the capacity of prisoners and prison staff (Auxiliary Paralegals and Prison Peer Educators – PPE) and judicial officers through trainings. These trainings are aimed at ensuring key stakeholders are more effective in implementing their mandates in response to the needs of our beneficiaries.



“WE THANK APP AND ITS PARTNERS FOR HEEDING TO OUR CALL TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE OF THIS SUCCESSFUL MODEL TO THE WHOLE REGION. I URGE ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE PROJECT”

—The Honourable Justice Dr. Winfred Nabisinde,
Resident Judge, Lango Sub Region during the
launch of the project





“Rahab Nyawira was released on 15th September 2017 from Lang’ata Women’s Prison, where she had been an inmate for 6 years. Lang’ata is the largest women’s prison in Kenya, hosting all categories of offenders.

On her arrival at Lang’ata Rahab was considered someone to be feared. However, during her time there she trained as a paralegal with APP and on her release was considered a hard-working role model.

APP supported Rahab throughout her studies with access to tutors, textbooks and practical classroom support.

Rahab then went onto use the skills she gained to support fellow inmates, in APP’s Legal Aid Clinic.”

—RAHAB NYAWIRA, EX-INMATE: LANG’ATA WOMEN’S PRISON



PARTNERSHIPS

Legal Aid Service Providers' Network (LASPNET),

In 2017, APP applied to join the LASPNET in a bid to start working with the network and other Legal Aid Service providers on advocacy for legal, policy and practice reforms, access to justice, sharing of research information and dissemination of reports.

Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, APP worked with the foundation on raising awareness of paralegal advisory services as a complementary resource to provide legal aid to prisoners mainly in the mid-northern region.

This year, through the work of the Auxiliary Paralegals and PPE's, we were able to run our legal services programme programme across 28 prisons in Uganda and Kenya. This has enabled us to achieve the following:

1 LEGAL AID CLINIC
REFURBISHED AND
FURNISHED AT LUZIRA
UPPER PRISON

53,642 PRISONERS
PROVIDED WITH BASIC
LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND
ADVICE THROUGH LEGAL
AWARENESS SESSIONS

136 PARALEGALS
HAVE BEEN TRAINED



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Legal awareness sessions: Auxiliary paralegals and PPEs provide basic legal support and advice to prisoners. Their work includes preparing inmates to present their cases effectively in court and resolving cases through Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Advocacy: The nature of imprisonment means the plight of prisoners is hidden from the wider society, as well as from those who have a duty to take action, including judges, the police, the wider community and policy makers.

Tracing sureties: The auxiliary paralegals act as a link between the community and the prisoners. They trace sureties on behalf of those seeking to apply to be released on bail.

“I am glad to have started this journey with APP and I thank APP for choosing Lango sub region as a model region. I promise we will work with APP to see that APP continues to exist. I pray that I continue to walk with APP in this great journey.”

The Honourable Justice Dr. Winfred Nabisinde, Resident Judge, Lango Sub region during the review meeting in November 2017.





JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER TRAINING

WHAT WE DO

Equipping senior leaders with formal education, legal training and exposure to global best practice to ensure that prisoners' rights are upheld – and that everyone is entitled to a fair and speedy trial, with the facility to access bail and appeal against unjust circumstances.

HOW WE DO IT

Legal education: A formalised sponsorship programme enabling prisoners and prison staff to study law with the University of London's (UoL) international programme. Through this, we can support the many prisoners that are denied a fair trial simply because issues of poverty prevent them from accessing legal support.

Masters and postgraduate study linked to penal development and the provision of basic services such as education, health and access to justice are also available to senior prison professionals.

“AFTER BEING RELEASED, WHEN I TOLD PEOPLE IN MY VILLAGE ABOUT MY LLB EDUCATION AND WHAT I AM YET TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THE JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER TRAINING, PEOPLE RESPECTED ME AND EVERYONE WANTED TO WORK AND ASSOCIATE WITH ME. INDEED, THE EX-INMATES WILL TAKE OVER THIS WORLD THROUGH POSITIVE CHANGE!”

—Jackson Otingchwinyu, ex-inmate of Luzira maximum prison and UoL student under the JCM training





“Pascal Kakuru remains in Luzira Upper Prison – Uganda’s only maximum security facility on the southern edge of Kampala – and is due for release in 2019.

Pascal’s commitment and hard work identified him as an ideal candidate for the University of London’s (UoL) International Programme. He became APP’s first student to receive a Law Degree from UoL in September 2017.

APP supported Pascal throughout his studies by providing career and educational guidance as well as access to textbooks and extra-curricular activity.

Pascal now supports others as a Graduate Assistant to the prison-based APP Law Degree Tutors as well as becoming Editor of the prison law journal.”

—PASCAL KAKURU, LAW STUDENT



IN 2017



PARTNERSHIPS

University of West England (UWE), law lecturers have provided pro-bono support to APP's legal education programme; helping in the development of APP tutors, providing teaching and learning materials and also guest lecturing when the opportunity is available.

Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), lecturers and law students from Makerere University through APP's partnership with PILAC have spent time with APP students who study law by correspondence with the UoL. This has presented an opportunity for students to contextualise the legal knowledge gained.

58 STUDENTS
ARE PART OF
THE PROGRAMME

15 UGANDAN
INMATES AND PRISON
OFFICERS SUPPORTED

43 KENYAN
INMATES AND PRISON
OFFICERS SUPPORTED

2 STUDENTS
HAVE COMPLETED
THE UOL LLB
PROGRAMME AND ARE
DUE FOR GRADUATION



“I am overwhelmed by APP’s extraordinary work and what they’ve achieved over the last ten years. They began by helping a few men and women in one or two places. Now, in 2017, more than 60 students – prisoners and prison staff – are studying law through the University of London in a learning environment that poses enormous challenges.”

-JON SNOW
JOURNALIST AND NEWS BROADCASTER
APP PATRON



JUSTICE CHANGEMAKER JOURNEY

WHAT WE DO

APP have invested in empowering 6–10 prison staff (Ugandan Prison Staff – UPS and Kenyan Prison Staff – KPS) with the opportunity to gain on-the-job, work and learning experience from a number of the UK’s more highly ranked penal reform thought leaders and sector experts.

HOW WE DO IT

Leadership: Professional secondment opportunities for senior prison and criminal justice personnel to learn from UK prison management systems. Secondment programmes encompass and support the delivery of our new service models in African prisons.

This programme rigorously selects and develops prison staff who have a track record of excellence, with training, networking and leadership skills to become changemakers in penal reform in Africa.

“I COMMEND APP FOR THE UNIQUE TREND IN PROJECTS FOCUSING NOT ONLY ON THE PRISONERS BUT ALSO THE PRISON STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES. ALL THE YEARS I HAVE WORKED WITH THE PRISON SERVICE, MOST ORGANISATIONS WE HAVE DEALT WITH FOCUS THEIR EMPHASIS ON THE PRISONERS, FORGETTING THAT PRISONERS CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT THE PRISON STAFF.”

—Mr. Tiyo Milton. Commissioner Estates and Engineering, Uganda Prisons Service





IN 2017

2 PROMOTIONS
SECONDEE PARTICIPANTS
HAVE RECEIVED
SUBSTANTIAL SENIORITY
RANK UPGRADES.

10 CHILDREN
SECONDEE ELIZABETH
SIVI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF
MACHACOS PRISONS FIRST
ONSITE NURSERY FOR BOTH
INMATES AND KPS STAFF –
SUPPORTING 10 CHILDREN

1 AWARD
OUTSTANDING
CORRECTIONAL
EMPLOYEE AWARD
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
CORRECTIONS AND
PRISONS ASSOCIATION
(ICPA)



IMPACT

This year APP were proud to celebrate Patrick Mwenda's Outstanding Correctional Employee Award received at the International Corrections and Prisons Association Conference. As a very able Officer in Charge at Naivasha Maximum Prison, Patrick was selected for APP's Secondment Programme in 2015. Since then he has used his learning in the UK to improve the prison system, sharing his knowledge on supporting positive change for prisoners.

This investment in the personal development of prison staff is APP's contribution to an unprecedented and highly educated coalition of changemakers who share common vision and strategy. It's through our JCM Journey - Secondment Programme - that APP aims to identify and empower prison officers to change the system from the inside out.



“Elizabeth Sivi is the Officer in Charge at Machakos Women’s Prison in Kenya and is responsible for the development of all the women in her care. Elizabeth has also taken the initiative of empowering children born within the prison walls, recognising the need for these children to be educated outside the prison environment.

Whilst it is common in Kenya for staff to live close to the prison, it’s unusual for their children to mix with those whose mothers are serving their sentence there. However, in early 2017, Elizabeth decided to create a new school where they could learn and play together.

She joined APP’s 2016 Secondment Leadership Programme and continues to build an infrastructure to educate and empower the children in Machakos Women’s Prison.”

—ELIZABETH SIVI, OFFICER IN CHARGE,
MACHAKOS WOMEN’S PRISON, KENYA

**“THANK YOU APP FOR THE WORK
IN PRISONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE
TRAINING OF PRISONERS AS PVHTS,
LIBRARY ASSISTANTS AND THE UOL
PROGRAMME. WE ALSO APPRECIATE
THE WORK YOU DO IN SUPPORTING
US WITH FUNDS TO TAKE CARE OF
VERY SICK INMATES WHO CANNOT
AFFORD SPECIALISED TREATMENT.”**

–MR. TWESIGYE SELESTINE
OFFICER IN CHARGE,
LUZIRA UPPER PRISON



IMPROVING PRISON CONDITIONS

WHAT WE DO

Promoting the health and physical well-being of men, women and children in prisons through increased access to essential health services including clinical services and support, building health infrastructure and library facilities.

HOW WE DO IT

- Increased access to health services and programmes through the Post Test Club, Cancer Fund and Church Fund.
- Implementation of a youth-led health education project in Luzira Prison Complex through the Okimanyi? Project.
- Providing accredited trainings of Library Assistants, equipping them with knowledge and skills on how to manage libraries in their respective prisons in preparation for handover.
- Restocking of Library facilities with a wide range of reading materials

Three library facilities benefiting a population of over 4,500 inmates, prison staff and their families, were refurbished in Uganda and Kenya. These facilities provide a conducive reading and learning environment for APP students and the prison community

with a unique mother and children section within the Lang'ata Women's Prison Library.

“I IMPLORE ALL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT AT THIS LAUNCH EVENT TO PLEASE SUPPORT APP AND ITS PROGRAMS SO THAT THEY CONTINUE BENEFITING PRISONERS AND THE PRISON COMMUNITY.”

—Dr. Johnson O.R. Byabashaija, Commissioner General of Prisons, Uganda Prisons Service.





IN 2017

We supported four prisons, a Prison Barracks community with 11 villages, one Primary School and one Nursery School, all within Luzira Prison Complex, through our health programme.

APP also trained 76 Library Assistants in all the prisons and equipped the facilities with 3,509 new reading books.

208 AWARENESS
SESSIONS CONDUCTED

170 PEOPLE
REFERRED BY YOUNG
HEALTH TEAMS (YHT) AND
PRISON VILLAGE HEALTH
TEAM (PVHT)

79 TEAMS
ACTIVE YOUNG HEALTH
TEAMS AND PRISON
VILLAGE HEALTH TEAM

76 TRAINED
LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

805 PRISON STAFF
ACCESSING
THE LIBRARY

20,670 INMATES
ACCESSING
THE LIBRARY

“WE APPRECIATE APP FOR ORGANISING THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY EVENT AND FOR BRINGING THE OKIMANYI? PROJECT TO LUZIRA PRISON COMPLEX. THANK YOU FOR TRAINING THE PRISON VHTS. WITH THEM, WE NOW HAVE A TEAM OF WELL-INFORMED STAFF WHO WILL TRANSFORM THE COMMUNITY. FROM TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO DECLARE A PUBLIC DAY EVERY MONTH FOR A GENERAL CLEAN UP EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED ACROSS THE BARRACKS.”

–MR. KARUBANGA SEMATE

UPS STAFF OFFICER REPRESENTING
THE KAMPALA EXTRA REGIONAL PRISONS,
COMMANDER AT GLOBAL HANDWASHING EVENT



THE OKIMANYI? PROJECT

As part of the Okimanyi? Project, we have achieved the following:

YOUTH CENTRE SET UP

Construction of a Youth Centre has commenced in Luzira Prison Barracks. This will be a hub for children and youth from prison staff families to access recreation and co-curricular activities assimilated into health awareness sessions.

TRAINING

As part of the project objective to increase levels of health awareness among the target beneficiaries, a team of representatives from the beneficiaries underwent training as Young Health Advocates (YHAs) and PVHTs. This has led to -

Young Health Advocates (YHAs):

- 21 adolescents (10 boys, 11 girls) between the ages of 13 and 17 years were trained on critical health related subjects including causes and prevention of HIV, Sexually Transmitted Illnesses, Malaria and Tuberculosis. It also included life skills like healthy communication and anger management.
- The training involved the use of the J-IC (Join-In Circuit) method which makes use of pictures, games and stories to make health subjects attractive and easy to understand.
- Through this training, the YHAs were equipped with information and skills to conduct health awareness sessions amongst their peers in their schools and homesteads.



in the prison units and barracks.

PVHT Supervisors:

- 12 representatives from the Murchison Bay Hospital and the four prisons underwent training as supervisors for the PVHT's.
- They were also trained as Trainers of Trainees (TOTs) and thereafter conducted some of the PVHT trainings in the prison units.
- The ToT approach helped in reducing cost and time spent on training by reducing the number of days and the logistics required to train the large group of PVHTs.
- The supervisors will hold the role of overseeing activities of the trained PVHTs and YHAs beyond the project duration, which will strengthen the project's sustainability plan.

Prison Village Health Teams (PVHTs):

- 58 prisoners, prison officers and members of prison staff families above 18 years were trained as PVHTs including 22 prisoners from the 4 prisons in the Luzira Prison Complex.
- The training empowered the PVHTs with the skills to identify illnesses among their community members, conduct health awareness sessions and enable them to carry out on site rapid diagnostic tests. They can now dispense medication for simple illnesses like ORS for dehydration and anti-malarial medicine.
- All PVHTs also underwent J-IC training to equip them with skills to conduct awareness sessions in a simplified format among their peers

Within 3 months, the trained PVHTs and YHAs had -

- Supported 52 referrals of inmates for emergency and specialised care in the health facilities they are attached to.
- Conducted 188 health awareness sessions among the prisoners, community members and at the Primary School in the prison complex.
- Reached 19,191 youth, adults and children during these health awareness sessions.



Post Test Club, Cancer Fund and Church Fund:

41 inmates on death row, living with HIV, have had stable health status throughout the year due to supplementation of their diet from the Post Test Club Funds. They also received insight into their health and the importance of nutrition and life skills like Positive Living, anger management, combating depression and stigma through 12 health awareness sessions conducted by health volunteers from APP.

10 inmates in Upper prison were supported by the Cancer Fund to have investigations and medical procedures done which are otherwise beyond the Prison Service capacity to provide. Without the support of the Cancer Fund, these inmates would otherwise suffer with debilitating illnesses, which may eventually lead to even more complications or untimely deaths.

The Church in the Death Row section of Luzira Upper Prison has continued to be strengthened by the support from the monthly funds they receive. Members of the Church support each other through spiritual mentorship which also gives them a sense of belonging and community.

PARTNERSHIPS

The German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) supports and facilitates APP's health education training.





Steven* is a 39 years old resident of Gulu district in Northern Uganda. In May 2017, he was transferred from Gulu Prison to Murchison Bay Prison. Upon admission, he was tested and found to be HIV positive and he started antiretroviral treatment (ARVs). However, within a few weeks, he decided to quit taking his medicine due to the side effects.

“As a Prisons Village Health Team Advocate I carry out health awareness sessions. During a session I was conducting on Positive Living, one of the things I emphasised was that a person living with HIV can live long provided they adhere to their medication.

Steven, who was in attendance that day, rose up and asked me whether someone who had quit medicine can restart and still live a long life? I answered yes but that person must adhere to the medication. Immediately after the session, I referred Steven to Murchison Bay Hospital for further management. As I write this, he has been enrolled back on ARVs and has received a recommendation for extra food. Steven is now living a healthy life!”

—**BWOGI JIMMY (PVHT)** – MURCHISON BAY PRISON

*Name changed for patient confidentiality

BELIEFS AND ETHOS



African Prisons Project was founded on Christian values. We are committed to serving all prisoners and prison staff regardless of their religion, background, offence, sentence, race or gender. We believe every person's life is fundamentally valuable—their past need not define their future.



We believe that transformational change in prisons will only come by building relationships with people: understanding their needs, empowering their development, and putting the power for change in their hands.

We understand that to create lasting change we must prioritise our partnerships with local prison communities, prison services and other agencies. It is only by working together that we can create change both on the ground and at policy level.



These values underpin each and every aspect of our work with beneficiaries, colleagues, volunteers, supporters and partners. They are integral to what we do and how we do it, and so we look for them in everyone we work with.

THE FUTURE

Our vision is to develop justice changemakers within prisons who can use the law to bring justice to the most vulnerable in society.



- To assemble world-class law teachers, law makers and practitioners to aid the training and development of our people; and to plan our expansion as we look to establish a law firm and college, offering legal education and legal services in Africa and beyond.
- In order that legal education can be offered to the widest possible audience, a pre-university legal qualification will be developed providing a way into LLB studies.
- Facilities of the highest standard will be established to support justice changemakers as they serve their communities. These will include libraries, classrooms, mock courts and legal services centres.
- We will provide pathways to allow our students to apply their gifts to their wider communities and impact their nations upon their release.
- By empowering those who have been most disadvantaged, we can harness their talent and passion for a fairer world and see genuine systemic change.

TRANSITION AND FOCUS: 2017–2020

2017 was a year of transition for African Prisons Project, preparing ourselves to outwork our realigned vision and strategy, seeing us through to 2020 and beyond. As we bring a new level of focus to our work we want to ensure that those we have been serving in areas of health and life skills continue to get the support they need, making sure projects are left in a sustainable manner or handed over to partner organisations who are best placed to meet their needs.

SUPPORT OUR JUSTICE CHANGEMAKERS

There are many ways that you can support our students with the funds they need to access justice and unlock the power of the law.



£25 will buy three text books for a law student



£200 will equip one student with the training to become an auxiliary paralegal



£1,700 will pay for the registration and exam module fees for one student for a year

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