

ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Pennies for Friendship Projects

Since 1936, Kentucky Extension Homemakers have been a member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). ACWW is a non-political, non-sectarian international organization involving more than 6.5 million members of women's organizations and societies in more than 65 countries around the world. The organization works to improve standards of living for women and their families through a wide variety of world projects. The Pennies for Friendship program assists in funding these projects, and half of the funds collected each year through KEHA's "Pennies" program are forwarded onto ACWW.

ACWW actively supports a whole range of development programs in rural communities through its Projects and Trust Funds: Leadership and skill training, nutrition/ education projects, literacy and basic education programs (including family planning and HIV/AIDS awareness), small business initiatives and small-scale agricultural, income-generating schemes.

- ACWW's Water for All Fund supports clean water and sanitation projects providing water tanks, bore wells and hand pumps.
- ACWW's Women Feed the World Fund supports subsistence food production, co-operatives, training in appropriate agricultural techniques and credit savings schemes.
- ACWW's four-year Women in Development Program in collaboration with the UK National Lottery Charities Board and our partner organization in Mali, West Africa is empowering women and girls through increased access to education, healthcare and income-generating opportunities.
- ACWW's capacity-building workshops in Kenya, Colombia and the Philippines, carried out in partnership with Dutch development agency Agriterria, are helping to strengthen rural women's organizations.

Through programs like Pennies for Friendship, ACWW and its member societies ACWW and Member Societies fund more than 600 projects around the world. Here is a small selection:

- Tanzania – Tumaini Women Group – Mushroom Production Project
- Uganda – Nyaka AIDS Foundation – Nyaka Grannies Project – Phase 3
- India – Organization for Community Development – Livelihood revitalization for head load fish vending women of Coastal Kanyakumari District
- India – Grace Trust – Economic empowerment of disadvantaged dalit women SHG members by initiating income generation activities and revolving fund
- Tonga – Aloua Ma a Tonga Association – Nursery and home gardens for food production\
- India – Vinmathee Education and Rural Develop Society – Enhancing farm livelihoods of women through dairy program
- India – ARBOR Charitable Foundation – Self-employment through training in fashion technology program
- Cameroon – Rural Society for Base Development – Water and equipment for MUYUKA Orphanage