



Seeds of Africa



2022 IN REVIEW

A New Look

In March, all 250 of our students received new school uniforms for the 2021-2022 school year. Thanks to our newly-established partnership with Dechase, a sustainable contemporary footwear brand, each student was gifted a pair of premium leather school shoes. Our partnership with Dechase reflects our shared values of community uplift; 100% of Dechase's production process is done by local craftsmen in Ethiopia. We are proud to continue our partnership for the 2022-2023 school year.





- Pre-K - 8th grade
- 259 enrolled students
- 44 High School Program students
- 12:1 student teacher ratio

Celebrating the Class of 2022

Each year, the Ethiopian Ministry of Education administers a national exam for 8th graders which determines whether a student can proceed to high school. This year, we hosted National Exam preparation workshops with tutorial classes and mock exams on weekends. For the second year in a row, all of our 8th graders passed the National Exam.

This important milestone is a resounding confirmation that our mission to provide quality education to impoverished children is working. In a country where only 25% of adolescents are enrolled in high school, we are determined to continue improving schooling outcomes in the community of Adama. Our class of 2022 has moved up to our partner-school Midland High School for 9th grade for the 2022-2023, where they have joined the inaugural Seeds class of 2021.

Piloting A Mentorship Program

In 2022, we launched a Mentorship Program that encourages peer mentoring among Seeds students. Older students serve as mentors, and visit their mentee after school to help with homework. We hope to instill a sense of responsibility and nurture our students' goodwill as we empower the next generation of Ethiopia's leaders.



Fundraising

Our Ninth Annual Benefit was held in-person in New York City on September 28, 2022, raising a total of \$43,700. This year's benefit spotlighted Seeds' evolving work and its impact in Ethiopia, with a performance by spoken word artist Njambi Morgan and speeches by our Founder Atti Worku and our Associate Director Jazmil Genao. A very special thank you to all of our amazing donors and supporters who sponsored and attended the event. We wouldn't be able to continue transforming futures in Ethiopia without the dedication of our community.

Growing the High School Program

Last year, we launched our High School Program by supporting the transition of our first class of 9th graders into secondary schooling. This year, we began facilitating a Tutorial Program for Seeds' high school students. Held on Saturdays, these tutorial classes are designed to help students adjust from learning in all Amharic in elementary and middle school to learning in all English at Midland High School.

Our High School Program partnerships keep our 44 close-knit senior students learning and thriving together beyond the Seeds of Africa campus. Thank you to our High School Program partner African Education Fund - Moringa for supporting Seeds of Africa's 9th and 10th grade students by covering their registration fees, full tuition, and textbooks.



Campus Upgrades

On our campus, students engage in regular physical education and sports. Two generous supporters have committed to funding the design and construction of a multipurpose basketball and volleyball court on our campus this year. Construction is currently underway, and we are excited to expand our program offerings by providing our students with additional sports and extracurricular activities to keep them engaged.

Expanding our Board of Directors

We are thrilled to welcome Shamm Petros, Gaby Arora and Devin Benton to our Board of Directors. Shamm, Gaby and Devin are dedicated members of our community who are committed to helping steer the vision, mission, resources, and long-term sustainability of our organization. We plan to continue Board recruitment and expand the diverse skillset of our Board in the new year.

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