

SARA LEEDOM

INKOMOKO (formerly African Entrepreneur Collective)

Co-Founded with Julianne Oyler

2015 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Accelerate economic inclusion in Africa by investing in entrepreneurs that are most often overlooked, including women, youth, and displaced persons.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Inkomoko provides training, consulting, and access to finance across refugee and host communities in Africa. By ensuring that individual businesses are supported, they are able to increase their revenue and create jobs. By connecting them to larger markets, they are able to participate fully in pan-African economic development. And by addressing policy issues, Inkomoko works to remove the structural barriers to poverty alleviation through entrepreneurship. Inkomoko has more than 700 staff in 30 offices and has worked with more than 100,000 entrepreneurs since founding in 2013. The Inkomoko strategic plan includes supporting more than 7.6M people to move out of poverty by 2030.

PERSONAL BIO

Sara Leedom, is the co-Founder and COO of Inkomoko, responsible for the organization's internal systems and growth, including operations, HR, finance, tech, security, and legal. Sara has spent two decades working with a range of organizations providing leadership on issues ranging affordable housing to HIV services – all with the goal to support marginalized communities to access resources and live with self-determination and justice. Prior to moving to Rwanda in 2014, Sara was a Shell Foundation Fellow seconded to Intellegrow (Mumbai) on venture debt financing, was a consultant to social enterprise organization the Bay Area, and has worked across eight countries in Africa. Sara is a part-time beekeeper and her newest venture is Iyaga Honey to provide traditional beekeepers with market access. Sara has an MBA from University of Oxford, and an undergraduate degree in African Literature and Linguistics from Mary Washington University.

Organization/Fellow Location

Langley, United States

Impact Location

Africa

Chad

Ethiopia

Kenya

Rwanda

South Sudan

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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