

PETER OKWOKO

Takataka Plastics

2022 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Build a circular economy while creating income and healing opportunities for trauma survivors and youth in Gulu, Uganda, by locally transforming plastic waste into sellable products.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Takataka Plastics (TTP), a social enterprise in Uganda, is contributing to solving the plastic waste crisis and locally transforming plastic waste into quality, affordable construction materials and other saleable products. TTP is creating jobs, improving the environment and public health, and closing a loop in the circular economy. TTP collects and processes the plastic waste in the same town, so there is no long-distance transportation. It fabricates carts to transport the waste within the city, and hence no emissions are produced. TTP envisions a world where waste is transformed into a resource.

PERSONAL BIO

Peter Okwoko, co-founder and chief operating officer (COO) at Takataka Plastics, is a graduate of the MSc Innovative Communication Technologies and Entrepreneurship program at Aalborg University, Denmark. He is passionate about creating opportunities for disadvantaged people in his community and educating community members about caring for the environment. In 2017, together with a few friends, he co-founded Hashtag Gulu, a community-based organization that works with children and young adults who live and work on the streets of Gulu, Uganda. In 2020, he won the Stanford Global Energy Heroes award. In the same year, Peter was awarded the prestigious Danida Alumni Prize for his quick, highly innovative, and sustainable response to the Covid-19 crisis. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit Uganda in March 2020, he acted promptly. His social enterprise started to make face shields from plastic waste. In 2021, he won the USSIA National Youth Innovation Award. In January 2022, he came in second in the Pitching to Save the World competition. Peter is a role model for other young community activists and social entrepreneurs.

Organization/Fellow Location

Gulu City, Uganda

Impact Location

Uganda

Organization Structure

Hybrid

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