

JULIENNE OYLER

INKOMOKO (formerly African Entrepreneur Collective)

Co-Founded with Sara Leedom

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

Julianne Oyler, is the founder and executive director of African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC). Julianne is passionate about developing the capacity of African youth, which led her to found AEC to help young entrepreneurs grow their businesses and create jobs for others, stemming the epidemic of youth unemployment across Africa. Julianne leads the organization's strategy, including developing the accelerators and incubators within the AEC umbrella. She also manages investments into AEC entrepreneurs through a Kiva-backed loan fund. Prior to founding AEC, Julianne served as director of development at College Track, a national after-school program in the United States. She has held leadership and strategic consulting positions at a number of education organizations, including African Leadership Academy. Living, working, and traveling in more than twenty African countries, coupled with her experience working with education organizations, led Julianne to believe strongly in the power of education as a means to develop the potential in young people across the continent. Julianne has an MBA from Yale University and BA in African Politics and History from Georgetown University.

Organization/Fellow Location

San Francisco, Rwanda

Impact Location

Africa

Chad

Ethiopia

Kenya

Rwanda

South Sudan

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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