

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	African Prisons Project
Name of the project TFN funded:	Academic Director for East Africa
Date Funded by TFN:	June 2016
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	No
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	A recruitment process for the post of Academic Director for East Africa was undertaken and a selection of candidates shortlisted and interviewed. However, the candidates were not considered to have the depth and breadth of knowledge required for this pivotal role within the organisation. Instead, the key responsibilities for the role were assigned to other members of the senior management team, principally the Country Director for Uganda who assumed responsibility for the Kenyan team and delivery of services.
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>Men and women held in prisons in Uganda and Kenya too poor to afford legal representation have been helped to access justice through the support of law students (drawn from prisoners and staff), sponsored by APP through the University of London Legal Education programme. At the time of the application 48 students were enrolled with APP and it was predicted that this total would rise to 77. Despite the Academic Director appointment not being made, we have still been able to increase the total number of students to 63. In turn, the students supported 2,371 prisoners in 2015/16 with a range of legal issues including appeals (467) and bail applications (89). A total of 77 prisoners' convictions were overturned and 454 prisoners' cases were dismissed due to the advocacy efforts of APP students.</p> <p>Students are selected for their leadership qualities and ability to inspire others, as well as their academic capabilities. Susan Kigula, for example, became the first woman to be awarded a Law Degree with APP in 2016. In February this year she was released from Luzira Prison in Uganda after serving 16 years, during which she successfully led 417 death row prisoners in a historical petition against the death penalty in the Ugandan Constitutional Court. Susan's success continues to inspire other APP students and provide hope for others on death row.</p> <p><i>"I am so grateful to African Prisons Project. They have completely changed my life for the better. In the future I want to continue to be a voice for those whose human rights have been abused."</i> Susan, APP law student.</p> <p>Since her release Susan has travelled to Bucharest to the International Corrections and Prisons Association Conference to speak about her role in changing the mandatory death sentence in Uganda from behind bars. A short video of Susan talking about her experiences can be seen below.</p> <p>http://www.thenewsmarket.com/global/norway/video/susan-kigula-had-to-leave-her-one-year-old-child-when-she-was-sentenced-to-</p>

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	<p>death/a/c4f7aae0-42e0-4f9f-ae4d-d4d17c2c8403</p> <p>In order to provide a more structured, formal environment for APP students to work with the prison population, we have launched the Phoebe Asiyo APP Legal Aid Clinic at Lang'ata Maximum Security Women's Prison in Kenya. Operational guidelines for the clinics have been developed to promote professional working practices and strict codes of conduct in accordance with those recommended by the legal profession. It is furnished with a computer, printer, desk, chairs, and stationery. International law firms Allen and Overy and Clifford Chance generously funded the project and together with Hogan Lovells also donated valuable pro-bono support. Feedback indicates that the experience was as useful to the lawyers as it was beneficial to our students. <i>"If, like me, you are ever tempted to take your legal training for granted, the intelligence, work ethic and sheer enthusiasm for the law shown by all of the APP students represent three very good reasons not to. To see APP in action and witness the values and respect with which they work is inspiring."</i> Lucy Stoy, Clifford Chance 2016.</p> <p>The full Key Performance Indicators included in the application are intended as more longer- term outcomes. Good progress to date has, however, been made. For example, APP is pursuing affiliation status with the University of London (UoL) which has been helped by an extended visit to the APP programme by the retired UoL Head of Distance Learning Programmes for Law. An assessment with respect to APP's suitability for the affiliation process was conducted and the team are now addressing the feedback in readiness to apply. Although we have struggled to recruit for the Academic Director role, the team have addressed the issues raised in the report adequately. This has been helped by a partnership developed with the Association of Law Teachers (ALT), who elected six law professionals to travel to Kenya to work with the APP team to develop materials and provide tutorials.</p> <p>The intention to increase the number of prisons where the UoL programme is delivered from five to eight has now been reconsidered. On closer examination it was deemed that establishing the current five prison locations as 'learning hubs' would be efficient and cost effective. Inmates from prisons across the country will be able to apply for transfer to one of the 'hubs'. Working closely with the Kenya and Uganda Prisons Service we aim to make this model effective by the 2017/18 academic year. Overall exam results for the students were good with seven Merits received and ten students completing their Diploma in Common Law. The highest result awarded was in Contract Law with a grade of 68% - the highest grade achieved to date by one of our students.</p>
<p>What portion of the project did TFN fund?</p>	<p>70% (applied to the salary of the Country Director)</p>
<p>How many direct beneficiaries</p>	<p>2,371</p>

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did the TFN funded project reach?	
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Approximately 6,000 taking into account family members
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	Alexander McLean, APP Director General, was contacted by a trustees of a charitable organisation following the Funding Network presentation. Following a meeting and invitation to apply for funds, a grant of £180,000 over three years has been pledged towards a new project in Kenya that will significantly enhance access to justice for the prison population. Without the exposure offered by The Funding Network event this grant would not have been secured.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	Since presenting at TFN, APP has developed a new Strategy 2017-2020 that takes strands of our current model but emphasises key elements and places "Changemakers" - men and women who demonstrate leadership qualities - at the heart of initiatives to drive forward a human rights based culture in the prison community. The first prison founded APP Law College will be established to encapsulate best practise to date and address the disparity of study facilities at different prisons. New programmes will include a foundation degree and postgraduate education both in prisons and in the community. Uganda and Kenyan Prison Services have agreed to transfer suitable candidates from across the prison estate. Establishing a Law Firm in the community, initially in Kenya, is also a central feature, making our legal services available to many more people both inside and outside prison. Criminal defence services and advice on civil matters will be offered by APP students both during and after their studies. These ambitious plans will be realised over the coming years and transform the reach of APP services to many more people seeking a voice in the criminal justice system
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	TFN has been a fantastic opportunity for APP, not only yielding a significant grant to develop and expand, but also affording the opportunity for our work to come before a wider audience. We are very grateful indeed to have been included in the experience. We would welcome the opportunity to present the impact that TFN

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	has made possible at a future meeting, sharing the stories of transformation and success because of your generosity.
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Update – June 2017

In June 2016 the Strategic Funding Group of TFN funded the role of a new Academic Director for APP in Kenya. We have found it difficult to recruit for this role with staff that had the necessary levels of experience and depth of knowledge at the salary we were originally able to offer. As an interim solution senior APP staff managed the responsibilities as an extension to their existing roles.

In June 2017 APP appointed a new Legal Education Development Manager on a three-month contract as a precursor to the appointment of a permanent Director of Development for Legal Education at a higher level than previously envisaged who will assume the responsibilities of the Academic Director as well as leading the vision of creating a college.

If you would like further information please contact karen@thefundingnetwork.org.uk.