



**Working to Empower** is a non-profit and non-governmental organization working to empower sustainable, community-based change. Focused mainly upon HIV/AIDS education, WTE works in additional areas so as to counter-act the negative effects felt within society. Other approaches include providing school fees for orphans and income generating projects for the most vulnerable of society. Key to Working To Empower's success is the prominent role of local partners. Local needs are matched with locally based proposals by members of the community. Working To Empower aims to make proposals a reality so as to facilitate the implementation of locally demanded projects. We fundamentally assert the equality of all peoples and are rooted in the three core values of Responsibility, Respect, and Sustainability. It is our view that unequal distribution of goods, rights, education, and other resources produce unequal opportunity for certain peoples. It is our motivation to equalize these resources in order to empower people so that needed social changes can occur. Working to Empower is actively engaged in community-based empowerment within refugee camps in Tanzania and Benin, repatriation areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and IDP camps in Northern Uganda.

*"We are equal in our abilities and value; however, physical, economical, structural and legal inequalities make opportunity unequal. It is our obligation, by viewing all humanity as innately equal, to strive wholeheartedly to empower those who have been disempowered" – **Cochrane**  
Founder of WTE*

Working to Empower seeks to empower sustainable community-based change through a variety of locally demanded processes. Focal to this work is the promotion of HIV/AIDS education via seminars and community-wide outreach sensitization work. We are a globally-focused non-governmental organization centering on HIV/AIDS programs on youth led by youth as this age group is the most heavily affected. Recognizing that other ages and aspects of societies require change additional initiatives are implemented. We place high value in the ability of youth to engage with critical issues such as HIV/AIDS in their own communities in order to create long-term, locally-centered change. We work as a collective of individuals and organizations around the world to ensure that disadvantaged and vulnerable peoples are empowered with the knowledge and opportunity to enable social change.