

Acumen Fund Fellows 2010



Jocelyn Wyatt, a 2007 Fellow, worked with Advanced Bio Extracts in Kenya, which works with a network of farmers to grow and produce artemisin, a component in the leading treatment for malaria.



The Fellows class of 2008 bonds during their training period in New York.

Acumen Fund is committed to cultivating a cohort of leaders with the skills, experience and moral imagination needed to build enterprises that meet the needs of low-income consumers. The 2010 class of Acumen Fund Fellows represents talented individuals from diverse geographies and backgrounds, who share a desire to have an impact on the problems of global poverty.



Sule Amadu

Sule will work in India with D.light Design, an Acumen Fund investee company that replaces expensive, unsafe kerosene lanterns with solar-powered LED lamps. Born and raised in Ghana, Sule has a background in global social sustainable enterprise and mechanical engineering. He holds an MBA from Colorado State University.



Josephat Byaruhanga

Josephat will work in Kenya with Western Seeds, which promotes sustainable agriculture practices and produces seed varieties appropriate for traditionally low-income farmers. Originally from Uganda, Josephat has experience managing rural community development programs and a Masters in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University.

ABOUT ACUMEN FUND

Using the flexible capital of philanthropy and the rigor of the marketplace, Acumen Fund invests in select enterprises with the potential to reach the poor on a large scale. We leverage our extensive networks, structure financial support, and provide intensive managerial and technical assistance. We adhere to a disciplined process in selecting and managing our philanthropic investments as well as in measuring and reporting the end results.

Acumen Fund works with its investees to provide management expertise on the basic building blocks of business development. We currently apply our model of identifying and supporting social innovators in countries such as India, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.



Gamuchirai Chituri

Gamuchirai will work with Upper Hill Eye and Laser Centre, which provides affordable access to specialized eye care services for low-income Kenyans suffering from diabetic retinopathy. Gamuchirai previously built an enterprise that trains young Zimbabwean entrepreneurs to start their own businesses.



Sarah Dimson

Sarah will work in Pakistan with AMC, a for-profit, low-income housing company. She has experience in non-profit consulting and in affordable housing development. Sarah holds a BA in Science, Technology & Society from Stanford University.



Yehia Houry

Yehia will work in India with 1298, the first reliable emergency medical response service in Mumbai and other major cities in India. He has experience as a financial analyst, focused on access to financing for the poor. Yehia holds a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University.



Asim Hussain

Asim will work with Micro Drip, a company that provides affordable drip irrigation technology to small-scale farmers in Pakistan. Asim has a background in microfinance and microenterprise development, and holds an MBA from Lahore University of Management Science.



Kevin Martin

Kevin will work in Tanzania with D.light Design on marketing solar-powered lights to low-income families. With his wife, Kevin founded a HIV/AIDS education program in Tanzania. He has experience working with sustainable enterprises and international development organizations. Kevin has an MBA from the University of North Carolina.



Satoko Okamoto

Satoko will work in India with AyurVaid, an affordable hospital chain providing comprehensive care for chronic diseases. A native of Japan, she has experience in microfinance and advocating public/private partnerships in peace-building initiatives. Satoko has a Masters in International Economics and International Relations from Johns Hopkins University.



Meghan Simkins

Meghan will work with LifeSpring, a growing network of affordable maternal and child healthcare hospitals in India. She has a background in public health and business administration. Meghan holds a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University.



Muhammad Zahoor

Zahoor will work in Pakistan with FMIA, which provides micro-insurance products for low-income families. He has experience managing rural development programs and has worked in public-sector education in Pakistan. Zahoor holds a Masters in Sociology from the University of Peshawar and a M. Phil degree in Sociology from Malakand University.

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