



Impact Investment Profile 1Q 2023



Komera is a community-driven non-profit in Rwanda that develops self-confident young women through education, community development, and sport. Education for under-resourced girls is the backbone of Komera's holistic approach, which also includes: health and wellness; leadership and mentorship training; family empowerment programs; career guidance; community service and rights education; and complete educational support through secondary education and beyond. Komera scholars receive extensive training on how to become an agent for social change within their communities.



ABSF Investment:

\$175,000 loan

1.75% annual interest, 5 year term

ABSF's loan is financing construction of the Komera Leadership Center — a multi-purpose building that includes two flexible spaces used for community gatherings, classes, leadership camps, a computer lab, the Komera Cafe, and a health center for counseling and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) lessons.

In September 2022, Komera hosted its first Leadership Camp at the new Center, with 109 scholars in attendance. University alumni conducted sessions on education, goal setting, and career guidance. During camp, the young women also accessed the Health Center, utilizing the space as a safe place to meet mentors for guidance and counseling. Komera scholars are excelling on their National Exams and many have taken on leadership positions at school.

Since opening, Komera has conducted holistic empowerment meetings to over 500 youth and 300 adult groups during weekends and holidays. Students from local day schools, the Komera Preventative and Empowerment Program, Teen Mothers Program, and members of the Komera Parent and Guardian Co-Operative attended these meetings.



This year, Komera also added 40 new young mothers to the Teen Mothers Program, who will learn tailoring and receive vocational training at the center. An additional 30 teen mothers have joined the Komera Mentorship Support Program at the Center, where teen mothers and their families receive support and counseling to reestablish connections and work through family conflicts. Over the next 10 years, the Komera Leadership Center is expected to reach nearly 29,000 members in the Kayonza District.

The dynamic education, health, and community spaces offered at the Komera Leadership Center will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders and learners in Rwanda and beyond.