Lauren and I have just returned from a trip to Kenya, where we met 2 of our RISE fellows, Branice and Susan. This is a trip we never thought possible, when we were first forming RISE in the middle of the pandemic. Yet, here we are, two and a half years later, continuing this work only because of your belief in us. As travel slowly becomes more of a possibility, it’s been an honor to meet with the incredible women you have helped support and hear the stories of how they’ve made their communities healthier and safer.

This year we’ve supported female entrepreneurs across India, Nepal, Indonesia, Zimbabwe and Kenya. Through their fellowships, 15,310 families have been provided with clean water, over 150,000 bars of soap have been distributed and more than 5,000 women have received reusable menstrual products enabling them to manage their periods safely. We also continued our long-term emergency support in Haiti, Nigeria, and right here in the US, supporting female refugees from Afghanistan.

On behalf of the women and communities you’ve supported, I want to say the biggest thank you. To our board members, our monthly donors, our RISE 100 members and our corporate sponsors, we are just so grateful for your financial support and encouragement. It has never been harder to do this work, and yet we were able to do it, thanks to you.

With immense gratitude for each and every one of you,

Erin

Founder of RISE by Sundara

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EMERGENCY AID

Through our Emergency Aid program, we assist communities across the globe who need immediate, short-term relief. We have proudly reached over 900,000 people across the United States, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, India, Rwanda, Nigeria, Haiti and South Africa.

- We provided 1500 refugees from the Bukompe Refugee Camp in Uganda with ceramic water purifiers, water tanks, and funds to construct two borehole wells.
- We provided 60 students from a school in Old Odunasi, a rural village in Ghana, with immediate access to sinks and toilets.
- We distributed reusable face masks to 1000 families in India during the government mandated lockdowns.
- We distributed bars of soap to over 2800 people in India requiring urgent access to sanitation methods during the initial outbreak of COVID.
- We provided 500 people living below the federal poverty line in New York City with critical access to cleaning supplies, hand-soap, toiletries, diapers, and infant formula.
- We reached nearly 3,000 people from underserved communities in India with emergency food aid packages during the first outbreak of COVID.

Learn more about our full impact here
COVID EMERGENCY AID

We partnered with local NGOs to provide emergency aid responses across India to provide urgent support for communities affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

- 8 regions across India where emergency aid response programs were conducted
- 4,300 people received access to emergency medical care and oxygen
- 2,500 monthly rations of food and hygiene products provided
- 150,000 total lives impacted this year

2022 RISE COHORT

JUNIOR, ZIMBABWE
Through becoming a RISE Fellow, Junior has been able to install two hygiene banks next to boreholes to support underserved communities in Zimbabwe. Junior’s work enables thousands of marginalized families to access affordable soap, supporting them to prevent illnesses.

PURVI, INDIA
In India, 80% of women report using rags, sand, ash, leaves or hay to manage their periods. These methods are ineffective and unsanitary which cause infections. To combat this, Purvi is training women on the Indo-Bangladesh border to make and sell reusable cloth sanitary pads.

BRANICE, KENYA
Becoming a RISE Fellow has enabled Branice to provide full-time employment for 12 women, enable six communities to purchase soap and has created a sustainable self-sustaining enterprise that will allow her community to prevent illnesses for many years to come.

ROSHANI, NEPAL
Before becoming a RISE Fellow, Roshani’s organization was reliant on international donations to fund their work. Through joining RISE, Roshani has adopted an income generating model which will support her organization’s sustainability and has increased access to menstrual hygiene supplies in Nepal.

SUSAN, KENYA
Susan started a soap making initiative to support her community to wash their hands during the coronavirus pandemic. By becoming a RISE Fellow, Susan has scaled her business to employ 50 women who have sold over 400 litres of homemade soap to low-income families.

NUHA, INDONESIA
Nuha designed the SandBank water filter which removes metal ions from polluted water found in the mining communities of Bangka, Indonesia. Nuha has used the seed-funding RISE gave her to manufacture more filters and is working with her RISE mentors to scale her start-up.
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I would like to thank everyone who has made the RISE fellowship possible. My request to anyone reading would be to continue supporting female entrepreneurs in the future. There are many talented minds across the globe who have innovative and transformative ideas, yet require the right mentorship and supportive environment to make change happen!

RISE has held my hand and guided me through the past 6 months. I am so appreciative of the wonderful mentors, donors and to the amazing Sundara team for all of their support. The RISE family has changed my life and has impacted my whole community and I will be forever grateful!

Thank you for believing in our vision and for making our work possible. We couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you for partnering with us in making this world a safer place.

Learn more about their fellowships here

**OUR RISE FELLOWS**

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**BRANICE, KENYA**

I really appreciate the endless amount of work that has gone into supporting my initiative. I cannot express my gratitude enough.

I am inspired every day by the RISE team and I hope in the future that I can support early-stage female entrepreneurs using the wisdom that I have learned.

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**THEIR IMPACT**

- **150,500** Bars of soap donated
- **5,000** Reusable menstrual hygiene products were distributed
- **21,110** Hours of employment for women living under the poverty line
Since May 2022, we have raised $178,869 which has supported 13 emergency aid projects and 7 RISE Fellowships. Some of our fundraisers included:

- WINE SOIREE WITH SUNDARA
- GIVING TUESDAY
- ONLINE AUCTION
- INDIA EMERGENCY AID

We would like to thank each of our board members who supported RISE by Sundara over the past year.

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- James Crompton
- Sophia Sunwoo
- Michael Ayat
- Erin Doppeit
- Kristin Jamberdino
- Catie Licalzi
- Jesse Kornbluth
- Linda Bun
- Heather Jacobs
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