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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **September 1**, 2008, and ending **August 31**, 20 **09**

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Termination
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
Operation Bootstrap Africa

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
122 West Franklin Avenue 306

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Minneapolis, MN 55404-2451

D Employer identification number
41 6051952

E Telephone number
(612) 871-4980

F Group Exemption Number . . . ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.operationbootstrapafrica.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

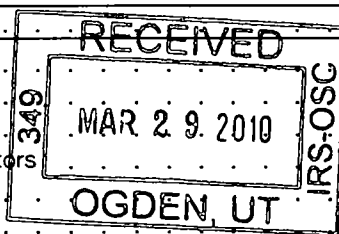
J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **703840**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

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		21	125574



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Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	179905	129209
23	Land and buildings	966	725
24	Other assets (describe ▶)		
25	Total assets	186992	129934
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses</u>)	6941	4360
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	180051	125574

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	39a	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39c	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>Minnesota</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>MAP for Nonprofits</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(612) 871-4980</u> Located at ▶ <u>122 W Franklin Ave, #306, Minneapolis, MN</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>55404-2451</u>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	42b	✓
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____	42c	✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 <input type="checkbox"/>		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

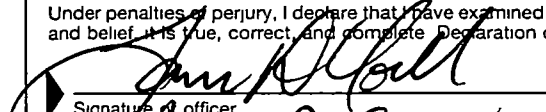
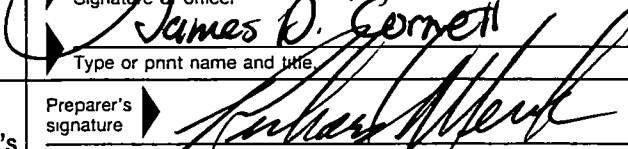
- | | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 46 | | ✓ |
| 47 | | ✓ |
| 48 | | ✓ |
| 49a | | ✓ |
| 49b | | |
- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	 Signature of officer	3/11/10 Date	
	James D. Cornett Type or print name and title		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date 3/2/10	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 MAP for Nonprofits 2314 University STE 28 St Paul, MN 55114	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) EIN ▶ 41-1479097 Phone no ▶ (651) 647-1216	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization Operation Bootstrap Africa	Employer identification number 41 : 6051952
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	652349	642463	747781	827350	703840	3573783
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	652349	642463	747781	827350	703840	3573783
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						33783
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3540000

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	652349	642463	747781	827350	703840	3573783
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	368	907	1296	1031	1994	5596
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						3579379
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	98.9 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	99.9 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►
- b 33 1/3 % support tests—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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990 EZ - Part I - Line 10 - Schedule of Grants paid:

Agape Lutheran Seminary P.O. Box 8882, Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania	750
Arusha Teachers' College, Ministry of Education & Vocational Training P.O. Box 11219, Arusha, Tanzania	11,800
College of African Wildlife Management Mweka, P.O.Box 3031, Moshi, Tanzania	2,558
Community Development Trust Fund PO Box 9421, Corner of Ohio and Samora, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	29,835
Diocese of the Arusha Region, ELCT P.O. Box 519, Arusha, Tanzania	8,300
Dept of Evangelization, Madagascar Dept of Evangelisation, Region Ambovombe Androy 604, Madagascar	10,400
Elizabeth L. Lukumay Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	3,000
Enaboishu Primary School P.O. Box 3120, Arusha Tanzania	5,200
Enaboishu Secondary School P.O. Box 3120, Arusha Tanzania	5,000
Institute of Accountancy P.O. Box 2798, Njiro Hill, Arusha, Tanzania	586
Kampala International University P.O. Box 2000, Kampala, Uganda	2,849
MaaSAE Girl's Lutheran Secondary School P.O.Box 98, Monduli/Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa	357,567
Makumira University, Tanzania P.O. Box 55, Usa River, Tanzania	3,165
Makuyuni Development Association, Tanzania Vijana, Tanzania	11,000
Malaki Samweli Bbise Arusha, Tanzania	507
Margreth Wilfed Sivitiek Arusha, Tanzania	1,000
Moringe Sokoine Secondary School P.O. Box 60, Monduli/Arusha, Tanzania	44,270
Mount Meru University P.O. Box 11811, Arusha Tanzania	6,047
Neema Joseph Arusha, Tanzania	6,150
Neema Lucas Arpaakwa Arusha, Tanzania	13,155
Salome E. Gissemoda Moshi, Tanzania	750
Selian Lutheran Hospital PO Box 3164, Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa	46,670
Sophia Hassad Mwanza, TZ	2,250

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Tugume Winne Hostel PO Box 11494, Kompala, Uganda	3,800
Tumaini Benedict Kenyatta, Tanzania	1,200
Tumaini Christopher Meru, Tanzania	2,400
WEDAC Ltd. Arusha, Tanzania	6,051
Total Grants	586,260

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990EZ - Part I - Line 16 - Other Expenses

Communications 5233

Equipment Rent/Repair 3774

Travel 8890

Insurance 1060

Bank Fees 1506

Miscellaneous 5343

Total Other Expenses 25806

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990EZ - Part III - Line 28 thru 31 - Initiatives

28. Classroom Construction – Operation Bootstrap Africa helped six remote and under-resourced communities in Tanzania, East Africa build new primary and secondary classrooms, wells and/or support structures. In all Bootstrap, in partnership with these local communities, help fund the construction of eight classrooms, a school office and a school/village well. Each of these classrooms is designed to hold 40 students, but because of the lack of facilities, the average Tanzanian classroom currently holds between 60 to 100 students. These new classrooms are likely serving a total of somewhere between 420 to 700 students. The community in which we funded the bored well is home to roughly 10,000 people. This was its first well, and primary source of safe, potable water.

29. Educational Operating grants – Operation Bootstrap Africa provided operating grants and tuition support to 19 remote under-resourced primary schools in rural Madagascar, and six secondary schools serving children of semi-nomadic people in Tanzania. Together, these grants provided schooling to more than 1,700 children who would not have access to an education without this support. Over 1,400 of these students were in southern Madagascar in an area known as "the land of thorns," where few other educational opportunities exist. An area of desperate poverty, half of these schools receive food support from the World Food Programme. Roughly 275 of these students are girls recruited from among the Maasai, to participate in the first of its kind MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, where they find the supportive residential environment necessary for them to learn and grow. As young Maasai girls, these students face multiple economic, gender and cultural barriers to education. Nearly all lack the economic resources to attend school without this aid.

30. Leadership Development – Operation Bootstrap Africa provided post-secondary scholarships to 54 promising young people with the academic skills to pursue higher education, but without the financial means to continue their studies. These scholarship recipients attended more than a dozen different institutions in Tanzania and Uganda. Nearly half of these students are studying for careers in health care or education, preparing to be the doctors, nurses, and teachers who will meet the critical medical and educational needs of Africa's children. Others will help build a better future for themselves and their families through careers in law, business and public administration.

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990EZ - Part III - Line 28 thru 31 - Initiatives (Continued)

31. Women's Economic Development – Funding of the Women's Empowerment Development Agency Company (WEDAC)
affects about 2,000 Maasai women in seven regions of Tanzania, providing microcredit to women entrepreneurs involved
in a variety of small businesses, from selling porridge or garden produce in the market, to fattening goats for milk and
meat, to creating the signature Maasai beaded collars and jewelry.