



## Entrepreneurial Catholic sisters build businesses across Africa

*Entrepreneurial sisters are building businesses across Africa to meet the needs of the poor and marginalized.*

You may not know this, but Catholic sisters are spearheading many innovative business and community development projects in Africa, using the skills and resources they gain from their ASEC education!

Learn how entrepreneurial ASEC alumnae build businesses and create jobs, while also meeting the needs of the poor and marginalized in the process!



Alumnae of ASEC's SLDI and HESA programs obtain the skills and credentials needed to advocate for the most vulnerable and persecuted individuals in the communities they serve.

ASEC's **Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI)** program provides sisters with technology, administration and finance training through one month workshops over three years. Through SLDI, sisters gain the practical skills and confidence to build strong networks and take up leadership roles in their congregations and communities.

ASEC's **Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA)** program provides opportunities for sisters to access diploma, undergraduate and master's level education. HESA is delivered through partnerships with higher education institutions in Africa and online in the USA.

## Small Businesses Making Big Differences

As alumnae of ASEC-sponsored programs, these sisters have taken their knowledge, creativity, confidence and practical management skills to become entrepreneurs, building businesses in their local communities.

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SLDI alumna **Sr. Veronica** helped Mrs. Agu get back on her feet and grow her business selling ogbono, a seed used in the popular Nigerian dish, ogbono soup. Mrs. Agu is only one of 250+ entrepreneurs that Sr. Veronica has trained through her economic empowerment program!



SLDI alumna **Sr. Mary Lucy** created the Louisville Filtered Water Project in Ghana to provide clean water to area schools, hospitals and households - all at a reasonable price. Since then, there has been a DRASTIC reduction - almost a complete elimination - of diseases stemming from untreated water in Kumasi.

**Sr. Teopista** manages Cabana Sisters' Bread Bakery in Uganda. She used skills she learned in SLDI & HESA to create jobs for 30 employees and supply schools, hotels, supermarkets and the community with fresh bread every day.

**Sr. Stella** learned in SLDI that every problem has a solution. She was able to secure funds for a solar power system for the Kasina Health Centre in Malawi, which serves 72 villages including hundreds of patients each month now that they have reliable power for their healthcare facility. Now, the staff no longer has to work without running water or worry about spoiled vaccines.

**Sr. Catherine**, a mentee of SLDI alumna Sr. Anisia, established the Ukweli Oasis Drinking Water bottling project. The water is bottled and sold locally in Nairobi, Kenya and supports the school tuition of 100+ orphaned street boys a year.

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