

## EMPOWERING THROUGH SAVINGS AND CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS

**HOPE International** 





## Today's discussion





## Mission

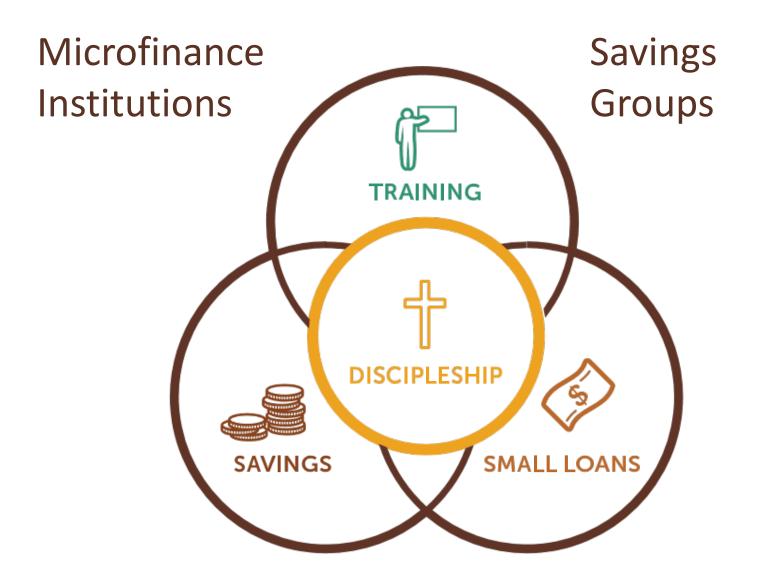
To invest in the dreams of families in the world's underserved communities as we proclaim and live the Gospel.





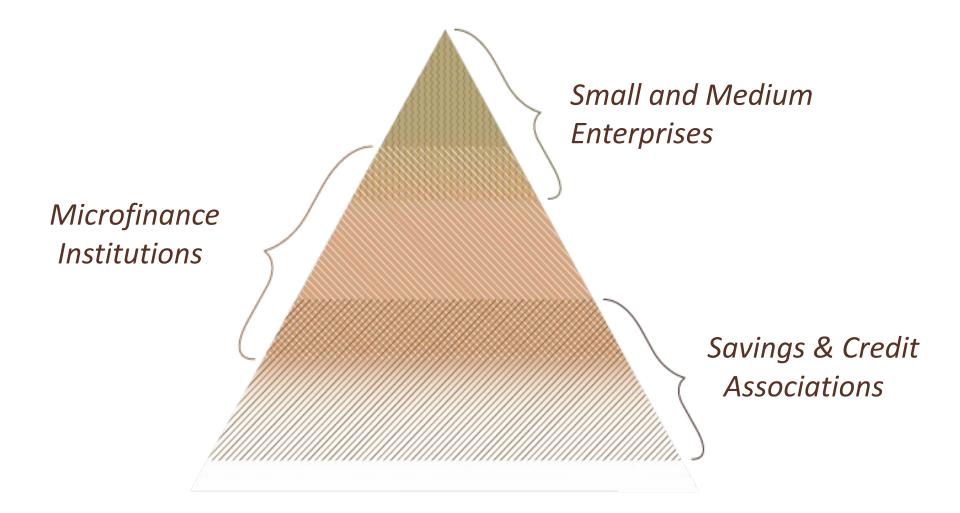
600+ staffToday900,000+ clients and their families15 countries







## **Empowering Entrepreneurs**









#### 15-25 members

- Self-formed and selfmanaged
- Self-funded
- Meet regularly
- Saving and lending







- Church-centered
- **Christ-centered**
- Holistic focus
- Trust, care, love
- Giving back
- Reaching their community





#### The 5W's meeting structure

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WELCOME

WORSHIP WORD WORK AP-UP

**WELCOME** - greet one another

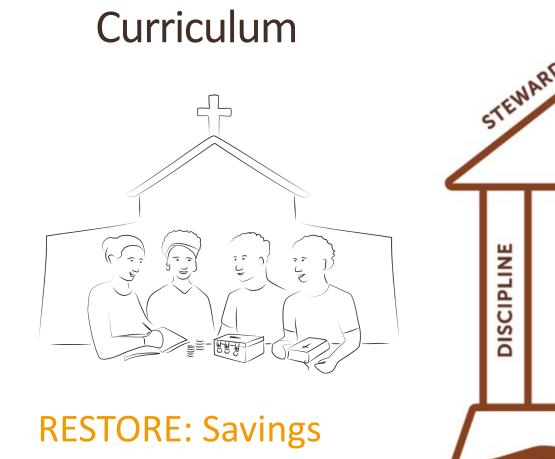
**WORSHIP** - sing and pray

**WORD** - study the Scriptures

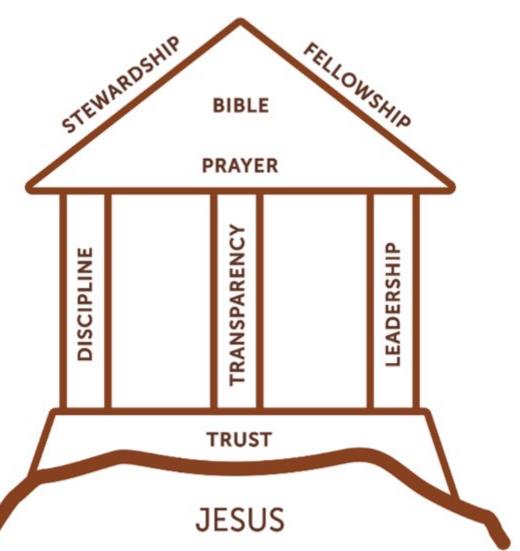
WORK - record savings and manage loans

WRAP-UP - share reminders, encouragement, and a closing prayer





CHURCH FACILITATOR GUIDE





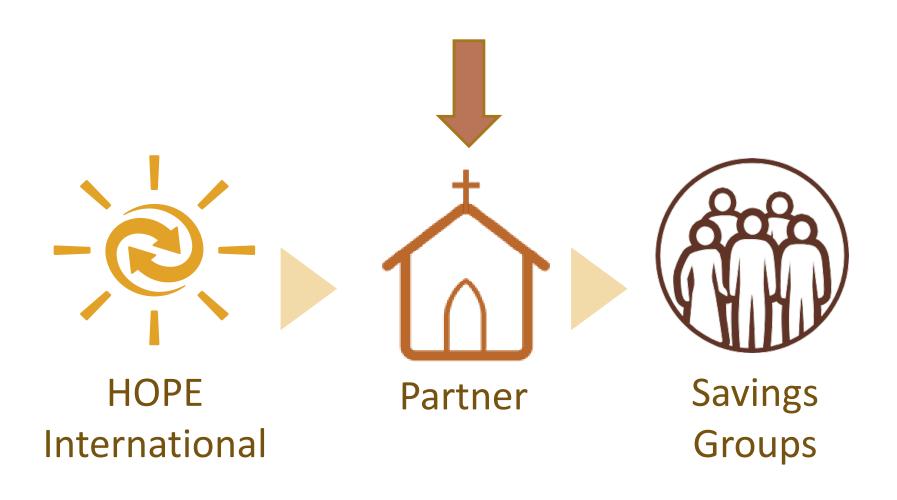
Let's imagine... .....we're a savings group













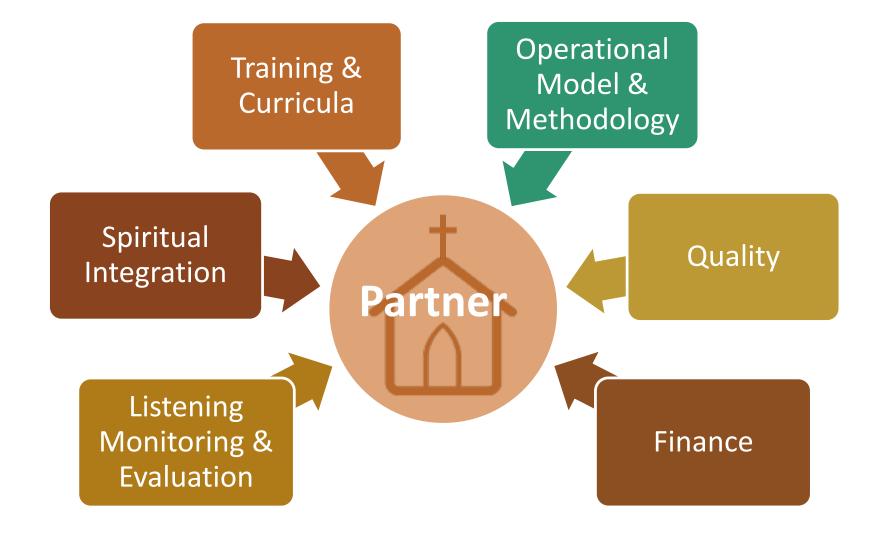
## Partnership

- **Mission alignment**
- **Committed leaders**
- Equipping the church
- Holistic ministry
- Community outreach
- Administrative capacity



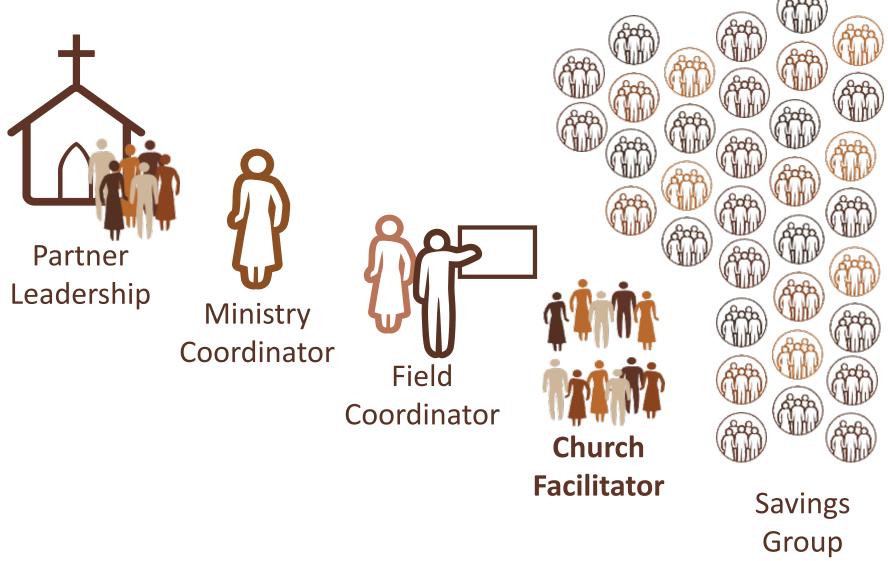
Church Denominations Indigenous Ministry Organizations Multinational Ministry Organizations

## HOPE's Partner Support Systems











### Why the church?



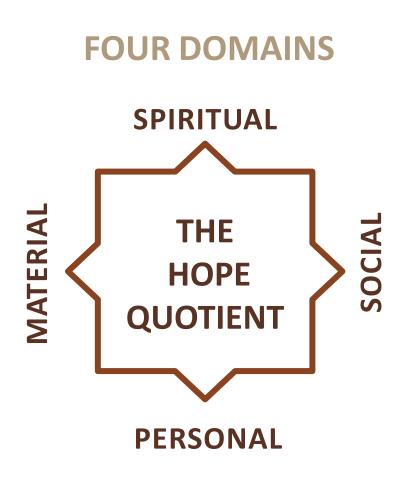


# WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

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#### Learning as we grow

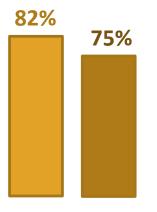






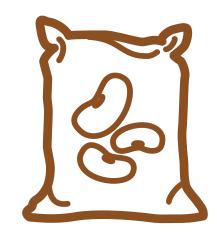
## Material

Culture of Saving Lower poverty levels Improved nutrition levels



2015 2016

MPI - Poverty Headcount, Rwanda Group Members



#### **41% increase** always having enough to eat.

## Primary source of emergency funds





# Share Out!



























## Spiritual Growth

"I learned about power of prayer, and now I pray when I am in hardships."

"I started loving my friends and neighbors according to Scriptures."

"Feeding orphans in my area."

"We learned about dependence on each other. So I started depending on members in our group and my life changed exceedingly."

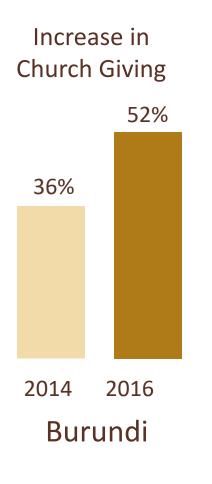


"Although we save money together, my main experience in my group has been spiritual. I'm a new Christian...."

- Marjorie, Haiti



## Generosity

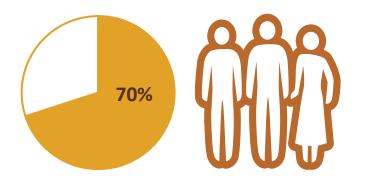






# Communities of love, trust, and care

Trust fellow group members – rated 5 out of 5



Malawi (2016)





## **IMPACT**







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## Community

## Is SG ministry for your organization?

Mission fit

Leadership commitment

Embracing holistic ministry

Technical know how

Strong admin structures

Passionate volunteers



## Thank you!



#### Church-based savings groups A vibrant, sustained ministry of the church