



A short review of 2013

GreenLamp was founded in November 2012. GreenLamp's founding members were inspired by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunns' book „Half the Sky – how to change the world“ and the African proverb „... if you educate a woman, you educate a community.“

The objectives of GreenLamp are to help improve the living conditions of women and girls in the developing world and to spread awareness about vital issues to communities in the industrialized world. GreenLamp's vision is a bright future for women and girls and its mission is to support community-based projects in low-income countries empowering women and girls to reach their full potential. GreenLamp believes that the combination of improved health and education will enable the empowering of women and girls.

The area of focus for 2013-17 was decided to be the prevention of birth traumatic injuries in general and of the widely spread and mostly unknown issue of fistula in particular. The education of midwives and their deployment to health centers in rural Ethiopia will help to diagnose and prevent birth traumatic injuries such as fistula. The goal is to achieve behavioral changes by encouraging women to give birth at the nearest health center with the support of a certified midwife. This will have an important impact on the reduction of maternal and infant mortality and morbidity rates. GreenLamp decided to work with a local Ethiopian partner, the Hamlin College of Midwives in Addis Ababa, founded by Dr. Catherine Hamlin in 2007. The funds raised so far, enables GreenLamp to finance four midwifery students for their remaining years at the Hamlin College of Midwives.

To additionally support the midwives in their work and to minimize birth risks at night, GreenLamp has decided to implement the „We Care Solar“ Solar Suitcase, supplying solar power, LED lights and fetal Dopplers. This will have a substantial effect on the reduction of the mortality and morbidity rates since many births occur at night. The midwives will be an authority in the communities due to their control of the solar light and power for e.g. the charging of mobiles. Their commitment and work will make them role models for women and girls in rural areas and promote female initiative and community development.

Events and activities 2013:

Visit to Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	February
Fund raising event Widder Hotel, Zürich	14. March 2013
Symbolic hand-over of funds at Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	June
Transfer of funds for college year 2013-14 (4 students)	September
Lunch and speech by Dr. Hamlin, Schweizerhof, Zürich	16. September
Giving Women conference, We Care Solar Laura Stachel	24-25 September
Extraordinary AGM, Herrliberg	30. October
UBS Philanthropy Forum „It's a girl“, St. Moritz	20-21 November

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