

Dear Gracious Donors,

Thank you for your support to BamCashea! As 2020 comes to a close, BamCashea is turning two years old, and we wanted to share the accomplishments we've made so far! We hope you will be inspired by the amount of work we have been able to do, halfway around the world, and continue in supporting us as we strive to elevate the value of human and natural resources by creating a place where women, farmers, and the environment thrive.

What we've done

Renovations of the Norntoma Cooperative facility

- Fencing - durable temporary, with live fencing (plants that will outlive the constructed fence line) for longevity and security
- Natural fragrance garden
- Rainwater catchment system
- Electricity
- Mill structure



Shea processing equipment

- Large pots and utensils for safe processing
- A processing mill for grinding and consistency
- Motorking (three-wheel tractor type) for shea transportation



Cooperative Establishment & Financial Literacy Training

- Executive committee elected
- Norntoma Cooperative registration with Govt. of Ghana
- Financial literacy & business basics training

Cashew Fruit Processing Project

- Juice Press
- Registered business in Ghana
- Building constructed for production
- 500L copper-stainless, fuel efficient still



Partnerships

- Integrity Solutions, WA
- Burn Design Lab, WA
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), GH

Coming in 2021

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February – Clean Cookstove Construction

We have contracted the construction of a dual burner, institutional sized, fuel-efficient cookstove to be installed by KNUST, in partnership with Burn Design Lab in Washington State. BamCashea, BDL and KNUST are hoping to form a long-term partnership to facilitate the sharing of fuel efficient technology and design, to encourage and actualize construction of clean and efficient equipment throughout agricultural processing.



March – Reforestation Effort

The Norntoma Cooperative has launched a campaign in Bamboi to boycott and seek punishment for the illegal cutting of shea trees, yet many of the trees in Bamboi and the surrounding region have been heavily logged for charcoal or agricultural production. This March, we are hoping to have the funds to partner with the Cocoa Research Institute in Ghana, to plant early maturing varieties of shea and other native parkland tree species –like mahogany and baobab – both for the persistence of shea for the purpose of processing, and for the resilience of the local environment and culture in the face of climate change, which has already drastically altered the local precipitation regime.



April – Board and Investors trip to Ghana

We are tentatively planning a trip to Ghana in late April 2021 for ten days, to meet with several key partners in Ghana, and conduct monitoring on projects at the cooperative and cashew production facility. While we realize we are in the wake of a life changing pandemic, the people of Ghana continue to struggle with many lethal factors in their daily life, and it is important that they have hope and momentum. If you are interested in joining on this trip to Ghana, Tabatha would like to invite you to reach out, to share the experience of Ghana, and safely see you the hard work being done in Bamboi.



May – First batch of Cashew Brandy

This is our expected date of having cashew spirits produced. We are hoping to find an experienced distiller who wants to help the cashew farmers get the brand off the ground! If you are interested in helping us out, have a lead, or would like some cashew brandy when it's ready, reach out to shine@bamcashea.org.



This year has changed many of our lives in so many ways, but many things that have not changed, like the fact that in Sub-Saharan Africa, 41 percent of the population is living at less than \$1.90. We need for people to be valued equally around the world for their labor and lifestyles, and we hope this global experience brings an opportunity to realign with the most basic human values.

Thank you for supporting our work, we hope you will stay in touch and help us reach our goals together.

Sincerely,

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