



Dr. Terry Neese Founder | CEO Message

IEEW will continue to educate women economically, socially and politically. Our **PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS**<sup>®</sup> initiatives have been met with great interest and success in the countries we serve. We are literally "Rocking the World" by empowering women entrepreneurs to embrace their ability to bring economic stability and gender equality to their communities.

We are proud of our graduates in Rwanda and Afghanistan who are making history by being the only women in their industries. They are demonstrating the power of diversity to bring change for both current and future generations.

The statistics speak for themselves. IEEW graduates are building sustainable businesses that are grounded in strategic planning, solid business acumen, and most importantly, hope.

It is the power of this hope that equips our graduates to "pay it forward" – and uplift entire communities by sharing the knowledge they now possess. They have become educators, mentors, employers and the new leaders that promise a brighter future for women around the world.

# Peace

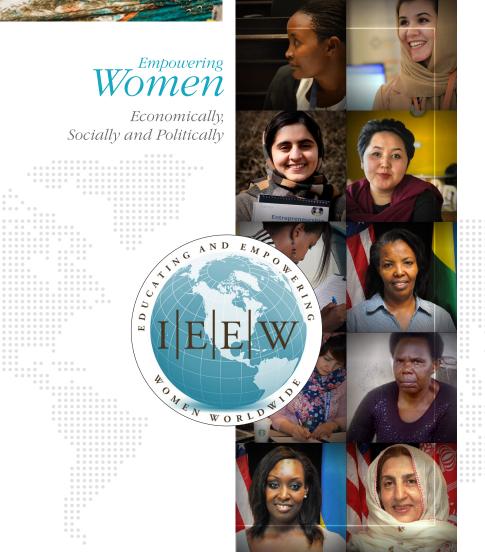


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THE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT **OF WOMEN** HELPS BUILD SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES AROUND THE WORLD, EMPOWERING WOMEN ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY.

A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.



PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS® provides long-term business training to women business owners in developing and war-torn countries. We believe that when you educate a woman, you educate a nation. It is widely recognized that an economically sound society has a much greater capacity for peace. As these women build their businesses, they also help to strengthen their communities. Together, we are building the economic road to peace.

Our PTB graduates are educating their children, creating jobs for their communities, and engaging in the public policy arena.



#### \*2017 Survey Statistics

Average mean

## **PTB** Graduates **EXCEL**



On average, each graduate creates 32 full time jobs

borrowed money for

their business. \$25.148

average borrowed from

banks, family, friends

On average, each

araduate creates

28 jobs

35.7%

Afghanistan



31% of our graduates are importing/ exporting beyond Rwanda's borders

77% are paying it forward in Rwanda

of our graduates

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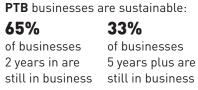
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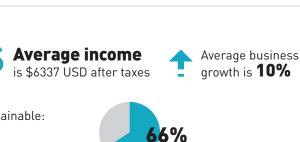
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elected officials.

Average income s \$6337 USD after taxes





of our graduates

are already paying it

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In 1994, 1 million people were killed in 90 days. In the two decades since the Rwandan genocide, the country has collaborated to establish peace and is stronger than ever.

In Afghanistan, PEACE THROUGH **BUSINESS®** graduates struggle with ongoing conflict and severe gender inequality. They push through by creating a coalition of empowered entrepreneurs and working with

Women in both countries are running for public office and having success.

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Many of our **PTB** graduates are the only women in their industry. Examples of this include the only woman-owned print shop in Afghanistan and the only woman-owned car repair shop in Rwanda.

After 13 years, 80% of our graduates are still in business today.