

**GFP INTERNATIONAL**

**FIGHTING POVERTY  
THROUGH TRAINING AND  
EDUCATION**



**Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day.  
Teach a Man to Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime.**

**THE \$100 MILLION AFRICAN WELDING  
SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

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# OUR MISSION

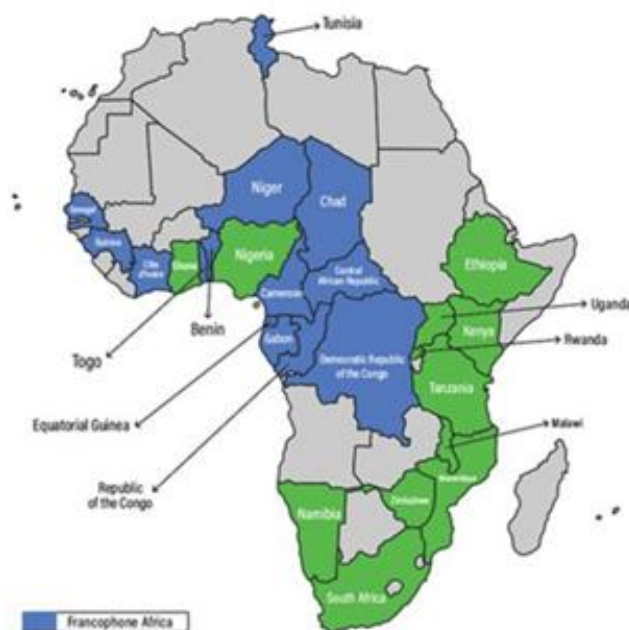
GFP International is an organization that is driven by mission, vision, values, and goals and objectives. Outside of South Africa, there are no certified or qualified welding schools in the African sub-continent. One of our first strategic goals is to support the development of up to 30 world class certified welding schools across Africa. To do this we have developed a \$100 million USD African Welding School and Training Program. This program will spark Africa's industrial revolution, leading to African countries becoming flowering centers of industry and prosperity.

# THE PROBLEM

African welding schools have not been upgraded since the era of colonial independence in the 1960's. They only teach ornamental welding, not the industrial skills-based training required to develop a welder who can produce competent structural welds for industries including agriculture, energy, mining, shipbuilding, and other industries. Resolving this issue will have a consequential effect by reducing the extreme poverty that results in annual child mortality rate of 3.2 million children per year.



GFP International has built a network of associates, consultants, board and committee members with a reach across the African continent.



# STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS



**Richard Arn** is a past president of the American Welding Society, and current Vice President of Technology with that organization. He is widely known and respected throughout the U.S. and global industries. The AWS works globally to ensure that welders are trained to the highest standards that meet the demands of industry.



American Welding Society  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MEMBER



**Luca Costa** is the CEO of the International Institute of Welding. The IIW works globally to ensure that welders are trained to the highest standards that meet the demands of industry.



**Martin Daignault** is the director of international certification for the Canadian Welding Bureau. He works globally with industry and training institutions to ensure that welders are trained to the highest standards that meet the demands of industry.



**African Skills  
and Development Group Ltd**

GFP has a strategic relationship with African Skills and Development Ltd. to help implement the \$100 Million African Welding School and Training Program.

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