



2021 Annual Report





2021 Year in Review

Looking back on 2021, we are incredibly grateful and proud. Despite the continued limitations and threat of Covid-19, we were able to grow and expand:

- We taught in more communities across South Tarawa.
- We added two new members to the team in Kiribati.
- We bought a car to help the team get to classes and meetings efficiently.
- We received two big grants from the Embassy of China, among other support that makes this possible.

All of this means that we have been able to help more I-Kiribati women and their families as they become more self-reliant through entrepreneurship. This is the heart of what we do, and we're honored to do this work.

Andrea Gooch
ANDREA GOOCH

Kindling Kiribati Founder & Director

Our 2021 Impact

6,105

Value of Loans Distributed
(IRIS PI5476)

21

Number of Loans Distributed
(IRIS PI8381)

291

Average Loan Size Distributed
(IRIS PI5160)

90%

Repayment Rate

1,005

Learning Hours
(IRIS PI1836)

24.2

Average Class Attendance

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Beneficiary Spotlight

Meet Tooti, 52 years old from the island of Tarawa and Arorae, currently living in Teaoaraereke.

Before taking part in Kindling Kiribati's classes and loan program, she sold local foods and homemade doughnuts. Now she sells KFL fish (tuna jerky). Here's what she had to say about her experience with Kindling Kiribati:

"The lesson that stayed with me is profit. To elaborate, when you start a business, you should make sure that your business is profitable.

The [loan] assistance helped me produce profits, although there are many competitors, I managed to get profit. I would say, this loan is a big help for me and my family.

With the profit, I plan to start another small business. I could accomplish this by setting aside a portion of my current profit until I have enough to finance my new business."



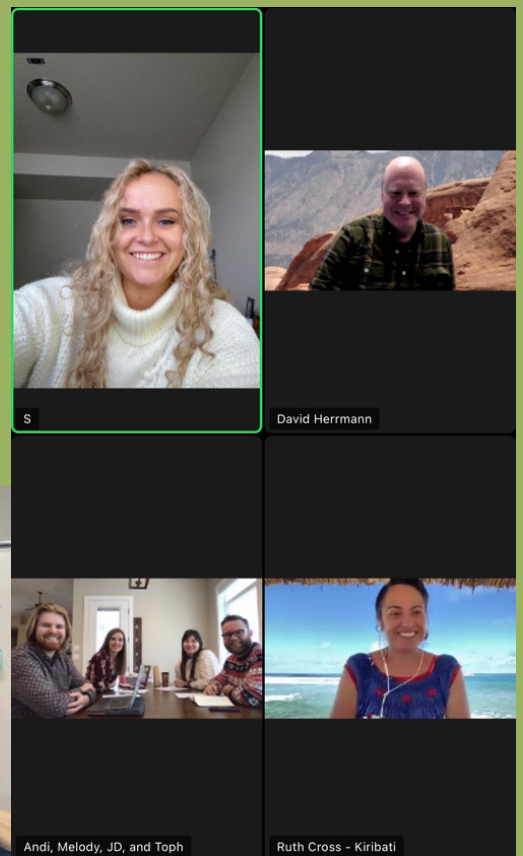
Iai, I rangi n kakaitaua te Kindling Kiribati ibukin ana waaki n ibuobuoki nakoia aine ake aki mwakuri ao n iangoa aia karikirake, I rangi n kaitau ibukin ae e reke te ibuobuoki nakoira aine ao ngaira ake ti kainnanao te ibuobuoki. E rarabwa.

I would like to thank Kindling Kiribati for its great help to women like us, women who need help, and unemployed women who wanted to start a small business. I am grateful for the financial assistance that we have received. Thank you Kindling Kiribati!

About Kindling Kiribati

Kindling Kiribati was started in 2018 with the help of board members Andrea Gooch, JD Borg, Melody Jensen, Brent Thorne, and David Herrmann. Quickly after, Ruth Cross joined the board and provided the support needed in Kiribati to get operations started. Since then, we've added to our board with Toph Cottle and Sara Merrill.

Inception for Kindling Kiribati came while our director, Andrea Gooch, served an LDS mission to Kiribati in 2011. She understood that economies can be most effectively supported through supporting women-run businesses. Kindling Kiribati is a non-profit organization that focuses on the development of small businesses in Kiribati by empowering i-Kiribati women towards self-reliance through business education and access to financial services.



Since 2018, Kindling Kiribati has raised over \$90k USD through contributions and donations from many different generous donors. In less than three years, Kindling Kiribati has made tremendous strides towards helping those in Kiribati towards financial stability. We believe that through ambition and determination, good and miraculous things are still to come.

Our Theory of Change



Kindling Kiribati's mission is to help Kiribati women build self-reliance and to create global citizens through our internship program. Our mission is two-fold because we know of the transformational power of the program for everyone involved. Women in Kiribati build critical business skills through our courses and many apply for loans to grow or create businesses, empowering them to work toward self-reliance through increased earning potential. Our internship program is an opportunity for students to apply what they are learning in school and share their expertise with communities in Kiribati, all while learning about a new area of the world and gaining cross-cultural understanding.



Meet Our Local Team



Teemarie Ataia

Lead Kiribati Coordinator

Teemari is native to Kiribati and fluent in 3 languages. She loves to read and learn more about other cultures and languages. She served an LDS mission in the Philippines where she learned Tagalog. She has a passion for helping others and was most recently employed for the Kiribati World Mosquito Program working to eliminate the server negative effects of dengue flu. Teemari is excited to help her native people of Kiribati and support Kindling Kiribati.



Karamaniti Tekaa

Loan Coordinator

Karamaniti is a proud Kiribati native who loves to learn and help others. After completing high school, Karamaniti served an LDS church mission in Auckland, New Zealand. She is now studying online through BYU-Idaho to earn her bachelor's degree in business management. She gained valuable experience as the financial account officer in the Kiribati Ministry of Women, Youth, Sport, and Social Affairs. Karamaniti is excited to apply her experience and energies in support of her fellow I-Kiribati while continuing to grow, learn, and study.



Akoia Toromon

Course and Outreach Coordinator

Akoia Beba Toromon was born in Laie Hawaii and grew up in Kiribati. She is currently studying at BYU-Pathways Worldwide . She served a full-time LDS church mission in the Philippines Quezon City Mission from 2016-2017 where she learned to speak Tagalog. She loves serving those around her and has a passion for making new friends. She is happy and excited to serve her people through the Kindling Kiribati program.

About Kiribati

The nation of Kiribati (pronounced “kee-ruh-bus”) is comprised of 32 atolls and one solitary island; the vast geography of the country spans all four hemispheres and is the only country that does so. It also spans three time zones—UTC +12, +13, and +14—which makes it the first country to see the new day.

The main island, Tarawa, is in the Gilbert island chain and the majority of the nation’s population resides on that island. As is characteristic of an atoll, the island has a large lagoon surrounded by the remnants of a volcanic island; the land above water surrounding the lagoon is sometimes only 20 feet wide. The island is largely known for a WWII battle that was fought there, the Battle of Tarawa.

Kiribati is on the United Nations' list of Least Developed Countries, (low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development). The country is considered highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks, particularly due to the threat of climate change and rising ocean levels.



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