FUND STAGE: LAB

Joblessness

Africa is home to the world's fastest-growing and youngest population, yet 65% of Africans are effectively jobless. What can be done?



The Upstream Problem

Poverty persists not simply because resources are scarce, but because opportunity is. The absence of dignified, productive work strips individuals of the ability to provide, contribute, and flourish as God designed. Where good jobs are lacking, communities stagnate, dependency deepens, and poverty becomes generational.

For decades, efforts to address joblessness have focused on isolated job programs or short-term employment gains, without building the underlying systems needed for durable work. In Africa, this challenge is most acute: roughly 65% of the population is effectively jobless—either unemployed or trapped in informal survival work—despite being home to the world's youngest and fastest-growing workforce. A generation of talent stands ready, yet disconnected from opportunity.

Today, a convergence of demographic momentum, technological infrastructure, and entrepreneurial capacity has created a historic opportunity. The challenge is no longer whether good jobs can be created—but whether capital and coordination will be aligned to build the pathways that connect talent to sustainable work at scale.

The Solving Joblessness Fund backs Africa's greatest problem-solvers to unlock dignified employment through market-based solutions.

By catalyzing both growth jobs that bring new capital into communities and sustaining jobs that stabilize local economies, the Fund builds pathways from unemployment to opportunity. Through investments in talent identification, workforce development, global market onramps, and infrastructure that formalizes informal work, the Fund reduces fragmentation and accelerates scale. Success is measured not by programs launched, but by jobs created, income generated, and capital circulating through communities—until market forces take over and opportunity becomes self-sustaining.

Two Ways to Get Involved

Give > Make a meaningful contribution to the Joblessness Fund or other giving funds in the SWGP portfolio. Every gift is amplified through shared outcomes and measurable impact.

Gather > Join Foundation Groups—online gatherings where families connect, share, and discover the problem they feel called to give to.

For questions, reach out to the SWGP Team at team@solving.org.

Learn More:

Give together. Go further.

Solving big problems requires coordinated generosity.

SWGP Giving Funds shorten the journey from passion to action. Each fund is professionally managed and vetted through trusted partners and done at scale—so generosity moves with clarity and confidence.

By reducing fragmentation and redundancy, we align experienced givers with those just getting started. Shared diligence. Aligned capital. Greater impact.

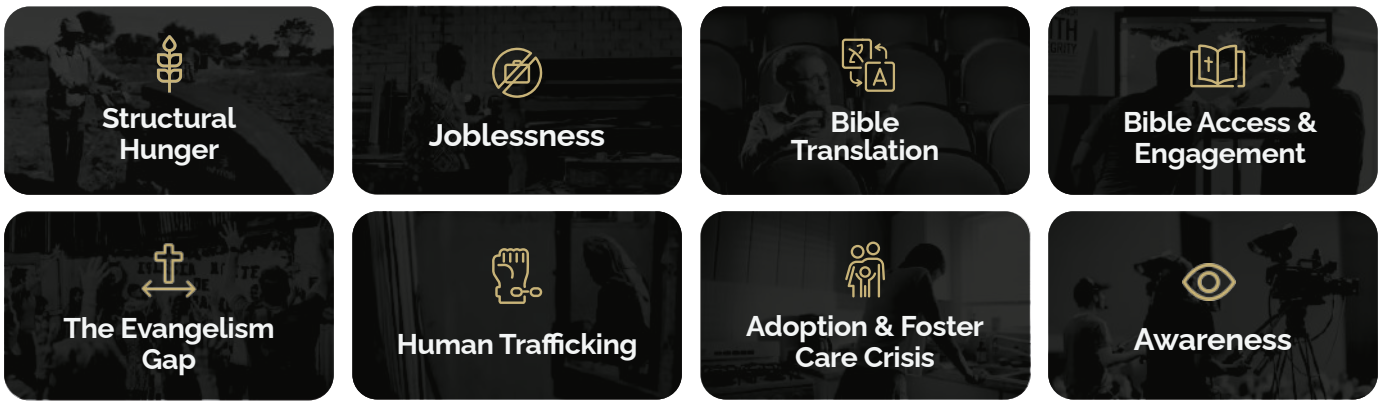
Strategic generosity beats isolated giving.



THE NUMBERS

30+	8	1	2	5
problems identified	funds launched	fund & community scaled	funds in Beta Stage	funds in Lab Stage

THE FUNDS



HOW THE FUNDS WORK

Each is a Donor Advised Fund guided by a Board of Advisors, Investment Committee, and dedicated Portfolio Manager. Administered by Trustbridge deploying both grants and investments. 100% of contributions go directly to the field when founding members cover operational costs.

Learn More:

Scan to watch our overview video