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**TUJENGE AFRICA FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$100,000 DONATION  
FROM PHILANTHROPIST STEPHEN PEEL**

NEW HAVEN, CT – Tujenge Africa Foundation has been awarded a \$100,000 donation from philanthropist and investor Stephen Peel.

The grant to Tujenge Africa Foundation will be used to operate its flagship Tujenge Scholars Program. Currently in its first year of operation, the program will welcome its second cohort of students in January for an intensive leadership, scholarship and peace-building gap-year. Upon completion of the 15-month-long program, scholars will matriculate at elite universities around the world, where they will continue to hone skills and make connections that will prepare them to be the next generation of ethical leaders in their country.

Burundi's needs are astronomical, but the resources are few, often non-existent. I'm thrilled to see the robust and non-linear approach that the Tujenge Africa Foundation has taken to support Burundi's post-war nation-building. The potential for transformation is real. That's why I support these intrepid young, social entrepreneurs.

*Stephen Peel, Donor*

Stephen Peel is a shrewd philanthropist and businessman who understands Tujenge Africa Foundation's role in peace-building and reconciliation in Burundi. His latest gift will support our mission of shaping the next generation of Burundian leaders.

*Etienne Mashuli, Tujenge Africa Foundation Executive Director*

The donation is being made in two parts, a \$60,000 unconditional grant, with an additional \$40,000 conditional on Tujenge Africa Foundation securing matching funds.

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The Tujenge Africa Foundation is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with operations in Africa's Great Lakes region. "Tujenge" is a Swahili verb, which means to build or construct. Our goal is to build African capacity through quality, innovative, and boundary-pushing education. TAF will help boost the potential of the poorest and most marginalized in the African Great Lakes region through development initiatives that focus on education, dialogue, and economic advancement. TAF has begun its initial phase of operations in Burundi, while maintaining a long-term vision of providing the same opportunities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, as well as in other conflict-ridden nations in Africa.

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