

# Voices in Support of Opportunity International

Photo: Loan officer John Chimkango meets with members of the Chigumukire Trust Group.

“It is a great privilege to partner with Opportunity International in our effort to alleviate hunger in Malawi and Mozambique. Opportunity’s technology-driven microfinance services help create a sustainable framework to increase food production and bring access to financing for thousands of hunger-afflicted people.”

– ROBERT W. LANE  
Former Chairman, Deere & Company

“I believe eradicating poverty is a choice we should make and I believe it is a result we can achieve, if we focus on the right tools, the right people, and the right organizations... I believe Opportunity International is an organization that not only has its heart in the right place, but is building a systemic, sustainable solution to the world’s poverty.”

– CARLY FIORINA  
Chair, Fiorina Foundation;  
Former Chair & CEO, Hewlett-Packard

“Whether in Manila or in the countryside, we will make microfinance a cornerstone in our fight against poverty... Opportunity International [is] the first microlending program in the nation which was converted to a bank. It is time the poor people benefit from the savings of the nation.”

– PRESIDENT GLORIA ARROYO  
Republic of the Philippines

“Opportunity International [is] helping to create hundreds of small businesses and cottage industries that the poor of the world can own and run themselves. What better way is there to carry out Christ’s mandate to help the poor... I have seen firsthand the good work done by Opportunity International and know that hundreds of thousands of jobs have been created by its efforts.”

– TONY CAMPOLO  
Professor Emeritus, Eastern University

“Opportunity International gives people hope and dignity. It gets people up on their feet. It’s the best tool I’ve seen in the world today to bring people out of poverty. Money that’s invested in microfinance never stops working.”

– AMBASSADOR TONY P. HALL  
Former U.S. Congressman and Ambassador

“Opportunity International is one of the most capable and innovative organizations working to expand access to basic banking and insurance worldwide.”

– SYLVIA MATHEWS BURWELL  
President of Global Development,  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

“As we struggle to care for AIDS victims, their families, and the widows and orphans they leave behind, we are grateful for the help and encouragement extended by our foreign friends. I am particularly grateful to Opportunity International for recognizing the potential for microcredit to transform the lives of thousands of Ugandans. We look forward to seeing more women walk tall and with pride.”

– JANET MUSEVENI  
First Lady of Uganda

“At Omidyar Network, we believe that every person has the power to make a difference in the world regardless of their economic or social standing. We are proud to support Opportunity International and applaud their innovative approach to poverty alleviation. Opportunity’s new technology-based services will complement and amplify the value of its life-changing microfinance services.”

– MATT BANNICK  
Managing Partner,  
Omidyar Network

“This [crop insurance] is a big deal for those of us who are working on trying to raise farm income in rural Africa... This is a very impressive thing.”  
(Speaking about Opportunity International at the Clinton Global Initiative)

– PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

“From the bottom of my heart, I believe in Opportunity International. This organization is like the starter dough our neighbor gave Mom to make sourdough bread. When you give people the opportunity to create wealth, you help them for the rest of their life. Opportunity International are the pros at starter dough.”

– RICK WARREN  
Pastor, Saddleback Church

“Microfinance makes sense in theory and it makes even better sense in practice. With the range of opportunities it provides, the range of jobs it supports, the number of children it sends to school... microfinance really benefits those who need it most, and 85% of them are women.”  
(Speaking at the Medina bank branch opening, Opportunity Ghana)

– HRH PRINCESS ANNE  
United Kingdom

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