



The Judith Neilson Foundation is investing in people, places and ideas.



We address social, economic, and resource inequalities by investing in people and communities to help them thrive.

We do this by partnering with organisations that understand and effectively tackle the complex challenges faced by vulnerable communities. Based in Sydney, our work spans East Africa, Southern Africa, and Australia, with a global reach through our Innovation portfolio, supporting solutions to development challenges worldwide.



The Social Outfit

Australia

In Australia, we partner with organisations that provide holistic support for women and children.

Our efforts focus on those seeking asylum, First Nations women and girls, older single women, and those in rural areas. We focus on three priority areas:

Legal support for vulnerable women

Enhancing access to legal services for women escaping violence, at risk of homelessness, or facing inadequate legal representation. We ensure that these services are tailored to meet the needs of the most vulnerable women.

Supporting disadvantaged women and girls in Sydney

Addressing homelessness, domestic, sexual and family violence, and involvement with the criminal justice system through collective, holistic support.

Investing in Northern Australia

We support community-led initiatives driven by and for First Nations women, through their innovative work supporting women and girls experiencing some of the most acute disadvantage in our country.

Africa

Our work in East and Southern Africa focuses where we can create the greatest impact: Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

We collaborate with partners to strengthen community resilience, particularly in rural and underserved urban areas. Our efforts focus on three priority areas:

Economic equity and education

Advancing opportunities for marginalised groups, focusing on economic advancement, leadership development and vocational training. Our initiatives include fostering sustainable enterprise development, financial inclusion, and agricultural innovation for lasting change.

Community development and environmental stewardship

Supporting peacebuilding, social cohesion, and sustainable management of natural resources.

Health

Addressing the most critical health concerns in Sub-Saharan Africa by improving access to maternal and newborn care, sexual and reproductive health, and treatment for nutritional deficiencies and diarrheal diseases. In a region where less than half the population has access to essential healthcare, our partnerships focus on creating sustainable health outcomes.