



## Organization Capabilities Statement

Rising Sun Cultural and Education Programs is a non-profit education organization. It offers empowering opportunities for youth and young adults which can become a catalyst for their personal growth and development. Program planners utilize innovative and interactive education methodologies to reach participants with exciting curricula that combines experiential and didactic learning modalities. Youth are encouraged to expand their thinking and awareness and they quickly begin to understand that physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and financial well-being all contribute to one's actual and ultimate sense of wealth.

**Expertise:** At the core of its corporate philosophy is the belief that wealth is associated with well-being in all dimensions of one's life. Thus, the founders, board members, workshop facilitators, and collaborators for Rising Sun's programs are trained and each embrace this holistic philosophy, bringing with them a vast array of professional and academic achievements. Each possesses a proven track-record of mastery of subject matter and a success record of delivering content in a context which has become uniquely "Rising Sun".

**Services.** The services of Rising Sun fall within two broad categories: the delivery of education programs for youth and young adults, and the provision of technical assistance and/or capacity building expertise for individuals and collaborators who seek to reach youth in a context similar to that of Rising Sun.

### Educational Programs

- *The Wealth Club* is a comprehensive financial literacy experience for youth and young adults, offered in non-traditional educational class formats that are innovative, interactive, practical and fun! Youth gain valuable knowledge and have experiences in setting financial goals, sources of income, money management and budgeting, creating savings and spending plan, investment, credit, and entrepreneurship.
- *The Youth Initiatives (workshops and residential retreats)* help to make youth aware of their lives as a continuous journey; that the interconnected core components of emotional, spiritual, mental, physical and financial health play an essential role in shaping their lives. Each retreat is designed to enhance their experiential learning and understanding of well-being as it relates to their minds, bodies, emotions and finances. Rising Sun staff contends that when youth are supported with innovative tools, strategies and accelerated learning techniques; they gain both clarity and direction needed for successfully navigating life and become healthy, caring, responsible adults.

In addition to its work in the United States, Rising Sun provided introductory financial literacy workshops to the American International School Abuja (AISA) in Nigeria, West Africa, by delivering 'The Wealth Club' program to Grades 9-11 who attended the school in fall 2007. Rising Sun has plans to extend the capacity to offer educational opportunities throughout the international school system in Africa and other parts of the world.

**Facilitator Training / Technical Assistance** Training is provided by Rising Sun's cadre of trained board members and facilitators for professionals and volunteers who seek to work with youth in the area of life skills and financial literacy. Coaching is available for the curricula adapted for use by Rising Sun and the unique context in which information is delivered to youth participants within the United States and abroad, via 'webinars' and through seasonal workshops and peer shadowing experiences.

**Corporate Information** Rising Sun Cultural and Educational Programs, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt entity pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. To learn more about our services and expertise, please visit our website at [www.RisingSunPrograms.org](http://www.RisingSunPrograms.org) .