



## **Elevations Profile**

Elevations Co-operative Inc is an initiative of members from East Africa. It exists to promote and support self improvement initiatives of its members and their community. It was founded on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The constituent members come from Kenya (majority), Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Congo and Mauritius.

Elevations Co-operative Inc. is a democratic organization governed by an elected Board of Directors.

### **Our vision**

Our vision is to uplift people

### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to support sustainable self-improvement initiatives of members and their communities that lead to positive life outcomes.

### **Our Objectives are:**

- To develop and support entrepreneurs business start-ups.
- To provide financial independence literacy
- To support members local sustainable community development projects
- To foster the spirit of togetherness among all people groups globally.
- To eradicate abject poverty
- To provide access to economic improvements opportunities
- To facilitate meeting space for entrepreneurs and community groups programs or projects
- To establish educational programs and training for the benefit of members and surrounding community that support self improvement goals.
- To partner with and support community projects or causes dear to our members.

### **Location:**

Elevations Co-op Inc. is located at 483 Oakwood Avenue Toronto Ontario.

## **Our Five Principles and Practices**

### **1. Social Economic Empowerment Engagements;**

Elevations Co-op is a social enterprise vehicle for personal and community empowerment. We believe the best way to uplift communities is through collective seeding of viable social economic opportunities.

“Together we can lift any weight” is our guiding slogan.

### **2. Dedication to furtherance of Elevations ideology and practice;**

Elevations Co-op is a movement of likeminded people (members) united for the furtherance of Elevations ideology and practice. Membership is available to anyone 16 years old and above with payment of lifetime membership share fee of \$200.00.

### **3. Promotion of each other's interests;**

Benefits of membership are social economic empowerment for our members. Through our programs members are encouraged to support the initiatives of fellow members. Our members are divided in five categories:

- a. Investors: As investors we pool together financial resources which enables us to participate in a variety of investments including Real estate, business funding and other opportunities.
- b. Consumers: As consumers we participate in supporting our member entrepreneurs by purchasing or consuming their products. This is part and parcel of the Co-operative act that we must follow to maintain a co-operative status.
- c. Philanthropists: As Philanthropists we allocate 10% of our surplus income to support member charities. Also through Elevations Foundation we write proposals to benefit member charity activities.
- d. Entrepreneurs: As entrepreneurs we provide and supply services and goods to be consumed by the membership of the Co-operative. It is our mission to support self improvement initiatives of members and their communities that lead to positive outcomes.
- e. Participants in leadership at different levels of the organization.

### **4. Priority for proactive mindset over indolent rhetoric;**

We are committed to not making indolent rhetoric but carrying out actions consistent with Elevations principles and practices; we must be the change we wish to see.

### **5. Promotion and propagation of human rights and values.**

As an organisation we believe in the promotion and propagation of human rights and values.

### **Our Capacities**

Our biggest assets is our members who are professionals with over 50% of our members holding a PhD's or Masters in various fields and have substantial earning power and disposable income. We are approved by the government of Ontario to offer shares to the tune of \$8, 000,000.