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For more than twenty years, Roots of Peace has worked in war-torn countries around the world to remove the remnants of war, landmines and unexploded ordinance, and restore the land in order to rebuild peaceful communities for generations to come. Their award-winning methodology is rooted in a philosophy of providing market-driven solutions tailored to rural communities in war-torn lands, serving as a catalyst for industry-wide development.

With more than 500 million smallholder farming households representing a large proportion of the world's poor who live on less than \$2 a day, rebuilding a source of income that can sustain themselves and their families is one of the most pressing issues that must be addressed in post-conflict countries. With the help of Roots of Peace, farmers are addressing the key challenges to increased income by applying modern technology and farming techniques that result in increased yields and sustainability.

The Roots of Peace "Mines to Vines" approach has impacted over one million farmers and families. By removing landmines, the land is no longer held hostage by war. In Afghanistan, they have facilitated the export of fresh fruits, nuts and spices to new markets in India and U.A.E. and increased agricultural exports from \$250 million in 2019 to over \$1.4 billion in 2020. Their proven methodology is rooted in a philosophy of providing market driven solutions tailored to rural communities and serves as a catalyst for business development.

Roots of Peace has been recognized by governments and global organizations for their unique development model that incorporates best practices with local customs and cultures to achieve long lasting sustainable results.

<https://rootsofpeace.org>

Founder and CEO, Heidi Kuhn's book *Breaking Ground* will be published by Earth Aware and distributed by Simon & Schuster in April 2020.