

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 20 08

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization **Indego Africa Project**
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
507 Archwood Trail
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Houston, TX 77007

D Employer identification number
20 5874831

E Telephone number
(713) 568-1842

G Gross receipts \$ **108,447**

F Name and address of principal officer: **Matthew T. Mitro**
507 Archwood Trail, Houston, TX 77007

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ **www.indegoafrica.org**

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **2006** **M** State of legal domicile: **TX**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Indego Africa Project is a partnership between African communities and volunteers committed to alleviating poverty and chronic unemployment in Africa by providing reliable income, developing job skills, and affording access to export markets, with the goal of creating and supporting businesses.</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	6
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	1
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	70
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 23,043	Current Year 55,648
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	476
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,877	31,586
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	26,920	87,710
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	2,908
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	22,607
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 5,473		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	6,597	17,392
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	6,597	42,907	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	20,323	44,803	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 20,339	End of Year 67,277
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	16	2,153
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	20,323	65,125

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: Thomas M. Mitro Date: 1-4-3-08
 Type or print name and title: Thomas M. Mitro Treasurer - Indego Africa Project

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____
 Check if self-employed Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____
 EIN: _____ Phone no.: () _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Indego Africa Project is a partnership between African communities and volunteers committed to alleviating poverty and chronic unemployment in Africa by providing reliable income, developing job skills, and affording access to export markets, with the goal of creating and supporting sustainable businesses.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: N/A) (Expenses \$ 2,908 including grants of \$ 2,908) (Revenue \$ 0)
Rwandan Hand Up Program: Indego Africa ensures the long-term success of its partners by helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency and enhance their earning capacity. Education and skills-building are the core components of the Hand Up program, which is supported by 100% of profits on handicraft sales, individual donations, fundraisers and foundation grants. These funds help Indego Africa partner cooperatives to: (a) stabilize commercial opportunities for their members, (b) conduct regular skills training programs, (c) improve organizational management, and (d) focus on sustainability through securing a capital equipment base. Hand Up provides training to more than 70 women in Rwanda, who have acquired basic management, bookkeeping and computer skills. The Hand Up program provides internship and teaching instruction opportunities to three to four college students per semester through a unique partnership with the U.S. NGO, Orphans of Rwanda. As part of the program, Indego Africa also makes initial donations to partner cooperatives that are intended to cover the cost of equipment, facility maintenance or other capital needs. (Note: The \$2,908 in expenses is only direct assistance costs and does not include a portion of the \$30,786 in expenses referenced in Part II, Line 4b that relates to the Hand-Up program).

4b (Code: N/A) (Expenses \$ 30,786 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 34,314)
Rwandan Handicraft Program: Indego Africa purchases and markets Rwandan handicrafts in the U.S. in order to increase revenue to local coops of artisans. Approximately 200 women have been served by this program and have contributed products for sale in the U.S., both on the internet and in 20 retail stores. The artisans receive two to three times more income than they had earned before the intervention of Indego Africa, in accordance with the organization's fair trade practices policy. (Note: The gross revenue amount of \$34,314 is before considering costs of purchasing products from the women and other related costs such as shipping. Actual cash payments to partner handicraft cooperatives in Rwanda during 2008 amounted to \$19,981 comprised of \$7,255 charged as part of cost of goods sold (Line 10b in Part VIII) and \$12,726 carried as inventory and prepayments for products on our balance sheet included in Part X Lines 8 and 9).

4c (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ \$ **33,694** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		✓
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		✓
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		✓
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		✓
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		✓
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		✓
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 0		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	✓	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 1		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)	✓	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	✓	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► <u>Rwanda</u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		✓
c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?	✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	✓	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		✓
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	✓	
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	✓	
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		✓
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		✓
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		✓
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
	12b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2–7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	✓	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		✓
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		✓
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		✓
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		✓
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		✓
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		✓
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	✓	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	✓	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		✓
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	✓	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	✓	

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	✓	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	✓	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	✓	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	✓	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		✓
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	✓	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	✓	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		✓
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► CA, NY, VA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Thomas M. Mitro, 507 Archwood Trail, Houston, TX 77007 (713) 568-1842

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b Membership dues	1b	0				
	c Fundraising events	1c	3,132				
	d Related organizations	1d	0				
	e Government grants (contributions).	1e	0				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	52,516				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		0				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		55,648				
	Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
2a							
b							
c							
d							
e							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			0				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		476	476	0	0	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0	
	5 Royalties		0	0	0	0	
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)		0	0	0	0
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss)		0	0	0	0
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 3,132 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	18,010				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	5,957			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		12,053	0	0	12,053
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a	0				
		b Less: direct expenses.	b	0			
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	0	0	0
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	34,314				
b Less: cost of goods sold		b	14,781				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			19,533	19,533	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenue							
11a	Business Code						
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		87,710	20,009	0	12,053		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	2,908	2,908		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	21,000	15,734	1,730	3,536
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	0	0	0	0
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10 Payroll taxes	1,607	1,204	132	271
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	92	92	0	0
c Accounting	0	0	0	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other	5,764	5,764	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	171	100	0	71
13 Office expenses	5,535	3,766	1,166	603
14 Information technology	943	898	45	0
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	73	73	0	0
17 Travel	3,854	2,769	163	922
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0	0	0	0
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	350	0	350	0
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Currency Exchange Losses/Bad Debt	336	336	0	0
b Licenses and Permits	274	50	154	70
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	42,907	33,694	3,740	5,473
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	17,658	1	11,236
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	40,576
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,093	4	116
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	753	8	14,423
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	835	9	926
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	0		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	0	10c	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	20,339	16	67,277	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	16	17	2,152
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	16	26	2,152
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	20,323	27	65,125
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	20,323	33	65,125
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	20,339	34	67,277

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		✓
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		✓
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	✓	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")				23,043	55,648	78,691
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf				0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge				0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1-3				23,043	55,648	78,691
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						38,850
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						39,841

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4				23,043	55,648	78,691
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				0	476	476
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on				0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)				3,877	31,586	35,463
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						114,630
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33⅓% support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF.

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2008

Name of the organization

Indego Africa Project

Employer identification number

20 5874831

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**. (**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

General Rule

For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		DC Fundraiser (event type)	NY Fundraiser (event type)	(total number)	(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	7,566	13,576		21,142
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	1,035	2,097		3,132
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	6,531	11,479		18,010
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0		0
	5 Non-cash prizes	0	0		0
	6 Rent/facility costs	0	1,490		1,490
	7 Other direct expenses	1,696	2,771		4,467
	8 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ▶				(5,957)
9 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) ▶				12,053	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____% <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				()	
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶					

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If "No," Explain: _____ _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If "Yes," Explain: _____ _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

			Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:			
a	The organization's facility	13a	%	
b	An outside facility	13b	%	
14	Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:			
	Name ▶			
	Address ▶			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$			
c	If "Yes," enter name and address:			
	Name ▶			
	Address ▶			
16	Gaming manager information:			
	Name ▶			
	Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$			
	Description of services provided ▶			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions:			
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a		
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$			

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Indego Africa Project

Employer identification number

20 5874831

Form 990, Part VI, Line 2: Matt Mitro, chief executive officer and member of the Board, is the son of Thomas Mitro, treasurer and member of the Board. In both their roles as officers and directors, Matt Mitro and Thomas Mitro were elected by a vote of the fully-independent members of the Board of Directors.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 10: The draft version of the Form 990 is presented to both the full Board of Directors and the fully-independent Audit Committee of the Board of Directors prior to being filed with the IRS. The Audit Committee is charged with approving the underlying financial statements and any key programmatic accounting classifications. The Audit Committee is composed of members with a wide variety of experience in financial and legal matters, including: one certified public accountant, one member with a Master's of Business Administration in corporate accounting, and one attorney experienced in corporate compliance.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11: The following officers and directors are not located at Indego Africa's primary address:

Ben Stone, Officer, 298 Mulberry Street #5C, New York, NY 10012

J. Byron Townsend III, Officer and Director, 18013 Bryans Crossing, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Vadim Brusser, Officer, 2209 12th Court North, Arlington, VA 22201

Lyse Hunger, Director, Calle de Peru 7, Miami Platja, Tarragona, Spain 43892

Carsten M. Reichel, Director, 2303 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Karol Boudreaux, Director, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 3301 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 450
Arlington, VA 22201

Nick Grandy, Officer, 10 Heron Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c: Indego Africa has a written Conflict of Interest Policy. In accordance with this policy, all directors, officers and major volunteers are required to sign an annual Conflict of Interest Policy Acknowledgemnt Form, which indicates that they have read in full and agreed to follow the Conflict of Interest Policy. The officers elevate all decisions involving potential conflicts of interest to the full independent members of the Board of Directors.

Name of the organization Indego Africa Project	Employer identification number 20 5874831
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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b: The selection of Matt Mitro as a paid chief executive and the determination of his salary was carried out by a quorum of fully-independent members of the Board of Directors. In addition, a detailed study and analysis of compensation for chief executives of similar experience working for organizations with a similar size and mission was undertaken. This decision and the process underlying it was certified by a resolution of the fully-independent members of the Board of Directors, accompanied by minutes documenting the deliberation and discussion.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19: All internal policies of the organization are disclosed to the public on Indego Africa's website, available at: www.indegoafrica.org/transparency-and-ethics/

Form 990, Schedule G, Part II: Indego Africa makes its best efforts to reduce costs and solicit donated products, facility rentals, and services. For fundraising events in 2008, Indego Africa sought help from more than 55 volunteers in planning and execution of the events - from procuring donations and managing event logistics to graphic design and promotional communications. Indego Africa has partnered with the NGO One Brick, which provides volunteers for non-profit events, to staff the fundraisers in Washington, DC and New York, NY. This predominantly volunteer workforce has enabled Indego Africa to sponsor large, awareness-raising events on a limited budget. (This comment also equally applies to Part VIII, Line 8b of Form 990.)