



# “THE CHANGE MAKER”

RT. HON. ANDREW MITCHELL



“for being a champion of peace in lands torn by conflict, for leading humanitarian initiatives in Central and West Africa, Asia and the Caribbean and for encouraging an environment of compassion and accountability in philanthropy.”

When one is backed by his experience and dominated by his steel-will to do good for others, every new bottleneck in his way, every criticism, every roadblock ultimately becomes a morale booster in his quest for common welfare. Andrew Mitchell – through the eventful graph of his experiences starting from the Royal Tank Regiment days to the high walls of the British Parliament as an MP at 31 only – has showed the world what magic we can witness when commitment for the people mix and match with political will and authority.

Andrew was born in 1956 and is married with two daughters. He was educated at Rugby School and Cambridge University, where he studied history and was elected as President of the Cambridge Union in 1978. Andrew served in the Army (Royal Tank Regiment) before joining Lazard where he worked with British companies seeking large-scale overseas contracts.

He was the Member of Parliament for Gedling from 1987 to 1997. During this period he held office as a Government Whip and as Minister for Social Security. He also served as a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party from 1992 to 1993.

In 2001 he was re-elected to Parliament as MP for Sutton Coldfield. In November 2003, he was appointed Shadow Minister for Economic Affairs. From September 2004 until the end of the Parliamentary term, he was Shadow Minister for Home Affairs. Following the General Election in May 2005 Andrew joined the Shadow Cabinet and was appointed



development, post-conflict reconciliation and poverty reduction through its projects in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Burundi. Project Umubano has taken hundreds of Conservative Party activists, MPs, MEPs, councillors and party members – including British Prime Minister David Cameron – to Africa to participate in and understand the value of international development programmes.

For a decade, Andrew Mitchell has been the driving force behind this project, the only one of its kind run by any British political party, which has helped thousands of people across Africa and educated hundreds of British Conservatives about the value of sustainable international development. Andrew Mitchell's exemplary role in the success of Project Umubano – in the fields of education, health, justice, private sector growth and the community centre construction project have gilded his name in history – leading one of the most successful development drives in Africa.

Andrew was later appointed Secretary of State for International Development and is credited for challenging and changing attitudes towards international development within the Conservative Party and building a body of advocates for it, inside and outside Parliament. As Secretary of State for International Development, he travelled extensively all around the globe to address every crisis – man-made or natural. Andrew is responsible for securing ring-fenced spends of 0.7% of GDP on international development, which has funded ID projects across the developing world.

Shadow Secretary of State for International Development. Andrew Mitchell was Secretary of State for International Development from May 2010 until September 2012 and Government Chief Whip from September – October 2012. An experienced and highly effective MP, Andrew is committed to serving the people of Sutton Coldfield.

“Project Umubano” (its name taken from the Rwandan word for ‘friendship’), the Conservative Party’s social action programme, now in its tenth year, is championing international