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# GLOBALWA

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## WHY WASHINGTON STATE?

Washington state is the most trade dependent state in the nation with **40% of all Washington state jobs tied to international trade.**<sup>1</sup> Increasingly, our employee base is globally minded and people from all over the world are moving here to participate in our thriving economy. One in five people in King County was born outside the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

Washington is also home to the world's largest international foundation and more than 650 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on global issues, including **some of the most prominent international NGOs in the nation.** Furthermore, our state has leading global academic programs and is one of the nation's top producers of Peace Corps volunteers.

Washington state is becoming a true global city with a global outlook, which is amplified by a strong ethos of international philanthropy and effective programs to make the world a better place.

## WHY NOW?

As we set out to accomplish the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, **our global development community is at a hinge moment.**

We must build on the momentum of our past success while continuously striving for greater impact in the future. The extreme challenges faced by those living in poverty remain. But the SDGs present us with an opportunity to embark on a new path to **improve the lives of people everywhere.**

As Global Washington **connects, promotes and strengthens** our members, ultimately leading to a thriving network of leaders working to improve lives in developing countries, we will continue to amplify the work of the world-class organizations based right here in Washington state. With stronger members and increased capacity, our international development community will continue combining efforts to create a **more equitable, healthier and prosperous world.**

<sup>1</sup> Washington Council on International Trade

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau



# GLOBAL CHALLENGES

## EDUCATION



While enrollment in primary education in developing countries has reached 91 percent, 57 million children remain out of school. An estimated 50 percent of out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected areas, and more than half live in sub-Saharan Africa. 103 million youth worldwide lack basic literacy skills, and more than 60 percent of them are women.

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



836 million people still live in extreme poverty. This means about 1 in 5 persons in developing regions live on less than \$1.25 per day. Global unemployment increased from 170 million in 2007 to nearly 202 million in 2012, of which about 75 million are young women and men. 470 million jobs are needed globally for new entrants to the labor market between 2016 and 2030.

## HEALTH



17,000 fewer children die each day than in 1990, but more than 6 million children still die before their fifth birthday each year. Children of educated mothers — even mothers with only primary schooling — are more likely to survive than children of mothers with no education. Diseases such as Zika virus and Ebola are crossing borders at a rampant rate and revealing weaknesses in our health systems.

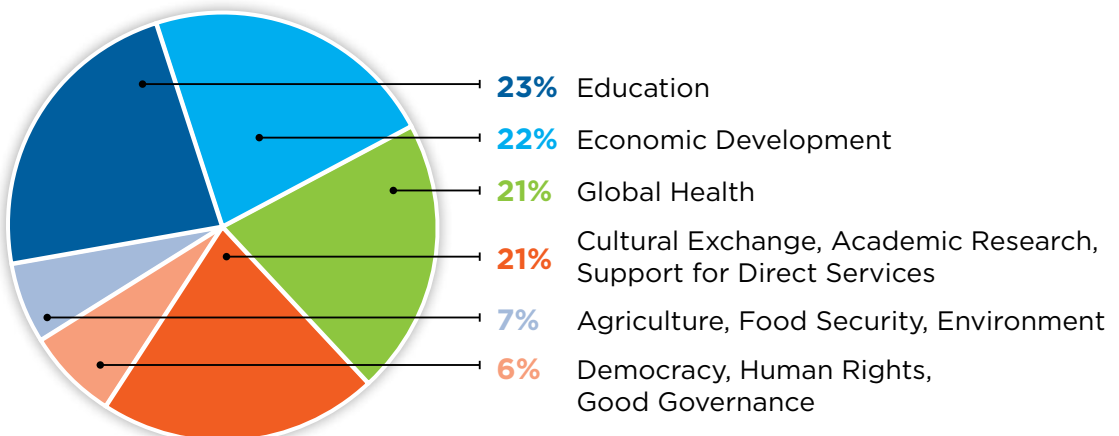
## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Water scarcity affects more than 40 percent of the global population and 2.4 billion people lack access to basic sanitation services such as toilets. Furthermore, oceans have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished and sea level has risen. Given current conditions and the ongoing emission of greenhouse gases, the global temperature will likely increase for centuries.

Source: United Nations

# GLOBALWA MEMBERS' PRIMARY FOCUS



# WASHINGTON'S SOLUTIONS — STORIES FROM OUR MEMBERS

## Top 10 countries where Global Washington member organizations work

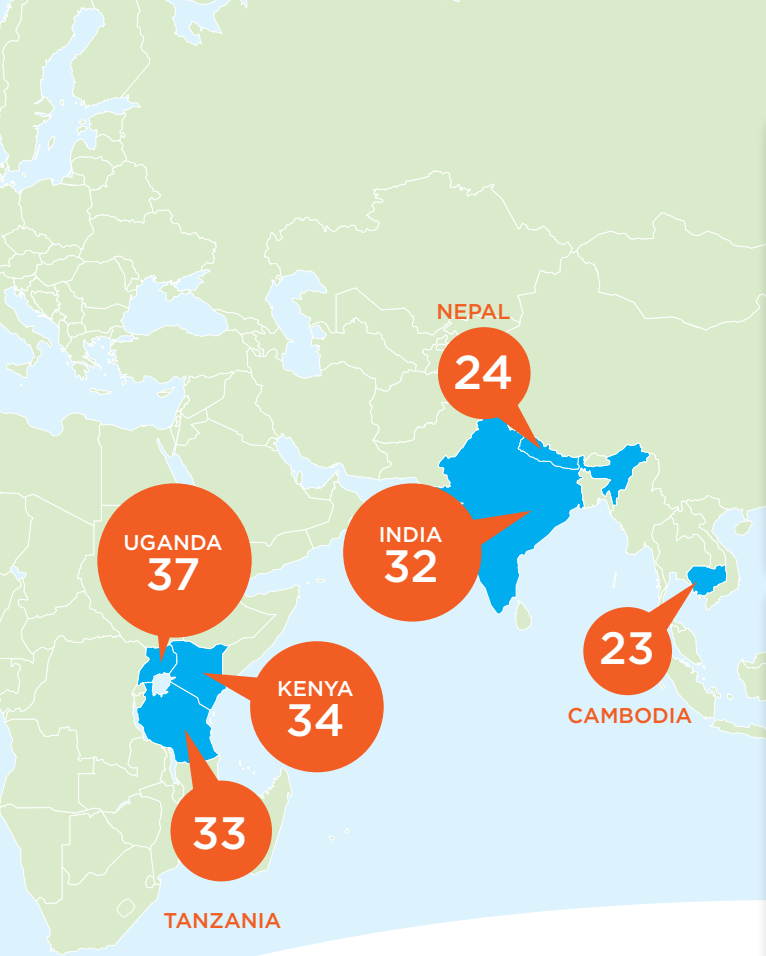


### AGROS INTERNATIONAL

“They made me work a lot as a child,” remembers German, a father of two in rural Honduras. From shepherding alongside his parents, German graduated to “real work” at age 8 and a grueling life of day laboring, without any control over his future. Then his family joined the Agros International village of Piedra de Horeb in 2010, and for the first time in his life, German had someone invest in his skills and potential. “One of the reasons my experience with Agros has been so beautiful,” he says, “[is] because they teach you.”

Today German cooperatively manages a sustainable, registered business supplying in-demand tilapia to markets that guarantee a steady income. The family’s budget is supplemented by a women’s cereal-packaging cooperative that German’s wife, Maria Ester, developed with Agros training and connections. The family’s newfound economic security in Piedra, combined with safe housing, healthcare access and education for their children, all facilitated through Agros’ 8-year, participatory development model, has permanently changed the trajectory of their lives.

Agros restores hope and opportunity to rural poor families like German and Maria Ester by going deep to profoundly impact the lives of landless Central American farmers. Today 43% of Agros’s 300+ families in Nicaragua and Honduras have moved out of poverty, and the rest will cross that mark within the next 3 years.



## THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

The civil war in Syria has been one of the largest drivers of the global refugee crisis, which has left 65 million people displaced. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) works on all fronts of the crisis. More than 3,000 IRC aid workers and local volunteers operating inside Syria and in four neighboring countries have reached over 3.3 million Syrians fleeing violence with emergency relief and long-term support. The IRC was also one of the first aid organizations to assist the thousands of refugees arriving each day on the Greek island of Lesbos. IRC aid workers continue to work around the clock in Greece and in Serbia to provide essential services, including clean water and sanitation, to families living in terrible conditions.

The IRC has 29 offices across the United States, including a Seattle-area office, and has resettled 270 of the 1,541 Syrian refugees who have been accepted into the U.S., providing immediate aid including food, housing, job placement, employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes and community orientation. 19 Syrians have been successful resettled in the greater Seattle area. The IRC is also calling for U.S. leaders to do more to help refugees by reaching the goal of accepting 100,000 Syrian refugees by the end of 2016.

## PWC LLP (PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS)

PwC has over 1,200 international development specialists around the world and is supporting multi-lateral and bi-lateral funding agencies, private foundations and NGOs to solve some of the world's most challenging health related development issues. Project examples include working with governments in Africa, Asia and Southeast Asia to help implement national immunization, primary care, and reproductive, maternal and child health programs, as well as managing global health funds, bringing R&D or innovative healthcare solutions to scale, or responding to global health crises.

In early 2016, PwC began serving as the Program Manager for the USAID Global Linkages Program, which focuses on transferring high impact proven reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health solutions between India and other countries, to help meet the global goal of ending preventable child and maternal deaths.

Through this project, a global consortium of public and private sector partners is being created in order to advocate and support a sustainable global transfer platform for child and maternal health care programs. Since the project initiated, over 150 Indian innovations have been mapped and secondary analysis of the health care situations of 10 countries have been completed, however the work continues.

## SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

As Seattle Pacific University (SPU) celebrates its 125th birthday, two recent graduates are preparing to live out the school's historic tradition of sending missionaries, teachers, humanitarian workers and development experts across the globe. Megan Silvestri and Jared Schneider, 2016 graduates of SPU's School of Business, Government, and Economics, will be spending the next year working in developing countries. Megan will serve in Kampala, Uganda working with local attorneys on land rights issues, representing widows in the

country's impoverished rural areas who are seeking to gain legal title to their homes. Jared is moving to Chennai, India to work with an NGO and their law enforcement team to support the rescue and protection of individuals who have been exploited as forced labor.

Seattle Pacific University prepares students wanting to make a difference in the world for today's challenges. The Global Development Studies major at SPU helps connect students with global issues and gives them the necessary tools for a career in global development.



# WASHINGTON STATE AT WORK

## GLOBALWA MEMBERS IMPROVING OUR WORLD

**250,000 PEOPLE** in Northern Ghana have received lifesaving agriculture and health knowledge through audio computers known as the Talking Book<sup>1</sup>

**4,200 WOMEN AND GIRLS** in rural Western Kenya have been screened for fistula, with 1,700 cases identified<sup>2</sup>

**300,000 BICYCLES** have been delivered to 18 different countries and over 1,200 field mechanics have been trained<sup>3</sup>

**15,000 HOURS OF SERVICE** have been contributed by “Experteering” Professionals in more than 50 countries<sup>4</sup>

**4,000 PAIRS OF EYGLASSES** have been distributed to villagers in remote areas of eastern Nigeria<sup>5</sup>

1 Literacy Bridge, 2 One by One, 3 World Bicycle Relief, 4 MovingWorlds, 5 Mission Africa



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**WHO:** A network of 165 nonprofits, businesses, foundations and academic institutions in Washington state working to improve lives in developing countries

**WHAT:** We connect, promote and strengthen our members, increasing their impact and strengthening a vibrant, innovative, multi-stakeholder network

**WHY:** To create a more equitable, healthy and prosperous world

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