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## Welcome to the 2015 Global Philanthropy Guide!

Welcome to the 2015 Global Philanthropy Guide, your trusted resource for connecting with worthy causes that improve the lives of people around the world. The Guide is published by Seattle International Foundation, a supporting organization of The Seattle Foundation.

**The efforts of the resourceful and innovative nonprofits in our state add up to enormous global impact.** Together, their efforts have improved millions of lives. Their work ranges from providing clean water to making micro-loans to women-led businesses to educating children in rural villages. We see the tremendous impact of this work every day throughout the world. Since 2008, the Seattle International Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million to over 150 organizations working in 60 countries.

**You can support this important work.** This Guide provides insights on these effective organizations that call Washington their home and the world their workplace. As you consider your philanthropic priorities, please use this Guide to start or grow your international giving. Your donation goes directly to local nonprofits that have positive global impact. We are proud of what Washington State – effective nonprofits plus engaged donors – can do for the world. Our shared goal is powerful, rewarding philanthropy that makes our global community a stronger, more vibrant place for all.

On behalf of the Seattle International Foundation and The Seattle Foundation, we thank you for the opportunity to support you in your giving.

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## About the Global Philanthropy Guide

The Global Philanthropy Guide is your trusted resource for international giving. The 2015 Guide highlights the work of Washington State organizations making a real difference across the globe.

Each of these organizations has been carefully vetted to ensure your donations are used for the right interventions where they are needed most. In selecting these partners, we looked closely at their missions, leadership, efficiency, and results.

*We have arranged these organizations in categories that describe their work:*

- **EDUCATION:** Increase access to knowledge, both in formal school and informal learning environments.
- **HEALTH:** Provide health services ranging from disease prevention to nutrition to physical rehabilitation.
- **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY:** Empower people to get jobs, own land, and start businesses.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Grow the capacity of promising leaders from around the world to advocate, mentor, and promote social change.
- **WATER:** Offer clean drinking water and critical sanitation services to impoverished communities.

*What you can do:*

**ADD IMPACT:** Make a gift at [www.globalphilanthropyguide.org](http://www.globalphilanthropyguide.org) to fund the organization(s) of your choice.

**ADD SUPPORT:** Share the Global Philanthropy Guide with your family and friends – encourage them to give as well!



Literacy Bridge reaches nearly **40,000** people in **4,500** households with their Talking Book Program. They work in **49** villages in the Upper West Region of Ghana.

**77** percent of the people in the communities served have never attended school, **80-90** percent cannot read or write, and most do not have access to electricity.



Literacy Bridge is a nonprofit organization providing life-saving agriculture and health knowledge to rural villages in Ghana. They developed the Talking Book, a specially-designed audio computer that helps educate and empower the world's poorest families living with limited access to electricity and minimal literacy skills.

## Talking Book

Literacy Bridge aims to save lives and improve the livelihoods of impoverished families by providing on-demand and locally relevant knowledge. At the heart of the program is the Talking Book – an innovative, low-cost audio computer designed for the learning needs of illiterate populations living in the poorest areas in the world.

Relevant, timely, and practical audio lessons on key health practices and sustainable farming methods are produced and recorded through partnerships with local experts and agencies. The messages (in the form of interviews, songs, dramas, and stories) are then loaded on to Talking Books and distributed to households and groups within each village.

Through dynamic partnerships with the Seattle International Foundation, UNICEF, and ARM, Literacy Bridge has expanded its Talking Book program to nearly 40,000 individuals in 49 villages in the Upper West Region of Ghana.

*90 percent of families adopt lessons they learn from the Talking Books, leading to improved nutrition and a reduction in preventable deaths.*





PeaceTrees VietNam works alongside the people of Quang Tri Province to heal the land, build community, and plant futures in central Vietnam. Every day, their humanitarian programs help accomplish these goals through the removal of the explosive remnants of war, assistance to accident survivors and their families, mine risk education, and economic development through agriculture programs, microcredit lending, and the building of kindergartens and libraries.

## Healing the Wounds of War

For nearly 20 years, Seattle-area volunteers and supporters have come together to heal the wounds of war in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. PeaceTrees VietNam kindergartens transform the lives of hundreds of children in Quang Tri by providing access to education, a warm meal, and a safe place to grow up in one of the most war-torn provinces in Vietnam.

Thanks to the inspiring Seattle community of volunteers and supporters, in 2014/2015, PeaceTrees VietNam announced their tenth kindergarten, enabling even more children to be empowered through educational opportunities.

This school will serve the rural community of Xi Nuc, in Huong Hoa District, where many children experience food insecurity and grow up speaking the languages of their village, not the Vietnamese spoken in their schools. Now, these children will be able to learn Vietnamese and receive the community support they need to realize their bright futures.

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Since 1995, PeaceTrees VietNam has:

- Removed **84,400** explosive ordnance items from more than **844** acres of land.
- Assisted more than **1,000** accident victims and their families through medical treatment, educational scholarships, financial support, and microcredit lending.
- Provided mine risk education to more than **86,500** people.
- Hosted **53** Citizen Diplomacy Trips with **685** volunteers to plant trees and foster friendship.
- Built **12** libraries, **9** kindergartens, and a community center in central Vietnam.





Rwanda Girls Initiative provides education for adolescent girls. This education gives them a chance to succeed in advanced studies at local or international universities, colleges, and technical schools, and to ultimately become the future leaders of their communities and country.

## Sandra

Born in rural Rwanda, Sandra dreamed of a brighter future for herself and her country. In 2010, she enrolled in the Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology, a school started by the Rwanda Girls Initiative. She “wanted to be surrounded by smart girls who have dreams,” like she does. Sandra spoke three languages, none of which were English. Through hard work and the support of her teachers, Sandra is now fluent in English.

Rwanda Girls Initiative provides the facilities, teachers, and materials necessary to give students like Sandra every opportunity to succeed. With her strong academic performance and TOEFL test result, Sandra was admitted to the Class of 2018 at Seattle University.

Sandra is majoring in nursing because she wants to change how Rwandans value nursing as a career. “Rwandans believe nurses aren’t worthy of treating patients because nurses lack proper training and education. Seattle University will provide me with the opportunity to return to my country and be a leader in the field.”

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Since launching the Gashora Girls Academy in 2011, Rwanda Girls Initiative has provided outstanding university-prep STEM education to more than **450** girls, and has impacted thousands in the surrounding Gashora community through English tutoring, sharing of agricultural best practices, and supporting widows and children. Of the **85** graduates of the inaugural class of 2013, **82** have continued on to higher education. **27** are attending colleges in North America, having earned **\$5.5 million** in financial aid.





EDUCATION FOR AFGHAN GIRLS

Sahar provides access to education in Afghanistan and supports an educated future for Afghan girls, enabling them to actively participate in social, political, and economic arenas in their communities. Sahar builds schools, computer centers, and teacher training programs utilizing local labor and community support.

## Early Marriage Prevention

Early marriage is a significant barrier to girls' education in Afghanistan. While more girls are entering high school, the continuation of early marriage prevents many girls from graduating. In Sahar schools, girls who are able to go to school typically stay until ages 12 or 13. At that point, an increasing number of girls drop out. This is partially due to early marriage.

For those girls who are able to continue through to graduation from high school, opportunities for employment and earning power are increased. One extra year of secondary school increases a girl's future wages by up to 25 percent, and if a girl receives seven or more years of education she will marry four years later and have 2.2 fewer children. Sahar has graduated 625 girls to date from its 12 schools, allowing them to earn more and become independent.

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In 2015, Sahar will launch a pilot for an early marriage prevention program in northern Afghanistan. Sahar's educational strategy integrates conversations about child marriage and the importance of education within their 12 schools and with community leaders. Sahar is exploring partnership opportunities with local Afghan organizations to coordinate community engagement programs. Sahar will use their existing relationships with the Ministry of Education, principals, teachers, and parent associations at their schools in order to launch the early marriage prevention program.

Since 2009, Sahar has invested nearly **\$2 million** in building, repairing, and supplying schools in Afghanistan, a country in which **45 percent** of schools operate without adequate buildings.

Sahar operates **12** schools, **9** rural and **3** urban. **87** classrooms have been built or renovated.

Sahar impacts **15,000** girls annually and serves girls from Uzbek, Tajik, Pashto, and Hazar ethnic groups. In total, Sahar's programs have impacted more than **200,000** girls.





Burkitt's Lymphoma Fund for Africa (BLFA) funds programs designed to diagnose and treat children with Burkitt's Lymphoma in East Africa – the most aggressive and common pediatric cancer in this region. BLFA works to ensure that patients and their families receive medical, social, economic, and logistical support needed to help them successfully complete treatment under the care of well-trained medical staff. They work with partners in Kenya and Tanzania, and in concert with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Kampala, Uganda.

## Improving Treatment and Diagnosis for Children

With BLFA support, patient care has been improved in East Africa through:

- Training for physicians and other practitioners to deliver care that is consistent 24 hours per day.
- Up-to-date treatment protocols so that the children in this region can be treated with the same care as children in wealthier countries.
- Dramatically improved facilities for care delivery.
- Supplementary nutritional support to keep the children healthy during and after treatment.

BLFA's next goal is to reduce delays in treatment. Through community outreach, they hope to get children with cancer into treatment as soon as possible because early treatment is crucial to success.

In the coming year BLFA aims to dramatically improve pathology – testing to determine cancer type – through partnerships with the local pathology practice PhenoPath and international pathology companies. This will result in far superior and faster diagnoses, allowing appropriate treatment to begin sooner and with more likelihood of success. Given the aggressive nature of this disease, improved testing can mean the difference between life and death.

“Every child battling the most common pediatric cancer in Africa deserves a chance to get effective medical treatment. Our job is to make that happen.”

Since the program's inception in 2011, approximately **575** youth have been admitted and diagnosed at BLFA-funded pediatric cancer wards.

The survival rate has risen by nearly **50 percent** and the drop-out rate is below **12 percent**.





Etta Projects improves water, sanitation, and health in rural Bolivia. Empowerment, education, improved infrastructure, and local partnerships are key ingredients that Etta Projects implements to promote vibrant, healthy communities.

## Martha, Health Promoter Trainee

Health promoters are trained by Etta Projects for three years to provide basic healthcare services including emergency first response, administration of medications, and oversight of village health. To date, Etta Projects has trained more than 75 health promoters in 19 villages serving over 8,000 people who previously had no access to health care.

“Before I became a health promoter, I spent all my time in the house or in the sugar cane fields doing heavy labor,” says Martha, a health promoter trained by Etta Projects. “Now, I am studying nursing and my kids see me as an example. My husband is learning to accept my independence; this is a big change in our very traditional culture.”

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Now that Martha’s life has changed, she is equipped with the skills to make a difference in her community: “As a health promoter, I delivered a baby in the ambulance at 11 pm one night! The ambulance driver arrived at my house and said, ‘Someone needs you, I can’t find a doctor and I don’t know if I can get this mom to the hospital in time.’ The hospital was over an hour away and the baby was close. My training made the difference for those two lives.”

Since 2003, Etta Projects has served more than **62,650** people throughout the Department of Santa Cruz in Bolivia. Empowering women in these communities is essential to the success of their programs.



Since its opening, the Mbita clinic has:

- Treated **55,000** patients.
- Provided community health outreach to more than **6,500** additional people living in nearby villages.
- Immunized more than **14,000** children against preventable illnesses.

**MED25**  
one community at a time

MED25 was founded in 2006 and provides rural African communities with quality, culturally appropriate, and affordable health care, focusing on “One Community at a Time.” MED25 strives to improve health by creating community healthcare initiatives in Africa that are sustained through local, income-generating businesses.

## Providing Sustainable Healthcare in Rural Kenya

MED25 was founded in 2006 by Rebecca Conte Okelo while receiving her nursing degree at Seattle University. MED25’s current community of focus is Mbita, Kenya. Mbita is home to more than 118,000 residents and has one of the poorest infrastructures in Kenya. Mbita has an HIV infection rate of 27 percent with an average life expectancy of 37 years for men and 42 years for women. Less than 0.5 percent of the population has access to running water and 58 percent do not have access to a pit latrine or plumbing, making diarrheal diseases prevalent. Twenty-five percent of children in Mbita are orphans.

MED25 began operating a clinic in this community in 2010. In 2012, they expanded to start the One Community Project, which includes a new clinic and social businesses to provide ongoing support to healthcare services and promote local sustainability. These businesses, including a mortuary and related services, and a clean water program to local residents, are making a significant impact in decreasing the reliance on international foreign aid.

By the end of 2014, MED25 achieved 75 percent local sustainability of the project, on track to achieve 100 percent sustainability by the end of 2015.

*Focusing on the prevention and treatment of major diseases including HIV, TB, malaria, waterborne illnesses, and non-communicable diseases*





## Mobility Outreach INTERNATIONAL

Mobility Outreach International (MOi) enables mobility in neglected areas of the world by building the capacity of local individuals to provide orthopedic rehabilitation services. MOi envisions a world where everyone is physically mobile and independent.

### Lo Van Thanh

Lo Van Thanh was born in a remote region of northern Vietnam with clubfoot in his left foot. Doctors did not know how to treat his condition and his parents feared he would never walk. Eight months later, Mobility Outreach International (MOi) trained and educated local practitioners in the Ponseti method, which enabled them to treat and correct Lo Van Thanh's clubfoot.

Today, Lo Van Thanh is an energetic eight-year-old who enjoys playing with his younger brother. With barely any recollection of his treatment, Lo Van Thanh is unaware of the life of physical disability and social isolation he escaped – a life that tragically awaits the majority of children born with clubfoot in the developing world.

Clubfoot affects approximately 200,000 children a year. The condition causes one or both feet to be severely twisted. The Ponseti Method, a non-surgical foot manipulation, casting, and bracing technique, makes it possible to cure almost all cases of clubfoot. MOi successfully incorporated the Ponseti method into 27 government hospitals throughout Vietnam. In 2014, the Ponseti method of clubfoot treatment was approved by the Vietnam Ministry of Health, officially integrating it into the National Health System. Now more babies affected by this congenital deformity are able to access care and live a life free of disability.

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**1,184** children have been treated for clubfoot since the program began in 2007.

**4,500** people in Vietnam have been indirectly affected by clubfoot treatment.

Over **75** clinicians have been trained in the Ponseti Method nationwide.

Partners with **27** government hospitals in **19** provinces throughout Vietnam.





One By One helps women and girls suffering with obstetric fistula access life-changing treatment. One By One's teams do intensive rural outreach to find fistula patients who are usually living in isolation. They pay for their transport to a treatment facility and cover the full cost of their treatment. Women return home with their dignity restored, able to resume productive lives.

## Rosalina, One By One Regional Representative

"It is possible to have a healthy baby after having surgery for obstetric fistula," Rosalina tells her clients. She recently gave birth to her fourth child, a baby girl.

Following obstructed labor with her third child, Rosalina developed an obstetric fistula and leaked urine uncontrollably. She could no longer care for her family or work, and her husband abandoned her. Rosalina went to live with her aunt. During her stay there, she was able to have successful surgery to treat her fistula and regain her health.

*"I never give up on anybody..."*

As a One By One Regional Representative, Rosalina has helped 42 women and girls seek treatment for obstetric fistula. From her own personal experience living with fistula for many years, Rosalina understands the isolation, shame, and helplessness all too well.

"I never give up on anybody, even if they get angry with me because they are afraid or they are still having problems, because I know how bad it is to have obstetric fistula. Many women come and stay at my house before going to Gynocare Fistula Center for surgery, so we can talk about how they will get better."

Since 2011, One By One's comprehensive fistula program has educated **228,000** people in rural Western Kenya about obstetric fistula and the availability of free treatment. Results include:

**3,230** women and girls screened.

**1,236** women and girls with fistula identified.

**821** women and girls received life-changing treatment.





One Equal Heart Foundation (OEH) works in direct relationship with Tseltal Maya communities to address root causes of food poverty in rural Chiapas, Mexico. In collaboration with their partner organizations, OEH improves family health and nutrition and builds sustainable communities through programs that are long-term, comprehensive, and holistic.

## Healthy Families Project

One Equal Heart's Healthy Families Project treats hundreds of malnourished children under the age of five with "chilim," a supplement made of local ingredients and suited to Tseltal Maya tastes.

This early intervention is critical for children, but the Healthy Families Project is more than a feeding program. One Equal Heart understands that to make an enduring impact, programs must attend to the nutritional needs of entire families and improve their living conditions. Their Chiapas partners train and support volunteer health promoters who work with the mothers of treated children, teaching the basics of nutrition and hygiene and how to prepare nutritious meals with local ingredients.

*"Our children are growing, and we don't get sick as often. We are eating better."*

Volunteer agro-ecology promoters take this work one step further: they provide ongoing technical assistance to families as they maximize food production and improve their living conditions with cleaner-burning stoves, water filters, and composting latrines. "Our children are growing, and we don't get sick as often. We are eating better," say the women of the C'anxanil Village Nutrition Committee.

Over the past two years, One Equal Heart Foundation's Healthy Families Project, in collaboration with their Chiapas partners, has treated over **500** malnourished Tseltal Maya children. In addition, more than **1,000** families have received training and materials to support nutrition and increase sustainable production of food, impacting at least **6,000** people.





VillageReach is a global health innovator that develops, tests, implements, and scales new solutions to critical health system challenges in low-resource environments, with an emphasis on strengthening the “last mile” of healthcare delivery. VillageReach improves health outcomes by extending the reach and enhancing the quality of healthcare, focusing on the most critical barriers in these environments: lack of infrastructure, information availability, healthcare access, and human resource constraints.

## Dedicated Logistics System: Improving Vaccine Distribution

For nearly a decade, VillageReach has been engaged with community and governmental partners on the ground in Mozambique to test, develop, implement, and scale the Dedicated Logistics System, or DLS. The DLS improves the availability of vaccines with a goal to reach all children in Mozambique with life-saving immunization.

In 2010, in partnership with the provincial governments and the central Ministry of Health, VillageReach launched a national expansion of the DLS. VillageReach utilized its longstanding relationships with the Ministry of Health to bring key stakeholders together around common goals. The DLS introduced new efficiencies to Mozambique’s vaccine supply chain resulting in significant increases in fully vaccinated children, dramatic improvement in inventory accuracy, and reduced costs to the government.

*The DLS works to ensure all children in Mozambique receive life-saving immunization.*

As a direct result of this impact, key global partners responsible for distributing vaccines to the poorest countries in the world have recognized the value of the DLS and are working to replicate similar models in other low-resource countries.

In Mozambique, The DLS is currently serving more than **400 health centers** and a population of over **6 million** in four provinces.

- DPT-HepB3 vaccine coverage rates increased from 68.9% to **95.4%** for children.
- All other vaccines had similar increases resulting in an average coverage rate of **92.8%**.
- The reported monthly incidence of stock outs in rural health centers decreased from 80% to **1%**.

*Results from an independent impact evaluation comparing the DLS to a controlled province.*



Since its inception in 2010, CECAP has provided hands-on vocational training to **100s** of local students and adults in industrial arts, culinary arts, sewing, weaving, handicraft, and technology.

**70** proud women are now earning income for the first time through production and sales of artisanal products.



Since 1998, Amigos de Santa Cruz Foundation has been working to help break the generational cycle of poverty among the indigenous people of Santa Cruz la Laguna, Guatemala and its surrounding villages. Through support for education, better health, a clean environment, and sustainable economic development, Amigos de Santa Cruz is impacting more than 800 families.

## Gloria

Indigenous girls in rural Guatemala are often trapped in a cycle of poverty where they are forced to leave school to care for their families. Only 10 percent of these girls go beyond primary school and one in four gives birth before her 18th birthday.

Gloria was in danger of getting stuck in that cycle. The fifth of 11 siblings, Gloria dropped out of school after the second grade to care for her younger siblings and support her family by selling her mother's weavings on the streets. By the time she was 15, she was married and pregnant.

Gloria is now 18 and is thinking about a different future for herself and her three-year-old daughter. She is taking classes at Centro de Capacitación (CECAP), Amigo's vocational training center in Santa Cruz la Laguna, and is learning new skills, earning her own income by producing sewing products for sale in CECAP's wholesale and retail shop, and increasing her self-confidence. For many women, CECAP provides an opportunity to earn dignity and self-respect, and envision a different life for themselves.

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## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Global Partnerships is a nonprofit impact investor that invests in sustainable solutions to help impoverished people earn a living and improve their lives. GP's investments are focused on four impact areas: health services, rural livelihoods, microentrepreneurship, and green technology.

### Greenlight Planet, A Social Enterprise

One of Global Partnerships' newest and most promising investments is in Greenlight Planet (GLP), a social enterprise that manufactures and distributes solar lights for low-income communities in the developing world. Though headquartered in Mumbai, GLP's reach has expanded beyond India into sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and recently Latin America.

GLP's growing success can be partly attributed to their dedication to serving client needs. For example, their SunKing Pro (SKP) solar light is compact and durable, and has a gauge to help clients understand where to charge their lamps in order to get the maximum power and yield the most hours of light. These extra hours of illumination at night allow microentrepreneurs to run their businesses and children to study. Solar lights are also cheaper over time than the most common alternative—expensive and dangerous kerosene lanterns.

*Sustainable solutions that help impoverished people improve their lives*

One challenge that GLP faces is expanding their distribution footprint in Latin America, where 24 million people lack access to electricity. Global Partnerships approved an investment of up to \$1 million in GLP, which will help them expand distribution in the region, and offer more flexible payment terms to select distribution partners. This will provide more families living in remote, un-electrified communities with access to clean, affordable lights.

Since Global Partnerships (GP) was founded in 1994, they have touched more than **2.5 million** lives through investments in over **72** partner organizations. Families now earn more stable incomes, and have better health and improved access to the information and resources they need to build better lives for themselves. GP aims to touch **30 million** lives in Latin America and beyond over the next decade.





Landesa partners with governments and local organizations to ensure the world's poorest families have secure rights over the land they till. Founded as the Rural Development Institute, Landesa has helped more than 110 million poor families gain secure rights to land since 1967. When families have secure rights to land, they can invest in their land to sustainably increase their harvests and reap the benefits—improved nutrition, health, and education—for generations.

## Santolia and Paradip Mahato

Less than one year ago, Santolia and Paradip Mahato and their granddaughter Puja were fundamentally powerless. The family was living in a makeshift thatch hut on land owned by a local landlord. The landlord determined when they worked, how much they earned, who they could work for, and what, if anything, they would eat.

They saw no way out.

Then in February 2014, Santolia along with more than 50,000 other women gained title to a small plot of land through a joint partnership between the government of West Bengal and Landesa.

*“I am no longer afraid we will starve.”*

Armed with secure rights to that small plot of land, and newfound security, opportunity, and incentive, they built a small house out of tin and thatch, a goat shed, and pigeon coop. “This land helped me to get back the hope that we’ll be able to take proper care of our granddaughter’s education,” said Santolia.

Now, Santolia and her husband can decide where and for whom they labor. They can negotiate a better wage with land owners and eat or sell the produce from their new garden to supplement their wages.

“I am no longer afraid we will starve,” said Paradip. “We have our kitchen garden and can earn more money by selling goats and pigeons.”

Landesa has worked for more than four decades in **50+ countries** to help improve land rights for more than **110 million** families.





EarthCorps is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing intensive, hands-on leadership training through Puget Sound habitat restoration. AmeriCorps members and international participants come to EarthCorps to develop their skills in leadership, habitat restoration, and community building.

## Lucia Toledo

Descending from a long line of strong women role models in Bolivia, Lucia Toledo developed a heart of compassion, a desire to improve her community, and the perseverance to achieve her dreams. Lucia earned her degree in agronomy before coming to Seattle to take part in EarthCorps' environmental leadership program.

At EarthCorps, Lucia spent six months working with 42 millennials from the U.S. and around the world to improve salmon streams and Puget Sound shorelines, construct hiking trails in the Cascade Mountains, and plant hundreds of native plants with volunteers in neighborhood parks. Next year, as a member of EarthCorps' volunteer team, Lucia will hone her leadership and technical skills at more than 200 public volunteer events in the greater Puget Sound, serving upwards of 10,000 community members.

*Lucia's hope is to establish a cooperative that supports farmers and improves people's lives.*

Lucia aspires to apply the leadership and technical skills that she gained at EarthCorps to her community in Bolivia. Her hope is to establish a cooperative that supports farmers and improves people's lives by showing them ways to grow and sell sustainable agricultural products like avocados, coffee, and chocolate. She believes that economic development and environmental sustainability can coexist for the benefit of the whole community.

Since 1993, EarthCorps has led more than **150,000** community volunteers in habitat restoration projects around the Puget Sound.

Over **1,000** aspiring environmental leaders from the U.S. and **80** countries around the world have graduated from the EarthCorps program. These young adults comprise the next generation of environmental leaders, and they aspire to change the world.





Global Visionaries' (GV) goal is to empower young people to become global leaders in creating a just and sustainable future. Through GV's unique three-part "learn-participate-lead" approach, participants are empowered to maximize their potential.

## Helping Young Leaders Transform Their Communities

GV provides an educational and leadership platform enabling youth to develop the necessary skills to transform their local and global communities.

GV's cornerstone leadership program is a school-year-long curriculum for high school students that integrates a 15-day cultural immersion experience in Guatemala. The program emphasizes community service at home and abroad while promoting an understanding of leadership, sustainability, social justice, and global interconnectedness through workshops and service.

Once in Guatemala, U.S. youth meet their Guatemalan counterparts who undertake a parallel program locally. The youth learn from each other, discuss shared global issues, and create lifelong friends and peers.

When students complete the first-year program, they have the opportunity to gain more experience by joining the Youth Board program. Youth are empowered to become leaders by taking on the responsibility of advising the organization and elements of GV's programs.

GV believes that the most powerful contribution we, as global citizens, can make is to increase the number of youth who believe they can change the world.

*The youth learn from each other, discuss shared global issues, and create lifelong friends and peers.*

Since 1997, Global Visionaries (GV) has served more than **3,600** youth globally. As a result of their participation, youth have built **24** school rooms, kitchens, and community centers, and planted **30,000** trees in reforestation projects in Guatemala alone. This year GV will serve more than **665** youth, **500** from the Seattle area.





Since 2008, more than **300** people from **30+** countries have graduated from iLEAP's leadership and social change programs. Graduates return home prepared to sustain their work and inspiration, create new organizations and social businesses, develop strategic partnerships with fellow iLEAP graduates and international partners, and cultivate the next generation of change leaders in their communities.



iLEAP prepares and sustains people to lead social change. Our mission is to inspire and renew social leaders and global citizens through integrated leadership programs that ignite hope and transformation in the world.

## Channsitha Mark

Channsitha "Sitha" Mark is the program advisor at Swe Tha Har Social Services Myanmar, a network of volunteers and staff, all of whom share a common interest in building peaceful relationships among people from diverse backgrounds.

Sitha's dedication and commitment to peacebuilding and social change has taken her outside of her home country of Cambodia to Myanmar. "My participation in iLEAP has raised my capacity as a young leader in my community and country...it is a space for leaders to come together to act for social change in each of the member countries, as well as the region."

Sitha is a graduate of the iLEAP Southeast Asia Leadership Initiative (SALI), an integrated training and social investment designed to amplify the capacities of the next generation of social leaders in Southeast Asia. Over a five-year period (2013-17), iLEAP is training and partnering with more than 80 social leaders from Southeast Asia. SALI will ensure that young participants have the practical skills, critical perspectives, and a global and regional community of partners needed to sustain and expand their initiatives in rapidly changing Southeast Asia.

*"iLEAP has raised my capacity as a young leader in my community and country."*





Splash serves children living at the intersection of deep poverty and unsafe water. Today, Splash is ensuring safe water for more than **290,000** children – projected to be **1,000,000** children by 2020. Splash currently works in seven countries: India, Nepal, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Thailand, Bangladesh, and China.



Splash cleans water for kids. Using commercially proven technology – the same used by leading global food chains and hotels – Splash secures world-class water filtration for kids who would otherwise rely on unclean water in their schools, orphanages, or other institutions. Beyond this, Splash both creates and delivers hygiene education programs, and also partners with local experts in sanitation, thereby advancing the full complement of WASH “water, sanitation, and hygiene” interventions required to fight water-borne illness.

## Clean Water for Schools and Orphanages

In 2008, Splash set the audacious goal of ensuring clean water for every single orphanage in China. Splash is on track to have installed water filtration capacity in 1,200 orphanages, covering all 31 provinces, by 2016. Splash then anticipates exiting from direct services in China, leaving in its wake a functional, financially independent model – covering service and maintenance – that continues to monitor and ensure clean water for years to come in all of China’s orphanages.

Much like in China, Splash also works at scale in India, Nepal, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Thailand, and Bangladesh – with a tailored exit strategy sustained by local businesses and leveraged with local governments. In addition to 100 percent coverage of orphanages in China, Splash aims to reach every public school in Kathmandu (Nepal), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Kolkata (India), and more.

Ensuring clean water for every orphanage in China



# water1<sup>st</sup> international

Water1st International is dedicated to unleashing the potential of people around the world, starting with clean water and toilets. Water1st supports water and sanitation projects that last. They believe people are their own best resource in escaping poverty, so Water1st encourages people to define their priorities and perspectives, then promotes community-based solutions.

## Jamila

When Jamila grows up, she wants to be a banker. That's what she told the Water1st team when they visited her school in Dhaka, Bangladesh. And why shouldn't she dream big? Her community has already tackled one of the biggest obstacles facing the urban poor: securing reliable access to clean water and toilets.

In 2009, her family received piped water and a clean toilet for the first time. Then her school built a water system and a toilet as well. Jamila serves on her school hygiene committee where they take turns keeping the student bathroom tidy and encourage students to wash their hands.

Jamila's mother was one of 15 women recruited by Water1st's local partner to receive training in leadership and public health education. They are now working to ensure that all of their neighbors have daily access to clean water and a toilet. They are also solving other high priority problems, like garbage collection and storm-water drainage.

*Jamila is healthier and able to focus on her schoolwork.*

With clean water and toilets, Jamila is healthier and able to focus on her schoolwork. Additionally, her role on the school hygiene committee has allowed her to recognize her own potential as a leader and pursue her goals.

Since 2005, Water1st has raised **\$10 million**, which has funded **1,150** water, toilet, and hygiene projects that serve more than **120,000** people in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Honduras, and India.



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