

World Learning

International Development Programs

Strengthening communities to drive positive social change

World Learning International Development Programs bridge the gap between the desire for human development and the ability to achieve that goal.

Using approaches that are innovative, people-focused, and community-based, World Learning programs enhance the capacity of individuals, groups, and institutions to take ownership of their own development, secure just and effective policies and structures, and create sustainable positive change.

The aim of each project is to build the knowledge, attitude, skills, awareness, and practical applications necessary to address critical global issues such as poverty and exclusion, the spread of HIV/AIDS, the marginalization of women and children, the global education crisis, and the urgent need for government accountability.

Since 1980, World Learning has participated in more than 165 projects, including grants and contracts totaling in excess of \$600 million, focusing on five priority areas:

- Civil Society and Governance
- Education
- HIV/AIDS
- International Exchange
- Capacity Development and Training

How World Learning Helps—*Representative Programs and Results*

In Angola, World Learning strengthens the capacity of education, health, and HIV/AIDS coalitions to work with street children, poor communities, women, and other disadvantaged groups for policy advocacy and improved service delivery.

In Ecuador, World Learning works with NGO Desarrollo y Autogestión on the US Department of Labor-funded Wiñari project to combat indigenous child labor by helping to keep students in school.

In Ethiopia, World Learning partners with government agencies and the private sector to deliver HIV-prevention programs that reach the most-at-risk populations including transactional sex workers and highly mobile groups.

In Jordan, World Learning partners with the Center for Civic Education Studies on an Emerging Leaders project that

prepares 5,000 university-age students and youth for active roles in democratic citizenship and community development.

In Indonesia, World Learning's RESPECT program enhances local ability to advocate for improved policies and services for all citizens, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, or gender.

In Macedonia, World Learning helps government institutions, independent organizations, and professional associations improve their performance through human and institutional capacity development.

In Uganda, World Learning collaborates with the Straight Talk Foundation in the Kacel Watwero, "Together We Can," youth leadership training project to empower older brothers, sisters, and neighbors to assist at-risk children.

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Priorities

Civil Society and Governance

World Learning's Civil Society and Governance programs connect local communities with public and private institutions to promote citizen engagement for good governance and foster policies at the local, national, regional, and global levels that respect basic human rights.

Programs work on the local level to address interrelated issues of poverty, human rights abuses, conflict, poor service delivery, weak governance, and social inequalities. World Learning provides education, policy advocacy awareness, training, technical assistance, and small-grant support that help people and institutions build a better future.

Education

The World Learning approach to education is rights-based and student-centered, rooted in the concepts of equality, active participation, and social inclusion. Collaborating with communities, parents, government agencies, and educational institutions, programs work to improve educational quality while actively seeking to remove barriers to education. A key priority is to support vulnerable and underserved populations including ethnic and religious minorities, street children, HIV/AIDS-affected children, child laborers, and disadvantaged girls.

Projects include educational reform and professional development for policy makers, teachers, and teacher educators; curriculum development; vocational training; and oversight of academic programs at US universities for students from 50 countries.

HIV/AIDS

To address the complex problem of HIV/AIDS, World Learning builds on its recognized expertise in several sectors including education, civil society, and training to effectively reach the most-at-risk populations and typically underserved groups.

World Learning's HIV/AIDS interventions aim to counter social stigma, offer alternatives to risky behaviors, and provide care and support to assist individuals and strengthen

the collective ability of communities to protect their members. Key interventions include enhancing the role of schools to support orphans and vulnerable children and customized training to help partner institutions implement effective HIV prevention.

International Exchange

The World Learning Visitor Exchange Program (formerly Delphi International) promotes citizen diplomacy and international understanding through non-US adult and student exchanges and study tours for more than 900 visitors from over 140 countries annually.

Professional exchanges focus on topics ranging from politics, business development, and national security to education, social issues, and the arts. Participants gain perspective from visits to government offices, companies, NGOs, and other organizations, as well as from social and cultural activities. Youth leadership and high school student exchanges provide a meaningful introduction to American life, culture, and institutions through homestays, travel, and experiences that develop communication and leadership skills.

Capacity Development and Training

World Learning designs and manages customized training and study tours that develop the capacity of individuals, groups, and institutions. Programs strengthen organizations and educate thousands of students and professionals from more than 130 countries each year.

Assessments identify performance gaps in partner institutions and guide the design and delivery of targeted solutions. Educational projects include managing the recruitment, selection, placement, and monitoring of international students on degree and non-degree programs on US campuses, and postgraduate programs including a world-class language teacher education course. World Learning also partners with USAID to streamline the health grants process and provide customized technical assistance to grantees.

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