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LETTER FROM OUR CEO

PUTTING THE “HUMAN” IN “CHOICE HUMANITARIAN”

In the field of international development, most experts draw a sharp distinction between *development assistance* and *humanitarian assistance*. Development assistance is the branch that focuses on long-term, sustainable progress and poverty reduction, while humanitarian assistance provides emergency and disaster relief in the event of natural or man-made disasters. Typically, professionals rarely cross over from one assistance area to the other. Instead, they work hard to acquire the specialized knowledge and skill sets needed to perform effectively in their respective area. Except for a brief period when I focused on the overlap between the two areas—building resilience—I have spent almost all of my 36-year career on the development assistance side of the field.

So, when I first joined CHOICE in 2020, I was somewhat perplexed by the “Humanitarian” in our name, “CHOICE Humanitarian”. While there have been several notable instances in which CHOICE has responded to emergencies brought on by natural disasters in the countries we serve, I believe we are an organization firmly planted on the long-term, sustainable development side of the field. Moreover, I’m enamored of the concept of “choice”. I believe that’s essentially what we do as an organization: we try to expand the range of choices available to the marginalized families and communities we serve. Can you see why I have always been a fan of the name “CHOICE” and not quite so thrilled with “CHOICE Humanitarian” as the complete name of our organization?

I was wrong. Very wrong.

Let me explain what led me to this complete change of mind.

A few weeks ago, I met with a Colombian friend and mentor of mine in Bogotá. As I introduced him to CHOICE Humanitarian, he commented on how appropriate our name is for today’s development challenges: “We must *humanize* our work—it all starts with our shared humanity and collective *human* values.” When I expressed my surprise at his comment, he went on to chide me for being too much of a *structuralist*. (I frequently talk about strategies, programs, outcomes, and impact.) I pressed my friend, one of the most respected thinkers on development in Colombia, to help me understand why the humanitarian concept was so important. He patiently explained that his country is caught up in decades of war and violence. Many talented and dedicated men and women, along with countless organizations, are working hard to cement the peace and help the country’s many millions of underserved people find a way out of poverty and suffering. In spite of these efforts, peace and poverty reduction remain elusive for many regions of the country. For my friend, a wide acceptance of *humanitarian* values is the missing ingredient. To that end, the newly elected Colombian government has invited all parties, including combatants, to the table and is making a concerted effort to promote those basic humanitarian concepts, recognizing that all must be party to the solution and all are part of the Colombian family.

In my world view, we are all part of a wonderfully diverse global community. Most religions and belief systems teach that we are all brothers and sisters, part of a human family. I also believe that we are all connected in ways that are both simple and complex. My friend’s comments sparked a few questions for me: what does it mean to be part of

In a visit to Kenya, Dr. Pierce celebrates with students who are beneficiaries of one the education projects that will provide the children with safer classrooms.



the human family? What are the basic principles shaping these familial relationships? And would a collective awareness (and acceptance) of these principles really make a difference?

Perhaps the place to start is, what are the essential traits of a human being? Oh, I know that what separates homo sapiens from other animals is our superior mental development, power of articulate speech, and upright stance, but do those things make us human? Drill down into those basic traits a bit more and we observe that, as human beings, we have intellect and free will. This means we also have the ability to grasp, recognize, appreciate, and act on truth and goodness. We can also reason and, to varying degrees, decide freely how we will react to different situations. In other words, we can choose from among options—either to work for, or to disregard, truth and goodness.

Let’s build on what it means to be human and dig into how we can exercise the essence of human goodness. In other words, what does it mean to be “humanitarian”? The dictionary defines the word as “*concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare.*” Basic humanitarian principles such as *humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence* are fundamental to humanitarian action. Humanitarian principles inspire us to action—to address suffering wherever it is found, with a particular attention on the most vulnerable.

As a general principle, CHOICE Humanitarian works among the most remote, underserved populations in our presence countries—the “most vulnerable.” We work hard to expand the range of choices available to those most in need. Last year, we celebrated our 40th anniversary. During the past four decades,

CHOICE has implemented over **2,430** social and economic projects impacting the lives of more than **2,820,000** people of all ages. Over that same period, we've had **77** board members and **9** CEO's; **221** men and women are currently working, or have worked, for CHOICE in the U.S and abroad; and we've raised nearly **\$80 million** during that time to support the work we do in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Navajo Nation.

I used to believe that where the echoes of our past meet the challenges of the present and the opportunities of the future was around the concepts of **community and collaboration**. CHOICE relies on community to do our work—on local partners, on our donors, and on all our wonderful volunteers. In fact, collaboration is not merely something we do, it's *how* we do our work. But then, that's the "technical, structural" development professional talking. If we look beyond the *how* to the *why*, we see clearly that what has always defined CHOICE Humanitarian goes much deeper than approach and method. The heart of CHOICE Humanitarian is in our shared humanity and humanitarian values.

It is often easier to focus on the purely technical aspects of our work. But good practice, no matter how effective, is only as sustainable as the principles and values upon which it is based. For CHOICE Humanitarian, these principles spring from the values that unite us all in our common humanity, the values expressed in our Vision and Mission statement, the values that guide our operations.

Since joining CHOICE Humanitarian three years ago, I've had the privilege of meeting and working with hundreds of humanitarians, both in the U.S. and around the world. I'm always amazed, but never surprised, by the generosity and humanity of the CHOICE family. Members of our community have sacrificed and suffered great personal loss while in the service of others, yet still they persist. Recognizing that they have much and others have so little, they share of their time, talents, and resources to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for many thousands of members of our human family. Most of whom they have never even met, nor are ever likely to meet. This they do without expecting recognition or recompense of any kind from those they have helped. All because they feel a kinship and connection to humanity and seek to promote human welfare. Like the men and women who work for CHOICE, they "see people everywhere for their untapped potential, not merely as people needing help."

These humanitarians are my role models. They give meaning to our work. And they ensure that this work will continue for as long as the human family and shared human values exist.

All of the world's countries, not just Colombia, are facing daunting problems—poverty, famine and disease, shrinking natural resources, and war and violence—to name just a few. It's all too tempting to reach for the nearest technical solution. Technology is advancing rapidly on all fronts. Why, then, does it seem like we're losing the race? Perhaps it's because we simply need more of us to feel connected to one another, to recognize and adopt *basic humanitarian values* so that the technical and the technological can find common ground.



Dr. Pierce and four CHOICE Country Directors gather in the first hoop house built as part of CHOICE's work in the Navajo Nation.

From left to right: Oreu Lugogo, Marilyn Reed, Wilmer Cruz, Raquel Tuston, Steve Pierce

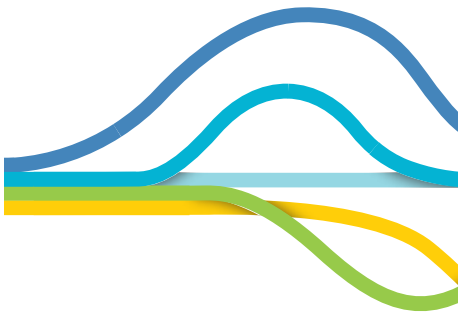
CHOICE Humanitarian. I love our name and fully embrace all the meaning it holds. I will strive to be a better *humanitarian*. I invite you to join me.

Steven D. Pierce, PhD
CHOICE Humanitarian CEO





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COLLABORATION: IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER

BY WILMER CRUZ, PERU COUNTRY DIRECTOR,
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CHOICE Humanitarian celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2022, and this gave us an opportunity to reflect on our journey from our 1982 roots. Many people, values, and principles have contributed to building an organization that takes pride in working with the most vulnerable people in marginalized societies to “support the efforts of people around the world to reduce global poverty and build self-reliant, resilient communities.” Amongst the many values that have been vital to our longevity has been our ability to collaborate with people and entities from different economic, social, and cultural backgrounds.

WHAT IS COLLABORATION?

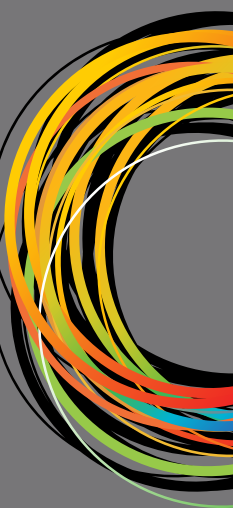
CHOICE Humanitarian has operations in eight countries, so there are many definitions of collaboration. In Kenya, collaboration is anchored in its founding as a nation. In the country’s history, collaboration is a mantra that inspires people to come together to undertake development programs. The word “Harambee,” which means pulling together, was the nation’s founding fathers’ slogan. For Kenyans, collaboration is centered around people coming together to work on a unified goal that will benefit the majority in that community.

In Peru, the worldview of the Inca era is still preserved, including the concept of two Quechua words: “Ayni” and “Minka”. “Ayni” goes beyond working together; it involves a linear and dynamic exchange of energy between humans, nature, and the universe. When we talk about working together in collaboration, it is an activity of reciprocity that allows us to achieve common objectives that impact the lives of all beings and their surroundings. There is no individualism in teamwork. Hence, the second most important word in collaborative work is “Minka,” where the community comes together to achieve larger objectives and strengthen unity, and it always ends with a celebration.



CRUCIAL TO OUR IMPACT IN THE FIELD

Collaboration—or *Harambee*, *Ayni*, and *Minka*—is in the very DNA of CHOICE. We work in challenging environments to address complex issues and bring about systematic change. Using systems thinking, we conduct exercises that map all the relevant stakeholders in our operational areas and their practical impact on our ability to achieve the intended goals. In our experience over the last 40 years of working to achieve the vision of “a world in which people everywhere have the choice and the means to live in peace, prosperity, and freedom,” we have learned that stakeholders are crucial partners. We work with academia, business and corporate partners, community leaders, foundations, and local government to mobilize sufficient resources that meet the significant challenges in our communities and achieve shared goals.



For example, one of our education projects in Kenya has three main goals: increase access to school and technology, improve the learning environment, and decrease illiteracy. To achieve these, many stakeholders have come together to provide funds for scholarships such as Marriott Daughters Foundation, Yehu Microfinance Services Limited, and community members through their Community-Based Organization education trust fund. We are also collaborating with the Rafiki Club, Thrive Life, and Thriving Nations to invest in improving the learning environment so that students feel safe, secure, and comfortable during lessons. Various Rotary clubs are also working to build the school infrastructure and provide learning aids, while our liaison with the government department and agencies assists us to increase access to post-grade level education. With their different abilities, resources, objectives, and technical capabilities, all these parties are convening with the CHOICE Kenya team to achieve unified goals.

In Peru, a woman from one of the rural communities we work in was also the beneficiary and instigator of collaboration. Together with her sisters and friends, this woman had been searching for support to improve her living conditions. She knocked door-to-door without success, but she never gave up, and eventually she met the CHOICE Peru team who worked with her to achieve her goals. This group of women started a poultry production business, working hard to establish relationships of trust with their members, clients, and suppliers. Their sales were so prosperous that their business supplied other communities with eggs and poultry, and they also formed new working relationships, networks, and partnerships with cultural and entrepreneurial organizations. Today, after five years, they are established and well-positioned as women leaders in their community. They share their successful experiences and provide employment and training for other local women. Their own children are also now entrepreneurs and proud of their

mothers. Just as they received support, these women understand they must also give back to their brothers and sisters and the universe in a system of reciprocity and collaboration. Whenever we visit them, we celebrate and laugh because we are happy for their success. That is collaborative work.

COLLABORATION YIELDS OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

CHOICE, like many civil society and nonprofit organizations, seeks to achieve maximum impact, but the challenge lies in achieving that impact at a minimum cost. Strategic collaboration among entities and stakeholders allows for more effective interventions and fewer organizational resources to advance the social mission efficiently. Alliances allow for the gathering of different actors in pursuit of a fundamental change, thus influencing even public policies or prevailing cultural realities.

Additionally, internal operations benefit from a collaborative mindset. Within CHOICE, the same elements of collaboration are practiced with in-house structures such as the Communities of Practice—these are teams formed from the technical experts in each country that share best practices. The needs in the communities we serve are complex, and so frequent, open, and supportive communication amongst our 100+ global team members is essential for sustainable, impactful, and meaningful change.



FOCUSED ON OUR SHARED GOALS

Of course, there can be obstacles any time you have many different groups working closely together. Additionally, in our mission to reduce global poverty, we face economic, social, environmental, political, and cultural challenges. In 2020, we also experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, a public health event that transformed reality worldwide. However, thinking that we can address these problems alone is not rational. The overarching vision to improve the quality of life of community members inspires and drives diverse groups to focus their actions on the goals. A collaborative mentality allows us to add, synergize, and reach beyond our individual capacity.

At all levels and with all its definitions, we must constantly pursue the principle of collaboration. In so doing, we can continue to serve as active change agents who value inclusion, diversity, trust, transparency, tolerance, and openness so that we might create space and momentum for shared success. Together, we can go far.



CHOICE BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2022



\$3.2 M

LEVERAGED FUNDS

IN-COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS PROJECTS WITH CASH, LABOR, OR MATERIALS

12

CHOICE EXPEDITIONS



25

CORPORATE PARTNERS



123

PROJECTS WORKED ON IN THE YEAR

388,412

LIVES TOUCHED BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY

8

COUNTRIES

122

STAFF MEMBERS ACROSS ALL COUNTRIES

256

MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM



DONORS

1163

\$3.2 M

DONATED FUNDS



OUR WORK

A SPOTLIGHT FROM EACH COUNTRY

BOLIVIA ECUADOR GUATEMALA KENYA MEXICO NAVAJO NATION NEPAL PERU



BOLIVIA

TECHNOLOGY EXPANDS JOB ACCESS FOR YOUNG STUDENTS

BY MAXIMA MENDOZA, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS — BOLIVIA TEAM

TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

As rural Bolivian communities struggled through the COVID-19 pandemic, an obvious lack of health services was not the only major problem they faced. The pandemic also revealed an immense list of systemic barriers that cause families in rural communities to face generational cycles of poverty that seem impossible to escape. One of the greatest problems the pandemic uncovered was a lack of technological capacity within the education sector, especially for girls who are less likely to attend school than boys due to limited family resources. This digital divide meant that virtual classes were impossible. While many families around the world could send their kids to school via the internet using phones and computers, children in rural Bolivian communities lost at least two years' worth of education, essentially stunting future educational opportunities. With or without a pandemic, lack of technology creates a gap between urban and rural areas. Children in these communities are underserved and digitally disadvantaged, which prevents them from accessing jobs in the future.

PROBLEM-SOLVING WITH ROBOTICS

In response to this multidimensional challenge, the CHOICE team in Bolivia worked with communities and local school authorities in the municipality of Ayo Ayo to launch the Lightning Robotics project. Its purpose was for all participating children, both

male and female, to have the opportunity to acquire basic education that could increase their chances of obtaining stable jobs in the future, despite not having access to computers or phones. The project brought technology into the community in the form of robotic engineering classes. To do this, the CHOICE team hired a robotics teacher named Alvaro Flores and worked with the community to purchase robotics kits filled with equipment, complete with chips that allowed for remote control functions. Alvaro **taught 72 students** how to build basic automated machines such as remote-controlled cars, water pumps, and automated tricycles. A major focus for the project was to ensure that a large majority of students were girls so they could have equal opportunity for jobs in technology in the future.

One outcome of this project was that older students were able to enter Minesweepers, an international robotics competition held in Egypt, where they built an automated minesweeper machine that could identify hand grenades left behind by soldiers. In a simulated environment, the machine used magnets to find mock grenades buried in the earth and safely remove them so they could not be accidentally found by children. The students received the incredible experience of traveling to Egypt to present their robot and ended up taking second place in the competition.

So far, this project has directly and indirectly impacted 822 teachers and students, and young children are now setting their eyes on big goals for the future with technological skills in hand.



72
ROBOTICS STUDENTS

822
STUDENTS & TEACHERS IMPACTED

“GENDER EQUITY AT THE SCIENCE FAIR

At the end of 2022, CHOICE held a science fair where both boys and girls could participate. Two of these participants were sisters Melania, 12 years old and in sixth grade, and Lusmila, 8 years old and in first grade. Both girls predominantly speak Aymara, an indigenous language spoken in Bolivia and Peru. They built a small, automated tricycle using only recycled materials and presented it to other participants, speaking completely in their native tongue. In their presentation, Melania explained, “We wanted to experiment with building a small, mini water pump that we could later present to my community, but we did not have the materials.” With CHOICE Humanitarian’s support to obtain materials and teachers, the sisters were able to have that opportunity. Melania and her sister Lusmila are learning how to build robotics and develop skills they might need to access success in a technology-filled world.



ECUADOR

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE FOR FOOD AND AGROTOURISM

BY JENNY BOLAÑOS, RURAL DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR, AND RAQUEL TUSTON, COUNTRY DIRECTOR — ECUADOR TEAM

A CYCLE OF CHALLENGES

The Tumbabiro Parish is located in the valley of the Urcuqui Canton, province of Imbabura. While its population is mostly a blend of Spanish and Indigenous ancestry, within this same area there are Afro-Ecuadorian populations.

The most prevalent challenge in this community is related to the economic situation. For years, there has been a continual cycle of economic issues: low development of agricultural production, limited tourist activities, an inefficient market system, and marked difficulty in accessing credits that allow investment in the agricultural and tourism sector.

FARMS AS A PATH TO OPPORTUNITIES

CHOICE Humanitarian in Ecuador began working in the Tumbabiro Valley in 2021 in a strategic alliance with the Santa Agua de Chachimbiro Public Company (EPCH) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAGAP). Through this cooperation, several projects began focusing on economic development, food security, and agricultural production. One of these projects was the implementation of farms to improve food supplies, diversify crops, and encourage agrotourism.

In this project, CHOICE worked with community members to implement **40 integrated agroecological farms** of fruit trees and gardens. Many farms also included pig herds. These efforts to improve food nutrition—combined with entrepreneurial training and tourism development—**have benefited 878 people in the area**. A family can save \$8-\$10 per week by having vegetable production in their own garden. Typically, the average annual income in rural Ecuadorian communities is around \$250, and 50% of that income goes towards food. With this project, families are saving vital money that can then be reallocated to cover other needs.



878
COMMUNITY MEMBERS IMPACTED

40
INTEGRATED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMS



BIG DREAMS FOR ERIKA AND HER KIDS

The impact on locals that have participated in this project has been amazing to witness. One of the most meaningful stories is that of Erika Yaselga.

Erika is a 28-year-old single mother of 2 children, ages 10 and 8. She currently lives in the community of Cruztola and is very dedicated to agriculture. However, due to economic hardship, Erika could not cover all the basic needs that her children required.

Food is scarce in the area, and her small farm did not provide a varied diet for her children. However, with CHOICE's help, Erika was given an opportunity that she never had before to include fruit trees, vegetables, medicinal plants, and animals in her agricultural production.

The food currently grown on Erika's farm is used to feed her children, but her dream is to turn her land into a tourism farm that is visited by local and national tourists. This would generate enough economic income to support her family. Erika was also fortunate enough to participate in training workshops for entrepreneurs through this project. Erika continues to apply the knowledge she gained from the training workshops to her business and looks forward to constantly improving it.

Said Erika, "I am very grateful to the participating organizations. Thanks to their support and knowledge, they have encouraged me to learn and put into practice the knowledge [I've gained]." With a big smile, Erika continued, "My dream is for the farm to get bigger and bigger and for the project to continue successfully."

GUATEMALA

VIABLE FAMILY BUSINESSES WITH NUTRITIOUS MUSHROOMS

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OVERWHELMING OBSTACLES FOR FAMILIES

Cajcan is a rural community made up of 95 families in the municipality of Chisec, department of Alta Verapaz. These families face constant obstacles such as a lack of educational opportunities, an inadequate health system, insufficient economic resources, and an overwhelming shortage of clean water. This lack of basic resources and opportunities prevents families from breaking out of a generational cycle of poverty and improving their quality of life. Within the municipality of Chisec, income levels fall below the minimum amount needed to acquire their basic monthly necessities. When considering all the dimensions of poverty—health, education, and living standards—this region is one of the most underserved in Guatemala. It has the highest levels of child malnutrition and "stunting" in the country. This means there is enough food to avoid starvation, but children continue to lack the nutrients needed to grow and develop both physically and mentally.

OYSTER MUSHROOMS BRING A NEW OUTLOOK

The CHOICE Guatemala team began working with the Cajcan community at the beginning of 2022 on projects focused on education, economic development, agriculture, health, and nutrition, all under a larger program generously funded by Pat and Florence King called Guatemala LIFE. The most recent focus has been on finding local economic

opportunities so individuals can enter markets and generate a stable income. With this goal in mind, the Guatemala team began working with two groups of women on oyster mushroom farming. CHOICE **taught 47 women participants** how to cultivate and harvest the mushrooms, which allows them to provide nutrient-dense food for their families. They are also able to sell the mushrooms in their own and nearby communities, which provides income opportunities for mothers who want to work close to home.

Oyster mushrooms are ideal for growing in Cajcan because they require little water. They also contain many important nutrients including vitamins B, C, D, and K, unsaturated fatty acids (omegas 3, 6, 7, 9), bioflavonoids, iron, zinc, potassium, phosphorus, selenium, sodium, and iodine. All these vitamins and nutrients are important for a balanced diet and can contribute to better overall health over time.

The training workshops carried out by the CHOICE team also included teaching the women different ways to prepare and eat the mushrooms. These new recipes have helped the women become excited to consume their own crops and grow surplus produce to sell through their own businesses.

As of 2022, a total of **348 families have received training** in oyster mushroom production. They are motivated to continue cultivating mushrooms, feeding their families, and earning incomes. This is just a start to improving their lives and those of their families and communities.



348

FAMILIES RECEIVED TRAINING

47

WOMEN PARTICIPATED

“MANUELA GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND

Manuela was one of many women who benefited from the oyster mushroom program. Before hearing about the project on the local radio, Manuela never knew about the opportunities that lie in oyster mushroom production. She became interested, took the initiative to seek out more information, and soon became a participant in the CHOICE training workshops. During the trainings, she learned that growing the mushrooms required little investment, were easy to cultivate with local materials, and most importantly, that they have extremely high nutritional value. This newfound knowledge enabled her to begin her own self-sustaining oyster mushroom business. According to Manuela, “Many people from the community have approached me to buy my mushrooms. I plan to expand my business as sales grow.” She is currently searching for more local markets where she can continue to sell her mushrooms and grow her small business. Manuela is excited to take advantage of all the new possibilities her business will bring into her life.





KENYA

TRAINING FARMERS TO BOOST YIELDS AND BUILD INCOME

BY SHARON MUKAMI, COMMUNICATIONS & REPORT WRITING — KENYA TEAM

HARVESTS DESPITE A DROUGHT

In 2022, the CHOICE Kenya Team began working with the Baraka Farmers Self-Help Group. This Group is a government registered association comprised of 45 farmers from Silaloni Village. It was formed in 2020 by community members interested in participating in community-based agricultural projects and improving their knowledge and income from agriculture. Silaloni is semi-arid, and 80% of its residents depend on subsistence farming as their main economic activity. To date, the farmers have harvested tomatoes, amaranth, maize, okra, and eggplant. Their dedication and commitment have resulted in a **144% increase in produce profits**, from \$540 in 2021 to \$1,320 in 2022.

The Group's farm receives water from the community water dam. The water dam serves all the community's domestic and agricultural water needs. Over the last two years, farmers have grown and harvested vegetables as a source of food for their families and income by selling some of the produce to other community members.

Silaloni has experienced persistent drought over the last five years, which has led to failed crops, an increase in poverty, and dependence on food aid. To curb these challenges, CHOICE Humanitarian in Kenya is working with the Baraka Farmers Self-Help Group, and through the local community-based organization (CBO), these entities are providing farmers with technical support and farm input. Working in close

collaboration with Pwani University, the CHOICE team in Kenya will also contribute more expertise on dryland farming, water management and conservation, and hands-on technical support within the communities.

A RIPPLE EFFECT OF KNOWLEDGE

The Kenya team for CHOICE has trained the farmers on modern agricultural techniques, soil management, efficient water use, planting of drought-resistant crops, and modeling the community farm as a demonstration tool to educate both the Group and community members. The Group has **directly impacted 519 people**. Through working with CHOICE in Kenya, the community has identified Community Extension Volunteers (CEVs) who will work with farmers from their villages and transfer the knowledge and skills they have acquired at the Baraka Farmers Self-Help Group Model Farm.

Baraka farmers are also replicating what they have learned at the Group Farm at their homesteads. This will help reduce malnutrition and improve the management of agriculture production and the income of community members. The CHOICE Kenya team is working with several other communities to develop and implement the model farm program and currently has programs in Mckinnon Rd (Hussain Farm), Muungano Primary School, Chanzou Primary School, Mbele Primary School, and Kanjaocha Primary School.



144%
INCREASED PROFITS

519
PEOPLE IMPACTED

“HUSSEIN'S IMPACT ON HIS COMMUNITY

Hussein is a farmer using agriculture to bring change to his family and community. He started his agriculture projects in 2020 and has since dug a water dam on his farm to support his farming activities. Hussein grows many drought-resistant crops, including okra, Amaranthus, green grams, maize, African nightshade, and eggplant. The farm has improved the nutrition of his family and generated income through the sale of surplus vegetables in the community.

Additionally, the water dam also provides water to more than 2,000 people in his community, which is used in kitchens and for gardening at their homes. From the engagement with CHOICE in Kenya, Hussein plans to start agricultural clubs in a nearby school where he often supplies his produce. Even with the successes, Hussein sometimes loses his crops to elephants that invade the farm, especially during the dry months, but he remains hopeful and expects an unusually productive harvest when the rains return.

When thinking about the future and how he plans to further impact his community, Hussein shared this: *“I aim to continue to work with CHOICE until I fulfill my dream of starting The Busho Insitute of Dryland Farming. Through this, my community will gain agricultural skills that will help them to become self-reliant in food production and grow economically.”*





MEXICO

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SAVINGS THAT UNLOCK A BETTER FUTURE

BY ARANTZA ALDUCIN, PROJECT SUPERVISOR FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION — MEXICO TEAM

A RICH CULTURE FACES POVERTY

The Otomi are an indigenous people in the Central Highlands of Mexico. There are approximately 42,000 Otomi living around the Sierra Madre, most of whom live in the state of Hidalgo, but smaller populations are also spread throughout the southern central and coastal states. The Otomi are among the most underserved indigenous groups in all of Mexico. They have suffered discrimination and marginalization in the areas of health, education, and economic opportunity, which has created cycles of poverty, leading to increasing inequality. Most Otomi communities survive by subsistence farming, a form of farming in which nearly all crops or livestock raised are only enough to support the farmer’s family. This leaves little, if any, surplus for sale or trade. Many farmers’ main crops are corn, beans, and chili peppers. Some grow coffee and sugar cane to sell in markets, while others grow medicinal herbs to sell.

Despite having specialized skills in these areas, job opportunities are scarce, and incomes are decreasing. Coupled with inflation, this requires many Otomi men to travel to cities for part of the year in search of work to support their families, leaving behind communities with women, youth, and children. The Otomi population has suffered significant loss of ancestral knowledge, language, and traditions as they have worked to fit into the mainstream Mexican society that does not accept their cultural identity.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The CHOICE team in Mexico is helping improve the quality of life for Otomi families by creating income-generating opportunities, strengthening the economy of the region, providing educational options, and supporting Otomi culture. To accomplish this, CHOICE Humanitarian implemented a program which focuses on encouraging the members of each Otomi community to actively participate in creating activities, initiatives, and projects designed specifically to serve regional needs.

One such activity is a community loan program. Indigenous women participants save together and borrow from their joint savings for construction projects that improve their quality of life. The women are taught financial responsibility, decision-making, and teamwork as they support each other’s household improvement projects. They also receive trainings on how to build, implement, and maintain each project. Together, they have helped each other build greenhouses with aquaponics systems, micro-greenhouses with ecological filters, chicken coops, eco-friendly stoves, ferrocement cisterns, and dry bathrooms. As of 2022, there are a total of **8 community savings groups** that have **145 women participants**.



8
COMMUNITY SAVINGS GROUPS

145
WOMEN PARTICIPANTS

“PRISCILIANA AND CLARA TURN SMALL OPPORTUNITIES INTO BIG BUSINESSES

Prisciliana Martínez from San Martín, a member of the Otomi community, was chosen by her group to have a micro-greenhouse near her home. With it, she grows nutritious food for her own family and has started a small business selling vegetables to her neighbors. Prisciliana told the CHOICE team, “Now I can eat better—[food that is] more varied, flavorful, and healthier—without spending that money. This money I save can now be used for things like my children’s school or whatever is needed at home.”

Clara Quintana from San Antonio, another member of the Otomi community, built a chicken coop in her backyard after her group was trained on how to construct and maintain them. The new coop allows her to provide her family with protein-rich meals. She decided to take advantage of this opportunity to also generate an economic income, and she began selling meat and eggs. Production grew so much that Clara built a second chicken coop intended only for sales, and she continues to grow her business. Clara Quintana said, “I learned how to build the chicken coop! I did not know anything about construction. But now I know, and I taught my husband. We asked for support from CHOICE for the materials, and together we built another chicken coop to have more chickens. Now we have a business, and we always have eggs and chickens in the house that allow us to eat healthier.”



NAVAJO NATION

REKINDLING THE SPIRIT OF FARMING WITH HOOPHOUSES

BY ALISON TUNNEY, REGION 2 FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM MANAGER — NAVAJO NATION TEAM

MULTIDIMENSIONAL STRUGGLES

The Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) of the Navajo Nation is home to about 20,000 people. The FBFA is the most impoverished region of the Nation, with nearly 60% of people lacking electricity and potable water, barely 24% of housing is deemed suitable, paved roads are rare, and unemployment hovers near 40%. One grocery store exists in the entire FBFA. One in three residents is diabetic or prediabetic, and heart disease is the second leading cause of death among citizens.

Navajo women often bear the brunt of these burdens. Their time is spread thin taking care of the house and children while also working outside the home to provide financial support. Of all Navajo households, 26% are led by a single mother, over half of which live below the poverty line. Moreover, decreasing job opportunities heighten problems for women and their families who are already struggling to make ends meet.

REACHING GREATER HEIGHTS WITH ASCEND

The CHOICE Navajo Nation team is rekindling the spirit of traditional farming, as well as new technology-based methods of growing, through the Navajo Women ASCEND Program. ASCEND (Action for Systems Change through Entrepreneurial

Development) aims to address two overlapping and critical needs: first, lack of available, affordable, nutrient-rich food; and second, the lack of income generation and employment opportunities, especially for women, in the FBFA. To accomplish this, CHOICE identifies “t’a whi’aji’tao” persons, or positive deviations—individuals and communities who are by nature researchers, risk-takers, and entrepreneurs—and supports them to grow more ecologically, using more technology and sound agricultural methods, with the willingness to innovate and utilize effective farming methods. One of the methods is the “hoophouse” (a type of greenhouse) in which produce can be harvested year-round. The hoophouse serves as the focal point of ASCEND not only in providing nutrient-rich food, growing high-value vegetables and herbs, and producing seedlings for transplanting, but also in that its use will transform into long-term entrepreneurial opportunities for program participants.

To date, ASCEND has resulted in the construction of over **20 hoophouses**. Over 40 people have been trained in the management and operation of these hoophouses, including canning produce, pest control, and fruit tree pruning. Six program associations have been formed, and over **390 families** now have reasonable and consistent access to nutritious food.



390
FAMILIES HAVE NUTRITIOUS FOOD ACCESS

20
HOOPHOUSES CONSTRUCTED

“A CHANCE AT FOOD SECURITY FOR A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

Marie Goldtooth and her mother, Louise Boone, are Diné women from Cameron Chapter in the FBFA. Food security is a serious issue for Marie and Louise, as the nearest grocery store is an hour-and-a-half away.

Marie learned about CHOICE while encountering a hoophouse under construction. After learning more about hoophouses, including how they can prolong one’s growing season into the winter and act as a barrier for pests, she knew it was the solution to their food insecurity.

Marie proceeded to build a hoophouse with CHOICE, along with generous financial and labor support from ASEA Advancing Life Foundation. She, Louise, and their relatives now grow nutritious produce year-round. When challenging economic times arise or dangerous weather makes travel difficult, they do not have to rely on lengthy trips to the grocery store.

Not only does Marie grow produce to eat, but she also wants to utilize the produce in her small catering business. Healthy eating is also one of Marie’s goals in life, and she would like to promote the idea that you can grow food in remote areas despite the challenges. Marie finds solace knowing how many people care about her welfare, and because of that, she wants to help others reclaim their food security. Thanks to ASCEND, Marie stated, *“I feel more thankful and hopeful, and my catering business acquired more revenue. The network of people I met have been supportive and helpful.”* Ultimately, Marie is hopeful ASCEND will lead to her achieving her goal of self-reliance.



NEPAL

GRAVITY AND COLLABORATION TO COMBAT WATER SCARCITY

BY CHANDRA ADHIKARI, PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND ADMIN OFFICER — NEPAL TEAM

THE LACK OF A BASIC NEED

Approximately 864 people reside in Mahankal in the Thaha Municipality of Nepal. Most of these people come from Tamang, an underserved indigenous community. Low literacy rates, few income opportunities, and low productivity have stagnated community progress, leading to a lack of basic facilities necessary to improve their lives.

Potable water scarcity was one of the major challenges of the community, especially for women who invest time collecting water for daily consumption. Most women must spend up to two hours a day gathering water due to issues of accessibility, quality, and cost. Additionally, children often miss school because they must help their parents fetch water. Furthermore, families residing in this area are dependent on subsistence farming, which hardly provides them with enough food throughout the year. The scarcity of water limits the community's ability to improve their agricultural production to feed their families.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR WATER

Seeing the success neighboring communities were having with CHOICE Humanitarian, Mahankal's leaders and Thaha Municipality requested that CHOICE establish a water supply project. It was challenging to convince people the project would be a success; however, CHOICE involved the community from the start of the project. People gradually started helping, and soon community members were digging pipe

trenches and hauling construction materials. Because of this support, the community was able to save money and later construct a multipurpose office building.

Water is supplied using gravity flow through three of the reservoir's constructions. Every family has a yard connection to the metered water system. The families each pay a monthly fee for regular system operation and maintenance.

The CHOICE team in Nepal, with funding from the dōTERRA Healing Hands Foundation, provided technical and financial support throughout the project. Thaha Municipality also gave necessary financial and technical support for the system's completion. Community members contributed non-skill and semi-skill labor for digging trenches, hauling construction materials, and building tap stands. Because of local participation, the project was completed for less than the estimated cost; thus, additional structures were built, including a guard house.

Over **157 families** of Mahankal, plus seven community institutions (schools, temples, etc.), now have access to potable water. The community's quality of life has improved significantly. For example, 30% of households have started gardens, over 90% of children attend school on time, **morbidity from waterborne diseases has decreased by 70%**, and women need not spend hours collecting water; rather, they spend their free time in income-generating and skill development activities.



70%
DECREASE IN WATERBORNE DISEASES

157
FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO WATER



“A WATER TAP TO HONOR SANU'S SELFLESSNESS

Sanu Kanchhi Ghalan is a resident of Mahankal. Sanu, a widow, is 65 years old and has 15 family members. She wakes up early every day to collect a bucket of water for her home. Her large family has been surviving with just a single bucket of water each day for decades.

Sanu's home was 65 meters above the highest point where water could be piped from a spring source. Because of the terrain, Sanu was worried that the water would not reach her home. Despite not having a guarantee that water would be supplied to her yard, she still contributed non-skill labor for the project.

CHOICE and local leaders discussed a potential solution for Sanu. Thankfully, necessary resources—including tanks and pumps—were gathered to supply water to her home through meter-connected tap stands. Sanu is happy and expressed her gratitude by stating, “Many thanks to the organizations and the local leaders who helped us have drinking water in our yard. They did not favor anyone and treated everyone equally. Even those who initially opposed the project have now begun to applaud it.”

Sanu continued, “I never imagined that someone would listen to our plight... Finally, our long suffering has come to an end. It's a great blessing to each one of us.”

PERU

DOMINATING THE DESERT TO FIGHT AGAINST ANEMIA

BY MARIO RODRIGUEZ, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, AND WILMER CRUZ, COUNTRY DIRECTOR — PERU TEAM

EMPTY STOMACHS OF CHILDREN

The communities of the district of La Arena in Piura have historically battled against the adverse geographical attributes of the territory. The land in this region is characterized by arid soil and scarcity of water. This situation has made growing food difficult, which has caused generation after generation of children to suffer from diseases such as anemia and malnutrition.

Thus, in 2019, CHOICE Humanitarian in Peru began a health project aimed at combating both diseases with organic gardens that provide families with nutrient-dense food.

GROWING GARDENS AND FILLING PLATES

In true CHOICE Humanitarian practice, CHOICE technicians complemented the plant knowledge of local community members with new scientific strategies that allowed them to nourish the soil naturally as well as with available resources. Thus, the communities of Vichayal, Casa Grande, Loma Negra, Las Malvinas, Rio Viejo Norte, Chatito, Monte Grande, and Alto de Los Mores learned to prepare organic fertilizers, which turned the highly salty terrain into fertile spaces to plant greens and vegetables.

The result of this effort was the installation of **1,541 organic gardens**, reaching a total production of more than **150,000 pounds of organic food** during the three years that the project lasted. Community members managed to make their lands productive, obtain healthy foods that helped combat anemia in children, and develop an activity that allows them to generate economic income.

This project has expanded community members' vision of what is possible in La Arena. The people are now educated on the endless possibilities of the resources available in their area and how these can positively impact their health and diet. It has also acted as a motivator to families to alter their daily habits to better their health.



1,541

ORGANIC GARDENS

150,000

LBS. OF ORGANIC FOOD



“MARÍA’S GRANDCHILDREN ARE THRIVING

María Anastasio Nizama, a 62-year-old woman who lives in the Vichayal community in the La Arena District, is an example of a community member who has benefited from CHOICE Humanitarian's anemia project. María, her daughter, Cecilia, and three grandchildren, Jahir, Andrea, and Elena, worked hard to install their family's organic garden. She enthusiastically explained that her grandchildren learned about family farming and improved their nutrition thanks to the production of organic vegetables. With this food, her grandchildren's vitality and energy increased, and they felt more encouraged to study and practice sports.

Doña María described the experience as unique since this type of project had never been implemented in Vichayal: *“In our community, we have never had a project like this. Almost no one remembers this area. There was a small health post before, but it stopped working.”*

The project has not only helped provide health, but it has also united the community due to the teamwork it took to obtain the organic food and sell it in the local markets. The children of the community can now live healthier and will have a future rich with opportunity. When asked about this project, María had this to say:

“These gardens are very helpful because we save money, and the vegetables are organic without chemicals. One of the things that caused us the most work was learning to sow in such an arid area, but with the help of the technicians, we’re learning.” María added, *“Our children have more energy, they like to participate in the [caretaking of the] crops, and their grades at school are better. I believe that this is not only about planting some plants—we have received lessons that will serve us for a lifetime.”*



PROJECTS DASHBOARD

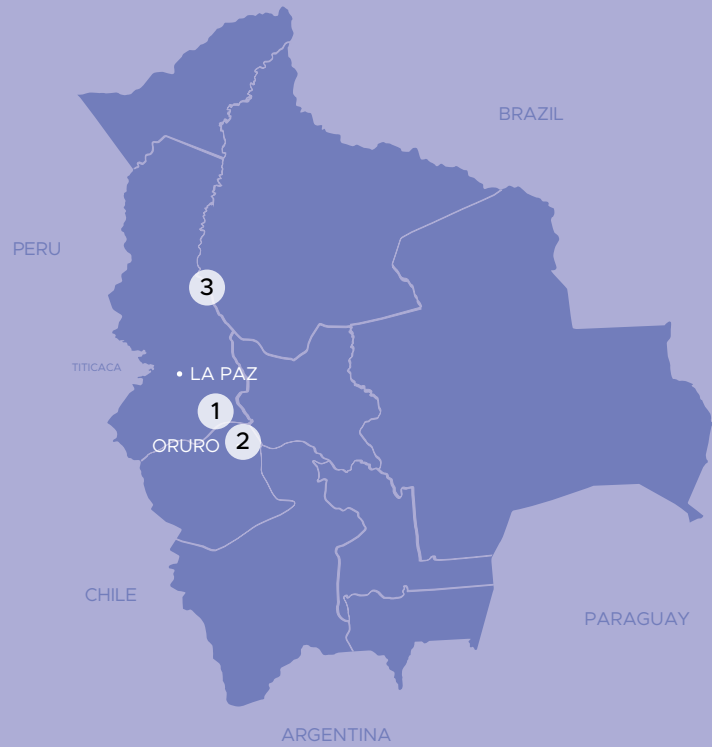
FOR 2022

This dashboard details the impressive breadth of work overseen by CHOICE Humanitarian. Projects are tools that help bring about real change. We work with and through communities to identify their needs and support them with sustainable solutions. With the help of generous donors and partners, these projects expand the range of options that our communities have to find a path out of poverty. See the impact of every single one.



BOLIVIA

PROJECTS IN 2022



- 1

PROJECT LOCATION
- PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION
- PROJECT FOCUS
- LIVES TOUCHED
- STATUS: COMPLETE
- STATUS: ACTIVE

	FOSTER HOME TRAINING CENTER CONSTRUCTION Foster home and training center construction to teach local children useful skills like baking and welding	BO-2021-0160
1	Lupalaya	EDUCATION 190
	GREENHOUSE CONSTRUCTION Implementation of 36 greenhouses as business projects for technical management training and economic resource generation	BO-2021-0161
1	Choritotora	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 845
	AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION Equipment installation for improved potato production	BO-2021-0171
2	Ayo Ayo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 236
	WATER SYSTEMS TRAINING Training of local community members on how to maintain and operate water sanitation systems	BO-2021-0172
1 2	Ayo Ayo; Viacha; Irpuma Irpa Grande; Alto Pomani; Compi Central	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 1,427
	ROBOTICS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Robotics supplies and teaching specialists to educate youth on robotics, programming, and technology for expanded career opportunities	BO-2021-0173
1	Chocorosi, Quillcoma	EDUCATION 822

	FOOD SECURITY FOR AYMARA WOMEN Construction and support for 25 family greenhouses to improve health and food security for women, mothers, and children	BO-2021-0175
2	Ayo Ayo	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 425
	UNIVERSITY STUDENT RESOURCE SUPPORT Support for university students to achieve academic degrees through internships and research done at a CHOICE training center	BO-2021-0199
1	Viacha	EDUCATION 230
	CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION, SOLAR ENERGY, AND COMPUTER LITERACY Construction of computer lab; installation of solar panels, electricity and lights; delivery of computers; and digital literacy and education	BO-2022-0041
3	El Tigre, Puerto Ruso, and Bajo Undumo	EDUCATION 2,350

ECUADOR

PROJECTS IN 2022



1 PROJECT LOCATION PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION PROJECT FOCUS LIVES TOUCHED STATUS: COMPLETE STATUS: ACTIVE

	IMPROVEMENT OF THE VALUE CHAIN OF FRUIT TREES Training to improve crop production techniques and agricultural practices, as well as relevant certifications to access better markets	EC-2021-0069
1	Cuellaje	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1741
	IMPLEMENTATION OF PRODUCTIVE UNITS AT THE AGROECOLOGICAL FAIR Continuous training for 40 families to improve 40 horticultural, fruit, and medicinal plant plots for family agricultural production	EC-2021-0192
3	Miguel Egas Cabezas	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 198
	DIET IMPROVEMENT FOR CHILD MALNUTRITION Workshops to increase knowledge on preparing healthy recipes and improving diets to reduce child malnutrition	EC-2021-0204
2	Angochagua	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 380
	STRENGTHENING OF FOOD SECURITY Food security strengthened with 1,200 fruit plants, 6,400 vegetable plants, and 960 medicinal plants	EC-2022-0020
3	Eugenio Espejo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 456
	TOURIST PROMOTION CONSTRUCTION Construction and adaptation of infrastructures for camping and which can be used for social events	EC-2022-0048
3	San Rafael de la Laguna	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 599
	GREENHOUSE IRRIGATION PROJECT Expansion of forest plant production to allow reforestation to protect water sources	EC-2022-0050
2	Angochagua	AGRICULTURE 1083
	PARASITE REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURE Efforts to reduce parasitic diseases, improve cattle feeding, and increase milk production and animal reproduction	EC-2022-0061
1	Plaza Gutierrez	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 427
	LEADERSHIP STRENGTHENING Resources to strengthen the organizational process and community leadership of the UNCISPAL organization	EC-2022-0132
3	San Pablo	EDUCATION 541
	VACCINATION CAMPAIGN FOR ANIMALS Improvement of living conditions for livestock so that farmers can have stable, permanent income through the sale of quality meat	EC-2022-0138
2	Pataqui	AGRICULTURE 210
	STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP Improvement in capacities and skills in the management of agroecological farms, beekeeping production, and trades	EC-2021-0188
3	Gonzales Suarez	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,045

	IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION Provision of laying hens and fruit orchards to improve the productive, economic and social situation of 119 families	EC-2021-0189
2	Tumbabiro	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 595
	PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY Implementation of 130 orchards of small enterprises with the provision of vegetable seedlings, fruit trees, and more	EC-2021-0190
3	Natabuela	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 650
	STRENGTHENING ARTISAN ENTREPRENEURS AND FARMERS Training and promotion for participation in a weekly craft fair to boost economic income for 40 families of artisans and farmers	EC-2021-0191
3	Natabuela	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 250
	VEGETABLE SEEDLING PROPAGATOR EQUIPMENT Technical sprinkler irrigation system for propagation of vegetable seedlings benefiting 132 families from 12 communities	EC-2022-0021
3	San Pablo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 660
	STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP Strengthening the artisan, gastronomic, and agricultural production to market locally and nationally for 47 women	EC-2022-0026
3	San Pablo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 235
	MEDICINAL PLANTS Implementation of medicinal plant crops to improve productive and economic development benefiting 30 families	EC-2022-0027
2	Tumbabiro	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 150
	SELF-RELIANCE AND SUCCESS PROGRAM Active participation of 101 people in the Interweave Self-Sufficiency Training Program to generate economic income	EC-2022-0028
3	Otavallo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 505
	FAMILY FARM DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS Support for technicians to carry out surveys of family producers in the rural sector of the province	EC-2022-0031
2	Imbabura	AGRICULTURE 2,570
	YOGURT PRODUCTION IMPROVEMENT Employment support for a women's association to improved their competitive products in the market	EC-2022-0052
1	Garcia Moreno	EDUCATION 324
	ECOLOGICAL STOVE PRODUCTION Implementation of more ecological stoves to reduce firewood cutting, avoid deforestation, and improve the health of families	EC-2022-0053
1	Apuela	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 484
	TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR WOMEN Technical skills training and education to create confidence and generate sources of work for women in the sector	EC-2022-0063
3	San Rafael de la Laguna	EDUCATION 50
	SAFETY COURSE TRAINING Education for industrial safety and occupational health issues to improve certification rates and employment opportunities	EC-2022-0064
3	Natabuela	EDUCATION 30
	ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS FOR WOMEN Improvement for the skills and abilities of entrepreneurs so they can offer quality services	EC-2022-0065
3	San Pablo del Lago	EDUCATION 70
	PROMOTION OF FOOD SOVEREIGNTY Promotion of small productive enterprises to increase food sovereignty and surplus as a source of economic income	EC-2022-0068
3	Natabuela	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 375
	AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP Strengthening values that contribute to the development of effective leadership for agricultural and community development	EC-2022-0069
2	Cotacachi	AGRICULTURE 123
	FRUIT PLANT GROWTH Improvement for the economic conditions of participating families through the establishment of fruit plants	EC-2022-0089
2	Sigsipamba	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 150
	STRENGTHENING ENTREPRENEURS Resources for local businesses that participate in fairs to generate economic income to support their families	EC-2022-0094
2	Chaltura	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 60
	FOOD SAFETY FOR CHILDREN Food security opportunities through raising laying hens to help children under five years of age who face malnutrition problems	EC-2022-0099
1	Imantag	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 295
	FARMING OF FRUIT TREES Support for at least 40 farms to improve production of fruit trees for food nutrition, as well as training and tourism development	EC-2022-0106
2	Tumbabiro	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 240
	IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL STOVES Implementation of ecological stoves for families in rural areas as an energy efficiency strategy	EC-2022-0115
2	Tumbabiro	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 250
	INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN WORKING ENVIRONMENTS Prevention education of occupational accidents within work environments or enterprises	EC-2022-0140
1	Iluman	EDUCATION 281
	BASIC ELECTRICITY COURSE Courses for teaching home electrical installations and basic concepts of electricity	EC-2022-0145
1	Iluman	EDUCATION 225
	TECHNICAL WIRING COURSE Improvement in skills so participants can adapt wiring for the homes of vulnerable and low-income people to prevent fire hazards	EC-2022-0148
3	Natabuela	EDUCATION 232

GUATEMALA

PROJECTS IN 2022



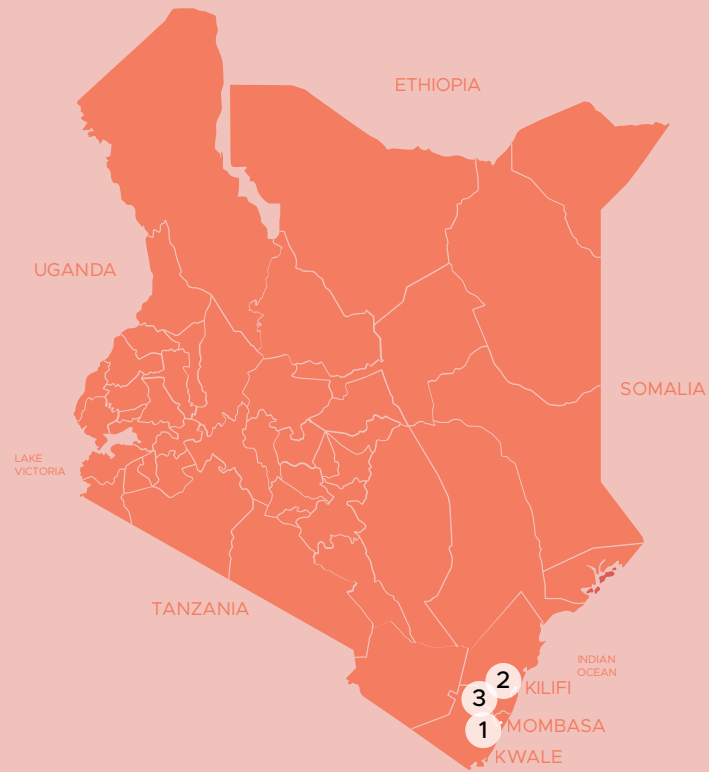
1 PROJECT LOCATION PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION PROJECT FOCUS LIVES TOUCHED STATUS: COMPLETE STATUS: ACTIVE

	FAMILY GARDENS Training for community members regarding family gardens and good cultivation practices; seeds also provided	GT-2021-0112
1	Cerrito Semox	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 819
	FAMILY GARDENS Training for community members regarding family gardens and good cultivation practices; seeds also provided	GT-2021-0127
1	Nueva Esperanza	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 278
	FAMILY GARDENS Training for community members regarding family gardens and good cultivation practices; seeds also provided	GT-2021-0128
1	Semox Yalipur	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 119
	OYSTER MUSHROOMS Production of edible oyster mushrooms to be used in nutritious consumption and for economic benefit through sale	GT-2022-0023
1	Cerrito Semox	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 96
	OYSTER MUSHROOMS Production of edible oyster mushrooms to be used in nutritious consumption and for economic benefit through sale	GT-2022-0033
1	Camposanto II	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 120
	AGRICULTURAL TRAINING Training of community members for increased quality and quantity of cardamom production	GT-2022-0056
1	Bolonco; Cajcan; Guadalupe; Limon Yalicar; Lomas del Norte; Cuevas del Cerro; Cerro Alto; Las Palmas	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,501

	MEDICAL CONFERENCE DAY Medical assistance for community members in Limon Yalicar	GT-2022-0076
1	Limon Yalicar	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 539
	CHICKEN BREEDING TRAINING Training of community members for increased chicken breeding and production	GT-2022-0154
1	Cruces del Norte; Rinconcito del Norte; Monte Hermon; Rubel Ho; Nueva Esperanza; Seguchil	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 816
	HOME ELECTRICITY TRAINING COURSE Training of community members to provide safe home electricity	GT-2022-0189
1	Pecuilix; Limon Yalicar; Cajcan	EDUCATION 1,065
	OYSTER MUSHROOM PLANTING Planting and production of oyster mushrooms for nutritional value	GT-2023-0015
1	Sepoc 1; Pecuilix; Cajcan; Setzac; Carolina; Tierra Blanca 5,000; Sesaqlech	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,960
	BANANA PLOT INSTALLATION Planting of banana plants for increased income for community members	GT-2023-0020
1	Sehubub; Seraxquen; Palestina; Cerrito Semox; Bolonco; El Milagro; Candelaria Yalicar; El esfuerzo; Lomas del Norte; Coyombalam; Sepalau; Yalicoc	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,128
	AGRICULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING Diversification of agricultural products in order to increase sales profits	GT-2023-0021
1	Semox Yalipur; Cerrito Semox; Cruces del Norte; Bolonco; El Milagro; Candelaria Yalicar; Sesaqlech; Guadalupe; Cajcan; Palestina; Esperancita Del Río; Monte Hermon; Yalicoc; Tierra Negra; Carolina; Getsemani; Nueva Esperanza; Sehubub	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,672
	WATER RECHARGE MICRO-BASINS REFORESTATION Reforestation of micro-watersheds for increased soil nutrients	GT-2023-0022
1	Cajcan; Cruces del Norte; Nueva Esperanza; Sehubub; Seraxquen	AGRICULTURE 360
	FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND FAMILY SAVINGS GROUP Organization of family savings groups and training on financial literacy	GT-2023-0023
1	Limon Yalicar	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 232
	HOME MEDICAL VISITS Home medical visits for clinical monitoring, disease and malnutrition prevention, and provision of multivitamins	GT-2023-0024
1	Cajcan; Carolina; Cerro Alto; Coyombalam; Monte Hermon; Nueva Esperanza; Palestina; Seguchil; Sehubub; Seraxquen	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 362
	CHOCOLATE MANUFACTURING Improvements for small business manufacturing of chocolate to increase community member profits	GT-2023-0025
1	Cerrito Semox; Coyombalam; Esperancita Del Río; Rubel Ho; Ticarrillo; Yalicoc	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 128
	IMPROVED CINNAMON EXTRACTION Proper extraction of cinnamon to increase community member profits	GT-2023-0026
1	Coyombalam; Monte Hermon; Cajcan; Cerrito Semox; Sibicte; Ticarrillo; Nuevo Edén ; Candelaria Yalicar; Limon Yalicar	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 272
	IMPROVED CHILI PEPPER CROP PRODUCTION Improved production and commercialization of chili pepper crops for increased community member profits	GT-2023-0027
1	Ticarrillo	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 80

KENYA

PROJECTS IN 2022



1 PROJECT LOCATION PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION PROJECT FOCUS LIVES TOUCHED STATUS: COMPLETE STATUS: ACTIVE

	COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEER TRAINING Training and courses to educate community health volunteers on medical skills to support the community	KE-2021-0049
1 2 3	Kwale, Samburu, Muungano	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 1,344
	DZISUHUNI CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION Construction of two classrooms to accommodate 40 students and provide a conducive learning environment	KE-2021-0110
2	Samburu	EDUCATION 4,270
	KANJAOCHA CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION Construction of four classrooms at Kanjaocha Primary School to provide a conducive learning environment for 40 students	KE-2021-0131
2	Samburu	EDUCATION 996
	LEADERSHIP TRAINING Leadership trainings to selected community members that equip them with leadership skills	KE-2021-0184
1	Kinango	EDUCATION 10,045
	PERIODS WITH NO WORRIES CAMPAIGN Education about menstruation and distribution of sanitary napkins to menstruating community members.	KE-2022-0004
2	Samburu	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 26,260
	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Program to support students in need to pay school fees.	KE-2022-0005
1 2 3	Kwale, Samburu, Muungano	EDUCATION 221

	TRIPLE E (ENGAGE, EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE) Mentorship program to help students understand the importance of goal-setting, initiative, and life planning	KE-2022-0008
2	Samburu	EDUCATION 4,218
	MEN WHO KNOW PROGRAM Training of male community members to further community development.	KE-2022-0009
2 3	Samburu	EDUCATION 408
	BUSINESS MENTORS NETWORK CAPACITY ASSESSMENT Assessment survey for CBOs to determine progress on development capability mandates	KE-2022-0022
2	Samburu	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 170
	FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOLS Training to provide communities with technology and skills to increase farming knowledge and capabilities	KE-2022-0037
1 2 3	Kwale, Samburu, Muungano	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 8,535
	NGAO CONSTRUCTION Construction of one classroom block at Ngao ECD Center to accommodate 30 students	KE-2022-0066
2	Samburu	EDUCATION 632
	SAMBURU DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Training, monitoring, and networking for all Community Based Organizations	KE-2022-0067
2	Samburu	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 80,863
	DAY FOR GIRLS KANJAOCHA Education about menstruation and distribution of sanitary napkins to menstruating community members	KE-2022-0090
2	Kadzamoyo	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 306
	EARLY YEARS EDUCATION PROGRAM Formal learning to take place before primary education in order to improve quality of education for children under 6	KE-2022-0091
2	Kadzamoyo	EDUCATION 180
	MEN WHO KNOW KANJAOCHA Training of male community members to further community development	KE-2022-0092
2	Kadzamoyo	EDUCATION 858
	DESK CONSTRUCTION Construction of 50 desks at Kanjaocha	KE-2022-0093
2	Kadzamoyo	EDUCATION 1,760
	MODEL FARM TRAINING Training of community members to improve agricultural practices	KE-2022-0105
2 3	Kadzamoyo, Muungano	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 996
	EXTENDED COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM Extended vaccination program in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19	KE-2022-0129
2	Samburu	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 3,663
	MAENDELO GROUP BUSINESS LITERACY TRAINING Training on business literacy skills to help community members expand business	KE-2022-0184
2	Samburu	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 120
	SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM Program to support schools in buying food supplies to allow for better student concentration	KE-2022-0186
2	Samburu	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 8,580



MEXICO

PROJECTS IN 2022



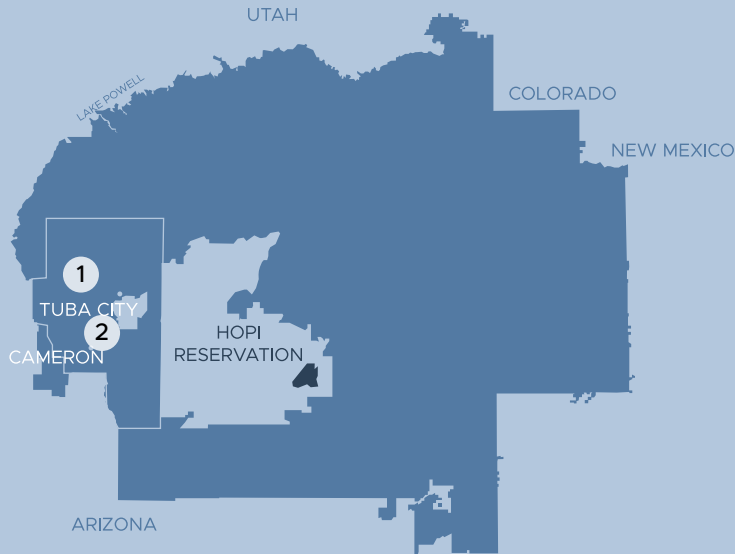
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	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0088
2	La Concepción	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		195	
	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0089
3	El Mogote	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		195	
	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0090
3	San Martin Ejido	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		420	
	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0091
1	San Antonio Centro	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		270	
	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0092
3	San Antonio 2do Cuartel	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		240	
	POULTRY FARM TRAINING Training of community members in poultry production including care and management and surplus for sale				MX-2021-0093
1	Mesa de Chosto	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		195	

	MICRO-GREENHOUSES AND ECOLOGICAL FILTERS Training for 10 families in micro-greenhouse management and to deliver material for the construction of 10 systems				MX-2021-0096
3	San Martin Ejido	HEALTH AND NUTRITION		30	
	AQUAPONICS Construction of 1 aquaponics project to harvest organic and nutritious food for an integrated group of the savings bank				MX-2021-0098
1	San Antonio Centro	HEALTH AND NUTRITION		48	
	SHEEP AND GOAT FARM TRAINING Training on sustainable sheep and goat development				MX-2022-0084
3	Guanajuato	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		140	
	GREENHOUSE AQUAPONICS PROGRAM Installation of greenhouse and aquaponics system to harvest fish and vegetables				MX-2022-0107
3	San Martin Ejido	HEALTH AND NUTRITION		87	
	WATER CISTERNS - ROTARY Training on construction and maintenance of water cisterns				MX-2022-0110
3	San Martin Ejido; San Jose de Bernalejo; San Javier	HEALTH AND NUTRITION		380	
	GREENHOUSE AQUAPONICS PROGRAM Installation of greenhouse and aquaponics system to harvest fish and vegetables				MX-2023-0037
3	San Antonio 2do Cuartel	HEALTH AND NUTRITION		125	

NAVAJO NATION

PROJECTS IN 2022



1 PROJECT LOCATION PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION PROJECT FOCUS LIVES TOUCHED STATUS: COMPLETE STATUS: ACTIVE

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM Technical assistance and training for Navajo tribes in housing, community and economic development projects		NV-2021-0159			
1 2	Western	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	1,150		
FIRST AID TRAINING First aid training to prevent injury or provide assistance in an injury or medical emergency		NV-2022-0013			
2	Navajo	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	313		
HOOPHOUSE BUILDING Construction on twenty 16 X 24 foot hoophouses to grow various crops, keep records, analyze data, and improve growing outcomes		NV-2022-0036			
1 2	Cameron; Coalmine; Coppermine; Leupp; Tolani Lake; Tuba City; Kaibeto; Tonalea	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	360		
NAVAJO WOMEN ASCEND Program division to reduce food scarcity in chapter area as well as create job opportunities for women		NV-2022-0039			
1 2	Western	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	20		
NAVAJO WOMEN ASCEND Program division that addresses the lack of nutritious food and employment with hoophouses, agricultural training, and technology		NV-2022-0058			
2	Cameron; Tolani Lake	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	91		

NAVAJO WOMEN ASCEND Support in construction of hoophouses and implementation of agricultural technology		NV-2022-0059			
1 2	Western	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	30		
HOOPHOUSE REPAIR Repairs for 7 hoophouses with frames, shade cloth, etc., so participants can grow crops		NV-2022-0060			
2	Cameron; Leupp; Tolani Lake	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	49		
NAVAJO WOMEN ASCEND Construction of hoophouses and implementation of agricultural technology		NV-2022-0072			
2	Tolani Lake; Tonalea	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	22		
LOCAL HOME REBUILDING Building materials for Mary Begay, community member, to rebuild her damaged hogan home		NV-2022-0150			
2	Cameron	HEALTH AND NUTRITION	22		

NEPAL

PROJECTS IN 2022



1 PROJECT LOCATION ⚙️ PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION 🎯 PROJECT FOCUS 👤 LIVES TOUCHED ✓ STATUS: COMPLETE ⦿ STATUS: ACTIVE

⚙️	HEALTH POST BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Construction of a health post for up to 10,000 community members to have access to basic health services at the distance of one hour	2021-0001
2	Indrasarovar Rural Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 10,920</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	TISTUNG DRINKING WATER PROJECT- KUWAPANI Construction of a water supply system to provide clean accessible water for 168 people of 28 households to use 25 gallons of water a day	NP-2020-0002
2	Tistung	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 468</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	MAHANKAL DRINKING WATER PROJECT - THADOKHOLA Construction of a water supply system using gravity-flow technique to provide clean accessible water for 185 families	NP-2020-0003
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 1,910</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	BHARATI SADAN SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT Reconstruction on a school damaged in the 2015 earthquake with build plan for 6 rooms for a safe and suitable learning environment	NP-2020-0005
1	Sundarbazar Municipality; Balithum	<div>🎯 EDUCATION</div> <div>👤 4,102</div> <div>✓</div>

⚙️	BHIMSENSTHAN DRINKING WATER PROJECT Materials and skilled labor to build a new water system that will benefit 180 families with accessible, potable water near residences	NP-2020-0012
3	Gokulganga Rural Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 4,040</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	HOMES FOR POOR AND VULNERABLE FAMILIES Construction on homes for the most vulnerable and poor families using the approved design from the government	NP-2020-0077
1	Sundarbazar Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 550</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	WATER SYSTEM Construction of a water supply system for 335 families to provide clean water for drinking, household activities, washing, and gardening	NP-2020-0078
1	Balithum; Ramadi; Akala	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 6,160</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	COMMUNITY HEALTH UNIT Construction for a community health facility to provide the area with vaccination, pregnancy tests, and basic health care services	NP-2021-0042
2	Bhimphedi Rural Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 6,406</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	DRINKING WATER PROJECT Water supply for drinking and sanitation purposes for about 133 households with about 800 people from the village and a school	NP-2022-0003
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 2,404</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	AWARD ENTREPRENEURS Entrepreneurial development to help entrepreneurs and farmers improve their business	NP-2022-0042
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</div> <div>👤 340</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	WATER SUPPLY PROJECT Water supply to about 95 households with about 500 people from the village	NP-2022-0054
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 1,625</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	KOSHELI GHAR: A REVOLVING FUND Connection between small entrepreneurs and the market through a store in which various local products will be sold and promoted	NP-2022-0055
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</div> <div>👤 2,250</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Scholarships to school-going children studying in a government-run school in four districts	NP-2022-0073
1 2 3 4	Makawanpur District; Lamjung District; Ramechhap District; Rautahat District	<div>🎯 EDUCATION</div> <div>👤 1,688</div> <div>✓</div>
⚙️	COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT Water supply to nearly 500 households for drinking and other household purposes, as well as establishing committees and train them	NP-2022-0120
2	Bagmati Rural Municipality	<div>🎯 HEALTH AND NUTRITION</div> <div>👤 21,340</div> <div>⦿</div>
⚙️	FARMING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT Loan disbursement to entrepreneurs and business development training	NP-2022-0175
2	Thaha Municipality	<div>🎯 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</div> <div>👤 47,578</div> <div>✓</div>

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PROJECTS IN 2022



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	REDUCTION OF ANEMIA AND CHILDHOOD MALNUTRITION Prevention and health promotion through screenings, training, bio-gardens, and food preparation	PE-2020-0080
2	Vichayal; Loma Negra; Rio Viejo Norte; Montegrande; Las Malvinas; Alto De Los Mores; Chatito; Casa Grande	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 32,433
	NEW LIFE: PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING Transformative education, employment, and capacity building for at-risk or affected groups for human trafficking	PE-2021-0067
1	Piura	EDUCATION 30,387
	TILAPIA FISH FARM INSTALLATION Installation and monitoring of fish farm to provide fresh, nutritional, and profitable goods to the communities	PE-2021-0136
1	La Arena	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 90
	COMMUNITY GREENHOUSES Training and improvement of agricultural practices in greenhouses using crop techniques and experiments	PE-2021-0137
1	La Arena	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 90

	REDUCTION OF ANEMIA AND CHILDHOOD MALNUTRITION Training on proper health and nutrition using tools, methods, and strategies to promote comprehensive health	PE-2021-0138
1	Morropón	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 4,307
	SCHOOL DAY PROJECT Needs assessment and diagnosis of students on their academic and physical well-being and social and emotional skills	PE-2021-0139
1	Piura	EDUCATION 16,040
	PERIMETER CONSTRUCTION FOR ARTISAN AREA Construction of a perimeter of 80 linear meters of an area for artisan entrepreneurship activities	PE-2021-0140
1	Pampa de los Silva	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 96
	FAMILY GARDENS Support to community members to plant 500 family gardens	PE-2022-0130
1	Sicchez	HEALTH AND NUTRITION 825



SUPPORTING THE WORK: EXAMPLES OF ADVOCACY

BRINGING TOGETHER FRIENDS AT THE GALA

As part of CHOICE Humanitarian's 40th Anniversary Gala, attendees were gifted a special opportunity: the chance to listen to three Country Directors in conversation about their country's work to reduce poverty. Wilmer Cruz from Peru, Oreu Lugogo from Kenya, and Raquel Tuston from Ecuador each flew in from their respective countries to advocate for important project funding.

The three Country Directors also participated in a Q&A panel in the gala program that was led by Board Chair Bethany Jones. They discussed the positive impacts each project could have on their local communities and shared inspiring stories of community members who are increasing in resilience and self-reliance.

CHOICE received tremendous support from over 400 donors and friends in attendance that night, both in-person and virtually. Because of this generosity, over \$375,000 was raised to help support our mission.



RECOGNIZING A LEGACY OF SELFLESSNESS

The James B. Mayfield Humanitarian Award, in its second year of existence, was bestowed upon Niels Valentiner at the 40th Anniversary Gala. When discussing who deserved to be the second recipient of the award, Niels's name came up repeatedly. He has been an example, inspiration, and mentor to many in the CHOICE community.

Having seen a story on television about CHOICE Humanitarian in its early days, Niels was moved to take action. From that moment onward, he has been an integral part of growing CHOICE as an organization over the last 40 years. His generous support has seen CHOICE through countless situations, including multiple terms as board chair and providing funding for projects that were in desperate need of capital.

In addition, Niels and his family have participated in expeditions over several decades. Said Niels, "Humanitarian contributions have always been a family affair. It was something that was becoming a very important part of our lives. Every Sunday...we were talking about CHOICE."

CHOICE Humanitarian simply would not have been able to see the success it has without the passionate support of Niels and the entire Valentiner family.

HONING SKILLS AND CHANGING LIVES

Boncom is a full-service advertising and marketing agency that specializes in mission-driven work. The agency's current and past clients include organizations like the Smithsonian Museum, the U.N. Foundation, and other impactful entities.

Boncom has a robust college internship program, and for the summer 2022 cohort, the talented group of college students used their

capstone project to give CHOICE Humanitarian's communications strategy a refresh. The Boncom interns worked tirelessly to provide high-quality marketing collateral, ready-to-use social media content, an inspirational corporate expeditions video, and a new style guide.

The generosity and expertise of Boncom and their interns has helped CHOICE Humanitarian's communications become that much stronger.

FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN, BY SCHOOLCHILDREN

As part of a project for 7th grade humanities classes at the Williamsburg Academy, over 100 students took part in an initiative to make it possible for children in Bolivia to get the same kinds of educational opportunities they were afforded.

Having been given a list of projects in need of funding by Jen Dyer, CHOICE’s Director of Community and Corporate Impact, the middle schoolers of Williamsburg chose to help fund a children’s foster home in Lupalaya, Bolivia, that would also offer courses in welding, baking, and other useful skills. The

Williamsburg group came up with several creative fundraising activities: selling hot chocolate bombs, chicken eggs, Halloween candy, and baked goods; hosting benefit concerts and drone shows; raking neighbors’ leaves; and simply going door to door asking for donations.

The children of Lupalaya will forever have their lives changed by the kindness of the Williamsburg Academy and its young students who recognized the importance of helping others have the same choices they do.



UNPRECEDENTED TECHNOLOGY ACCESS IN THE AMAZON

As part of a collaboration between CHOICE Humanitarian, the Joyineering Fund of National Geographic Explorer Mike Libeck, GoalZero, and Dell Computers, remote Bolivian communities now have amazing new opportunities to learn.

Not only did this collaboration bring much needed educational building resources to the communities of Puerto Ruso, El Tigre, and Bajo Undumo—such as brand-new classrooms and furniture, solar panels, batteries, and lights—this project is also allowing community members to experience unprecedented access to new technology with computers in a state-of-the-art computer lab. These efforts are closing the digital divide and expanding options to those living in poverty.

WATER FOR ALL IN THE HUMAN FAMILY

When participants of a summer 2022 expedition to Kenya returned to the United States, they decided they couldn’t simply sit at home and allow their new friends to continue to live without safe and hygienic water. The community they had visited was badly in need of a new concrete cistern to gather water because elephants had destroyed their previous one.

Several expedition participants found unique ways to raise funds. Brynn Larsen of Blooms and Co. ran a sale at her floral shop where she sold surplus flower vases for \$25 each. Isaac Oakeson used proceeds from his Civil Engineering Academy Podcast to raise money. A garage sale brought in another \$1,500. Board Member Teresa Larsen’s grandchildren also held a lemonade stand to assist with fundraising.

Before long, these combined efforts—coupled with personal donations from expeditioners—were able to meet the fundraising goal for the water cistern. This example of advocacy proves that when human beings come together to achieve something great, nothing is impossible.

ADVOCATES IN ACTION

- Shanna Ballard, a longtime supporter of CHOICE Humanitarian, led a personal fundraiser to purchase much needed garden tillers for hoophouses in the Navajo Nation. We are incredibly grateful to Shanna for her contribution, as items like these help tremendously in our efforts toward food security in Navajo Nation.
- Sara Bailey attended a corporate expedition with ASEA Global to Navajo Nation, and afterwards, she felt compelled to take further action and raise valuable funds for tools for the Navajo communities including a cement churner, shovels, ladders, and other necessary items.
- Alex Koritz, president of Koritz Communications and a CHOICE board member, has generously donated countless hours of his time in nurturing public relations opportunities. Along with pro-bono support from PR specialist Natalie Mollinet, the duo has helped outreach to media outlets and provide PR consultation.
- When the elderly matriarch of a family of longtime supporters passed away, the family graciously asked for condolences to be given in her memory to CHOICE Humanitarian. It was an honor to be the recipient of their philanthropy and their unending commitment to making the world a better place.
- Three of CHOICE's volunteers were recognized with a Heart and Hands Award in the 2022 Utah Philanthropy Day Award Ceremony: Craig Knight, Danielle Bowen, and Steve Whittaker. Nonprofits are fueled not only by those who donate money, but also time. These three committed individuals have volunteered over 1,500 combined hours to CHOICE.
- Interform, an industry-leading corporate branding company headquartered in Centerville, Utah, has contributed thousands of dollars' worth of printed signs, invitations, vinyl banners, and t-shirts to CHOICE Humanitarian. **The printing of this annual report was made possible by Interform's generous in-kind donation.**

JR. BOARD: THE YOUTH CHANGING THE WORLD

One strategy for positive world change is to harness the hope and optimism of youth. The CHOICE Humanitarian Jr. Board is a group of motivated self-starters ranging from middle to high school ages who strive to view the world through a global lens. The CHOICE Jr. Board actively raised funds in 2022 by conducting a very successful ArtFest and selling donated works of art, pottery, and jewelry, as well as t-shirts designed for the event and delicious Navajo tacos.

Under the mentorship of Board Members Ann Watts and Teresa Larsen, these inspiring young people share their enthusiasm for global good by serving 4-20 hours per month in fundraising or volunteer opportunities. In June, the CHOICE Jr. Board experienced their second expedition to Navajo Nation where they sheared sheep, worked in hoophouses, and helped move earth from a landslide that was obstructing a crucial water source.

These youth have built a bridge of understanding to global issues and are helping unlock human potential.



SOAR-ING TO NAVAJO NATION TO DO GOOD

Neighborhood House is a Salt Lake-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich, empower and educate children and adults through quality, affordable day care and support services. Their vision is for all to receive access to the resources and opportunities they need to create successful, happy and healthy families. One of the ways that they do this is through their summer SOAR Teen Program. Through our continued partnership, Neighborhood House organized an expedition to Navajo Nation to not only enrich the lives of

their teens, but also the lives of those living in the Former Bennett Freeze Area. During this expedition, the youth of Neighborhood House worked on agricultural projects to help the Navajo community of Cedar Ridge. They also labored on a hoophouse and engaged in cultural exchange with Navajo teens from the community.

Opportunities like this increase connectedness, which help make it more possible to achieve our shared goals of reducing poverty.

A 40-YEAR LEGACY

WHAT CAN DREAMERS WITH A VISION ACCOMPLISH IN 40 YEARS?
A LOT.

As a young man, Dr. Tim Evans visited rural Peru and saw firsthand the devastating poverty that families faced day in and day out. He returned home to the United States, and as many do, he felt inspired to make a difference. However, unlike many—he did something about it.

Flash forward to now, and over the past four decades CHOICE Humanitarian has grown from its humble beginnings in 1982 as the Andean Children's Foundation to a global organization impacting millions of people in eight countries around the world. Dr. Evans, along with Dr. James B. Mayfield as co-founder, established this vision for CHOICE: **people everywhere deserve to have a choice and a path out of poverty.** That dream has become a reality as we've worked together with and through thousands of rural communities to build a better future.

Thank you for your support during these 40 years. Here's to the next 40.

1982

The Andean Children's Foundation is formed and begins work in Bolivia.



1983

CHOICE Humanitarian Co-founders, Dr. Jim Mayfield and Dr. Tim Evans, meet.



1988

The Andean Children's Foundation is renamed CHOICE Humanitarian and completes its first expedition to Bolivia.



1992

Country teams are established in Mexico, Kenya, and Guatemala, and work begins.



1998

Yehu Microfinance Institution opens in Kenya, issuing \$3,000 in loans in its first year. It has grown to issue over \$122,000 in loans in 2022 with over 35,000 active borrowers, improving the lives of thousands in the area.



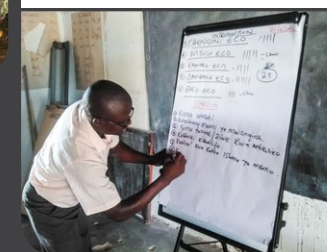
2000

A country team is established in Nepal and work begins.



2006

The Self-Developing Village Program begins in Kenya to support each community to grow in self-reliance and function independently with limited outside interference.



2013

Construction on Sikaab'e Training Center begins in Guatemala, focusing on several critical priorities including environmental restoration, technical education and certification, and sustainable agricultural best practices.



2014

The Nepal Self-Developing District Program (NSDP) is launched, dramatically scaling CHOICE's influence to thousands of families at a time in the Lamjung District.



2015

CHOICE merges with Feed the World, establishing country teams in Peru and Ecuador.



A devastating earthquake strikes Nepal. More than 8,000 people are killed and over 21,000 are injured. With a local team already on the ground, CHOICE quickly mobilizes relief efforts and rebuilds the first school in Nepal post-earthquake.



2017

The Village Membership Program launches, allowing recurring monthly donors to provide a reliable revenue stream in efforts to reduce poverty across the globe. To date, Village Members have contributed more than \$420,000 with an average contribution of just \$33/month.

CHOICE Humanitarian hits an exciting milestone: 5,000 expedition participants, each with a unique and life-changing experience.

Inta Kara Vocational Center breaks ground in Ecuador, focusing on several critical priorities: economic development, technical education and certification, and agricultural best practices.



2018

CHOICE Ventures issues successful loans to the CAPPO Banana Cooperative in Peru, enabling them to obtain organic and Fair Trade certifications, which doubled their previous prices and took the co-op from 16 members to 125 members.



2020

A CHOICE team is established on the Navajo Nation and work begins, marking the first CHOICE Humanitarian program within the United States.

The social and economic development program Guatemala LIFE launches, focused on a micro-regional approach in Northern Alta Verapaz with goals of lifting 100,000 people out of poverty.

The COVID-19 pandemic sweeps the globe, forcing CHOICE to sharpen its focus and pivot to addressing the most critical needs of communities in the most remote and underserved areas. CHOICE country teams play crucial roles in providing immediate relief and building resilience to best navigate the challenges of the pandemic.



2021

2 million people worldwide are impacted by CHOICE's mission to reduce global poverty.



2022

The Human Capital Investment Program is launched with two goals: ensure that CHOICE Humanitarian achieves maximum impact, and allow our 100+ employees around the world to continuously learn, sharpen their skills, and reach their full potential.

CHOICE Humanitarian hosts the first-ever global staff virtual meeting with over 100 employees across 8 different countries. This meeting marks the first gathering of all CHOICE employees at once, and it plays a critical role in building a culture of one global team.





VISION

We envision a world in which people everywhere have **the choice and the means to live in peace, prosperity and freedom.**

MISSION

CHOICE Humanitarian supports the efforts of people around the world to **reduce global poverty** and **build self-reliant, resilient communities.**

VALUES

Collaborative: We collaborate with academia, business and corporate partners, foundations, community leaders, and local governments to ensure sufficient resources to meet great challenges and achieve shared goals.

Problem-driven/solution-focused: We listen and respond to our partners' felt needs with collectively developed solutions to complex social and economic problems.

Unifying: We celebrate diversity and cultural uniqueness by bridging divides through meaningful exchanges among peoples from vastly different socio-economic backgrounds.

Innovative: We work with local partners to develop strategies and programs that help isolated, rural communities participate in the global economy by using technology more creatively.

Transparent: We measure results and impact, using evidence to adapt as needed, and actively share our learning through regular reports and engagement with others.

Inclusive: We invite the full participation of all people, especially women, youth, and local leaders to address poverty and inequality.

Impactful: CHOICE seeks return on investment that transforms lives. We see people everywhere for their untapped potential, not merely as people needing help.





GET INVOLVED

THE PATH OUT OF POVERTY STARTS WITH CHOICE

1.3 billion people living in global poverty wake up every morning with limited or no options. They lack basic human needs—food, water, housing, healthcare, education, economic opportunities, and more. It’s devastating that families and individuals face this reality. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

There is a solution, and it’s simple: give a community **more choices**, and you open up possibilities for a better future.

Whether you are a long-time cherished member of the CHOICE family or it’s your first time connecting with us, **we believe that together, we can expand choice and create powerful change.**

DONATE

Give a generous one-time gift or become a part of The Village, our monthly giving program.

JOIN AN EXPEDITION

Meet, serve, and learn from our communities around the world on a CHOICE expedition.

BECOME A PARTNER

Invest in inspiration and do good with your company through corporate partnerships.

VOLUNTEER

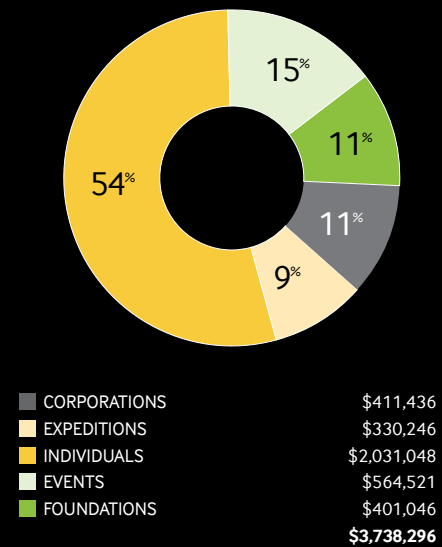
Contribute vital skills, enthusiasm, and support for our vision and mission.

Make the choice today to reduce global poverty—choicehumanitarian.org

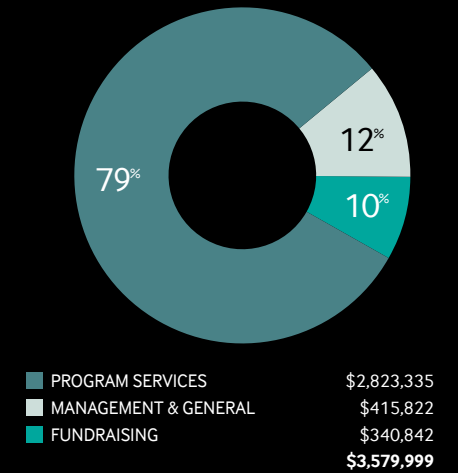


FINANCIALS

DONATIONS



EXPENSES



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DEC 31, 2022

Assets	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,019,169	\$2,370,323
Other receivables	10,765	3,376
Inventory	135	2,385
Prepaid expenses	9,100	912
Deferred costs	8,890	13,500
Other assets	10,592	10,592
Property and equipment, net	3,235	6,471
Total Assets	\$2,061,886	\$2,407,559
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$21,865	\$76,388
Accrued liabilities	17,929	24,303
Long term liabilities	156,927	160,000
Deferred revenue	194,476	230,968
Total Liabilities	\$391,197	\$491,659
Total Net Assets	\$1,670,689	\$1,915,900
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,061,886	\$2,407,559

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

AS OF DEC 31, 2022

Revenues	2022	2021
Expeditions	\$330,246	\$167,853
Contributions	2,580,499	2,140,689
Special event revenue, net	436,204	523,927
In-Kind contributions	249,069	276,986
Investment return	1,212	434
Other income	12,750	266,565
Total Revenues	\$3,609,980	\$3,376,455
Expenses		
Program	2,823,335	2,368,448
Management and general	415,822	334,084
Fundraising	340,842	275,835
Total Expenses	\$3,579,999	\$2,978,367
Change in restricted net assets	-275,192	227,384
Change in net assets	-\$245,211	\$625,472
Net Assets		
Beginning of year	\$1,915,900	\$1,290,429
End of year	\$1,670,689	\$1,915,900



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For over a decade, dōTERRA has been CHOICE Humanitarian's partner and friend in alleviating crises and poverty around the world. The dōTERRA Healing Hands Foundation has worked with CHOICE in their essential oil sourcing areas to build schools, provide scholarships for underserved families, construct hospitals to treat individuals with health needs, and provide wells and water pipelines for communities in need. Together, we have implemented over 50 different projects, helping over 270,000 individuals in Guatemala and Nepal.

This incredible partnership did not lose momentum in 2022. In the mountainous village township of Bhimphedi, Nepal, where dōTERRA sources wintergreen essential oil, a new health unit was created to help support 5,000+ community members with access to medical care. The health center will provide checkups, basic first aid, basic medicine, vaccinations, and pregnancy care. Now that the health center is fully operational, travel to receive medical attention has been cut down from hours to minutes for the local Bhimphedi community. We also successfully completed another community health unit in the village of Indrasarobar, Nepal, supporting another 5,000+ people.

In gratitude, CHOICE Humanitarian happily announced the construction of another dōTERRA Healing Hands™ health unit in Chitlang, Nepal, providing healthcare aid to 1,200 households. A goal of the Nepali government is to provide a healthcare unit in every township of Nepal. dōTERRA Healing Hands and CHOICE Humanitarian are eager to help Nepal achieve this goal.

dōTERRA Healing Hands also acknowledges the importance of the most basic human commodity: water. In partnership with on-the-ground CHOICE personnel, dōTERRA Healing Hands successfully completed 4 new water projects in Nepal in 2022. In an area of the world where elevation and water availability play such a crucial role in society, providing water taps within communities can be a life-changing event. Instead of hauling gallons of water up steep

mountainsides, community members can gather up to 25 gallons of potable water per day with ease for their families. Tulimaya Sactan is one of the hundreds of residents in Chisapani who shared that for 60 years, she has spent 2 hours each day fetching water from the public tap since she married and moved to the village with her family. With the completed water system, she now has access to her own private tap and can fill vessels in minutes. Young girls in her village are attending classes on time and can study instead of fetching water for 1-2 hours every day. These water taps truly have created an incredible impact within communities like Chisapani.

In partnership with CHOICE Humanitarian, dōTERRA has also launched a new initiative in 2022 to empower children and youth in Nepal by providing scholarships to those who are interested in attaining higher education. These scholarships help financially struggling students pay for stationary, uniforms, and books to pursue their educational dreams. Sumitra Thokra was one recipient. Abandoned by her mother after the death of her father at the age of 12, Sumitra and her four siblings were left as orphans. "It was very difficult for me to secure resources for stationary," she says. "I was on the verge of leaving school. Now I am blessed with the scholarship, and I will have enough stationery for a year. I would like to thank the dōTERRA Healing Hands Foundation... for this generous support." Because of the efforts of dōTERRA and CHOICE Humanitarian, 158 students like Sumitra were able to receive scholarships and are propelling forward in their educational pursuits.

Through its Co-Impact Sourcing program, dōTERRA supports sustainable jobs, ethical workplaces, and fair wages to farmers, while the dōTERRA Healing Hands Foundation supports sustainable social impact projects. With partners like dōTERRA, CHOICE Humanitarian is able to reduce global poverty and build self-reliant, resilient communities. A tremendous thanks to dōTERRA in helping us achieve so much good in the year 2022.





Since ASEA's founding almost 15 years ago, our mission has been to better people's lives and be a force for good in the world. We accomplish this through our revolutionary products that promote cellular health at signaling, performance, and nutritional levels. Another important way we realize our mission globally is through our ASEA Advancing Life Foundation, which began in 2015 with a focus to break cycles of poverty, suffering, and abuse.

Through our partnership with CHOICE Humanitarian, we have provided both funding and labor to support initiatives that are empowering communities in Mexico, Ecuador, and Navajo Nation. We have tackled projects that have helped with food insecurity, lack of educational opportunities, and poor health. "It has been a blessing to be a part of the process that has allowed families and individuals to see the potential they have, and to provide resources and tools that fuel that potential," explains KimMarie Larsen, ASEA Advancing Life Foundation Chair. "Hearing so many stories of development, improvement, and success in both individual lives and communities overall is inspiring! Everyone deserves the opportunity to feel seen, to have hope for their future, and to provide for their families. As we continue working alongside CHOICE Humanitarian, we take particular pride in powering the potential of rural communities, which often feel forgotten."



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With those values as our foundation, we believe in taking care of our global community and in sharing the wealth, which is why we've been a corporate partner of CHOICE Humanitarian since 1997. In addition to our voluntary employee contributions and 2:1 matching program, Christopherson annually sends a group of employees on a week-long humanitarian expedition. We are also proud to support CHOICE's local events and fundraising efforts by regularly participating as an event sponsor.



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Grandeur Peak Global Advisors values our partnership with CHOICE Humanitarian and supports their mission whole-heartedly. For over a decade now, Grandeur has joined with CHOICE Humanitarian in its quest to reduce poverty in rural communities throughout the world. While on expeditions to Guatemala and Ecuador, we had the opportunity of seeing first-hand how CHOICE makes a difference to those they serve. With the leadership of CHOICE, our team worked side-by-side with local community members building safe stoves for cooking in Guatemala and laying the foundation for a trade school in Ecuador. Grandeur's participation in these expeditions has strengthened our relationship with the local community members and strengthened our relationships within our own team. Cultural differences matter less when you discover commonalities and people bond through the shared experience. For spring of 2023, the Grandeur's team will once again join with CHOICE Humanitarian on multiple expeditions to the Navajo Nation. With the CHOICE team's expertise and leadership, we will not only build hoop houses, but we will also build relationships as we work side-by-side with our native neighbors in Arizona. We are excited to meet, serve, and learn from the Navajo community and are grateful CHOICE Humanitarian makes it possible.



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US Synthetic has a vision of Improving Lives; that includes the lives of our customers, suppliers,

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





















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





















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






















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