

What is World Neighbors?



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"We can change the world if we care enough to get involved with our brothers and sisters in programs that respect their dignity, that do not violate their self-respect, that help them stand on their feet and participate in their own development."

– Dr. John L. Peters,
Founder, World Neighbors

What is World Neighbors?

World Neighbors is an international development organization striving to eliminate hunger, poverty and disease in the most deprived rural villages in Asia, Africa and Latin America. World Neighbors invests in people and their communities by training and inspiring them to create their own life-changing solutions through programs in agriculture, literacy, water, health and environmental protection. Since 1951, more than 25 million people in 45 countries have transformed their lives with the support of World Neighbors.

What makes World Neighbors work unique?

World Neighbors does not give away food or material aid. World Neighbors takes a big-picture, integrated approach focusing on the entire community rather than on one issue. World Neighbors has found that problems and issues within a community are all interrelated and that you cannot solve one problem in isolation.

World Neighbors listens to people, without predetermined ideas, to identify and address their needs, resulting in greater community involvement and long-lasting impact. World Neighbors provides knowledge and training so people gain skills and confidence, then local leaders and organizations emerge and work together to carry on the work. This makes World Neighbors programs very efficient and creates lasting change rather than a short-term fix.



Water

Where does World Neighbors work?

UNITED STATES

HQ

HAITI

GUATEMALA

PERU

BOLIVIA

MALI

BURKINA FASO

UGANDA

KENYA

TANZANIA

NEPAL

INDIA

TIMOR LESTE

INDONESIA



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Over 500,000 people benefit from
World Neighbors programs each year.

"I have seen change. We used to have food for only six months, but now I have food year-round. When World Neighbors came, we learned how to keep our food, to understand planting and to organize our small farms."

– Margaret Katiwa, Kenya

How does World Neighbors decide where to work?

World Neighbors works where there is great need and where opportunities exist to make a big impact with modest support. World Neighbors supports rural communities in remote areas, often with minority or lower-caste people who are excluded from mainstream economic development and decision making. In World Neighbors program areas, the land and forests are degraded, there are few roads, little or no access to clean water or electricity and limited health services and schools. Infant and maternal death rates and illiteracy rates in some program areas are among the highest in the world.

How long does World Neighbors stay in a program area?

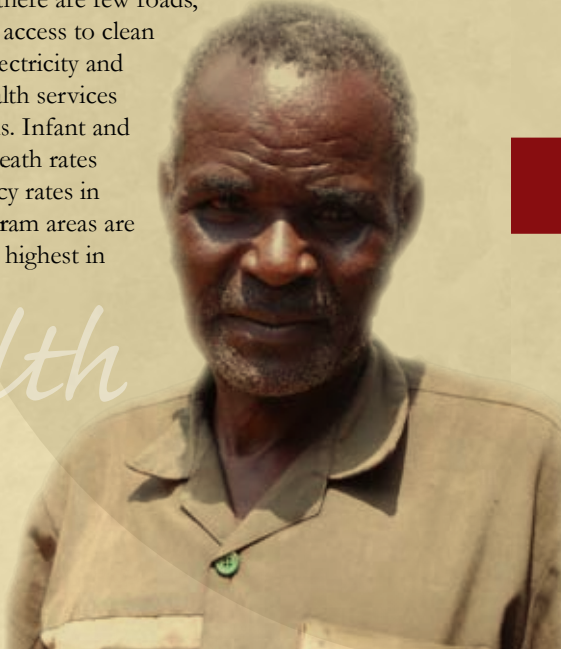
World Neighbors stays in a program area until communities and local organizations become strong enough to continue their programs on their own. The average time is eight to 10 years. The goal is to achieve long-lasting improvements in people's lives and the community, not quick fixes that depend on outside assistance.



Why does World Neighbors address international poverty?

World Neighbors believes that we cannot afford to ignore the fight against global poverty. Every day in Asia, Africa and Latin America, tens of thousands of people perish because of extreme poverty. They are dying from diseases and extreme hunger caused by a lack of food, safe drinking water, access to education and basic medication. As global neighbors, it is our responsibility to help those who are suffering, both in the United States and internationally, to rise above the causes of poverty on their own.

Health



How is my World Neighbors donation used?

World Neighbors invests in people, not things, therefore, funds are invested in people, training and support that promote self-reliance and more effective use of local resources, and not in things, like external consultants, transportation of imported goods, warehouses or material aid. Each dollar, wisely spent, makes a significant difference. Annually, more than 76 cents of every dollar spent is in support of

World Neighbors overseas programs and its U.S. education initiatives. With an annual budget of \$5.5 million, World Neighbors life-changing programs cost less than \$18 per person a year.



Where does World Neighbors receive its funding?

Since 1951, World Neighbors has been supported primarily through private donations. Gifts from individuals and charitable foundations represent the largest sources of income. The remainder is provided by income from endowments, donations from civic organizations, congregations, corporations and grants from development assistance organizations.

When does World Neighbors respond to a disaster?

Because World Neighbors focuses on long-term development and strengthening communities to meet their basic needs, we set up coping mechanisms in disaster prone areas. However, if a disaster strikes, we respond only if it affects our current program areas and the level of damage is significant enough that people must focus their efforts for a time on surviving and recovering from the disaster. World Neighbors plans from the beginning of the disaster a response initiative to transition back to a longer-term development mode as soon as possible.

How is World Neighbors staffed?

A team of 19 staff members based in the United States provides support to more than 50 field staff members, more than 50 local partner organizations and thousands of rural community-level volunteers throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. Nearly all members of World Neighbors international program staff are citizens of the countries in which they work, supporting rural people living in the most fragile and remote areas. World Neighbors partners with and strengthens existing local organizations already working in the areas, multiplying the impact.

Is World Neighbors a registered charity?

Yes. World Neighbors is approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is registered in all states that require charity registration. In addition, World Neighbors meets the stringent standards of all significant charity watchdog agencies.

How can I get involved with World Neighbors?

You can make a real difference in the lives of thousands of people around the world.

- Host a **fundraising activity**, such as a yard sale, bake sale or concert.
- Honor someone in your life with a **commemorative gift**.
- Join WOW! (Work of Women) or give a gift membership. Visit www.workofwomen.org.
- See lives being transformed first-hand by taking a **Journey** trip to the program areas.
- Sign up for **Neighbors Network**, World Neighbors monthly giving program.
- Receive World Neighbors **e-news updates**.
- Include World Neighbors **in your will**.
- Purchase fair trade items from our gift shop or online store.
- **Volunteer** your time and talents.
- Promote World Neighbors through **social networks**.

Visit www.wn.org to learn more.



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Our Mission

World Neighbors inspires people and strengthens communities to find lasting solutions to hunger, poverty and disease and to promote a healthy environment.



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