FXB worldwide in 2019
Testimony

«My name is Venuste, and I am the father of six children. Unfortunately, I lost three of them during the genocide. I am one of the first beneficiaries of FXB Rwanda, and I am grateful for that. I am a survivor of the genocide that killed thousands of Tutsis, including my parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors. FXB came to our rescue in 1995; FXB first gave me a house that allowed me to return to my land, then the organization gave me a cow and seeds. I then became a farmer-breeder, which help me sustain my income today. FXB staff helped me with every step along the way, and I gradually overcame the genocide’s aftereffects.

Before, I took all other ethnic groups in Rwanda as my enemies, but I learned tolerance, patience, and forgiveness. This change in character motivated the local authority to put me in charge of the area. I am at the service of all ethnic groups, without discrimination.

FFXB has helped me a lot through its FXBVillage program: access to water, primary health care, disease prevention. FXB has taught me how to work and how to save money. The solidarity group that the association created for us continues to function and come together. We no longer have financial problems: when I needed help, the group supported me. We united as former beneficiaries, and the rest of the community has followed our example. We love and help each other, and FXB became our unifier.

Thanks to FXB, who took charge of their schooling, my children have gone back to school. My daughter Irene graduated from college a few years ago. She now works for FXB Rwanda as a social worker and is responsible for monitoring and evaluation. I am beyond proud of Irene! Thanks to her, I can now give back to other families what FXB has given me.»

Venuste
Message from the Presidents and Management

Dear friends,

2019 has been a prosperous year for our association, which now counts 30 years of existence. We have worked three decades with the most vulnerable communities on the planet: those living on less than $1.90 a day.

Our intervention has evolved, grown, and changed shape over the years. We had handed over programs to local NGOs when funding was available from other sources or adapted those that no longer corresponded to medical developments, such as our FXB Homes for HIV-positive children. With the advent of antiretroviral drugs that would prolong the lives of HIV-infected parents, we instead reintegrated these children into their biological or foster families and helped them achieve economic and social autonomy so that they could protect and nurture them.

In 1991, we also introduced a pioneering approach to poverty alleviation, the FXBVillage Model, which simultaneously addresses its interdependent factors that break the vicious cycle of poverty in a sustainable manner. Many organizations have since adopted this holistic approach. We are very proud of this model, whose effectiveness and impact have been widely successful.

Since 1989, we have continuously been adapting, showing flexibility, transparency, and creativity because our association is not bureaucratic, it is organic, and all our interventions adjusted to the various social, cultural, economic, and political dimensions of each country. Nevertheless, 30 years of struggle will not have been enough to eradicate misery, suffering, insecurity, and significant issues related to migration and climate change.

Our determination remains intact: we will continue to develop education, health, and protection programs as well as our FXBVillage economic and community development programs, which have proven to be a tangible tool for poverty reduction.

FXB is also a team of 400 locally recruited employees worldwide who are committed to helping the most vulnerable every day. Our healthy corporate culture and shared values are the beating heart of our organization.

But our greatest reward for this 30-year review is the considerable improvement in the living conditions of all children, women, and men that we have accompanied along the road to a better and more dignified life.

Our immense gratitude goes to our friends, sympathetic members, donors and public, and private financial backers who place their trust in us. Through their generosity and support, they have contributed tremendously to the success of FXB’s mission.

Thank you for continuing to follow in our footsteps.

Didier Cherpitel
Co-chair of FXB Switzerland

Stanislas Pottier
Président of FXB France

Christine Eggs
Executive Director

Our history

The FXB story began in 1986 when Albina du Boisrouvray and Bruno Bagnoud’s son, François-Xavier, a helicopter pilot specializing in the rescue, lost his life at the age of 24 during a helicopter mission in Mali.

Three years later, surrounded by her family and friends, Albina created an association that would bear her only son’s name and to which she would devote 3/4 of her assets. The objectives of FXB International are based on the values of generosity and compassion that guided the life of François-Xavier Bagnoud.

«Neither his parents, family, or friends nor we how François would have led his life, but we know for certain what values guided his life. He would have been proud and happy with what has accomplished on his behalf over the past 30 years.»

Albina du Boisrouvray and Bruno Bagnoud
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### Some Milestones in Our 30 Years of Action

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<td>1996-1998</td>
<td>Publication of <em>AIDS in the World II</em> by the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and Launch of the FXB Center for Palliative Home Care in Paris.</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Inauguration of the first FXBVillage in Sion (Switzerland).</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>FXB Myanmar has shown immediate reactiveness in organizing various emergency aid and reconstruction programs for 60,000 adults and children following the passage of Cyclone Nargis.</td>
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<td>2011-2013</td>
<td>Launch in Myanmar of an innovative social development and capacity building program through participatory community theater.</td>
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<td>FXBVillage programs in China were recognized for their involvement in the development of the HIV community.</td>
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FXB participates in the Children’s Rights Route that links Nantes to New York to promote the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations.
CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR ACTIONS. EACH OF OUR PROGRAMS IS DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION - IN THEIR DAILY LIVES - OF THEIR RIGHTS, AS DEFINED BY THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

**OUR VISION**
A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE, NOT ONLY TO SURVIVE BUT TO THRIVE.

**OUR MISSION**
TO BRING LASTING CHANGES IN COUNTRIES WHERE WE OPERATE, AND TO ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE.

**OUR ACTION**
FXB DEVELOPS PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. OUR ACTIVITIES STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY FOR ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE OPERATE.

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**Our 5 domains of intervention**

- **FXBVILLAGE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  Number of beneficiaries (estimation): 211,000

- **EDUCATION**
  Number of beneficiaries (estimation): 47,600

- **PROTECTION**
  Number of beneficiaries (estimation): 207,300

- **NUTRITION, HEALTH, WATER AND HYGIENE**
  Number of beneficiaries (estimation): 513,200

- **CLIMATE CHANGE (Advocacy)**

**NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES FXB INTERNATIONAL IN 2019 : 979'100**

Our programs contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals which aim to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030.
Fighting the Plural Causes of Poverty: Economic and Community Development Programs FXBVillage

Nearly 800 million people live on less than $1.90 a day. Poverty is multidimensional. It goes beyond the lack of income and resources to ensure sustainable livelihoods.

Poor people face various complex challenges such as malnutrition, lack of clean drinking water, limited access to education and information, disease, low housing and environmental conditions, social discrimination and exclusion, and adverse climatic conditions.

FXB IN ACTION

FXB provides families with the tools to become socially and economically independent. Our success is through the innovative model of our FXBVillage economic and community development programs.

The FXBVillage model is a holistic approach to poverty reduction that has been in place since 1991. It aims to simultaneously address the factors that cause poverty: economic poverty, malnutrition, lack of access to health care, lack of access to education in the broadest sense of the word and information, and low housing and environmental conditions.

THE STRENGTH OF OUR APPROACH

Poverty has many causes: it would be a mistake to address only the issue of income. Partial assistance, managing only one or only one of the causes of poverty, is not an acceptable solution to overcome it.

THE FIVE AXES OF THE FXBVILLAGE MODEL

Our model allows us to bring a complete answer by acting simultaneously on the factors that are at the roots of poverty through 5 axes:

- Economic empowerment
- Access to food security
- Access to health care
- Access to education and information
- Healthy housing and the environment

Each of our FXBVillage programs brings together 80 to 100 families (between 500 and 700 people in total) who will receive support on a sliding scale for three years through our five areas of intervention: the time needed to move extreme poverty to sustainable economic and social autonomy.

The fundamental axis of our model is economic strengthening. Its main innovation is based on the donation of seed capital, which, combined with business management and financial education training is given to participants in the first year of the program, will enable them to launch Income-Generating Activities (IGA/microenterprises) and facilitate their financial inclusion without worrying about having a loan to repay.

FXB provides ongoing coaching and mentoring throughout the three years of a FXBVillage program ensuring that participants develop the confidence and empowerment and acquire the economic and social skills necessary to move out of extreme poverty.

Since 1991, FXB has implemented nearly 200 FXBVillage Economic and Community Development programs in twelve countries - Burundi, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Panama, Rwanda, Thailand, Uganda - helping lift 105,000 children and adults out of extreme poverty.

With our proven, comprehensive, and integrated approach, participants can protect and nurture their children, positively impact their communities and lead dignified lives in their countries.
In 2019, 13 FXBVillage programs were under development in Burundi, China, Colombia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Panama, and Rwanda, enabling 8,400 children and adults to move from extreme poverty to economic and social empowerment.

Since the early 2000s, the FXBVillage poverty reduction model has been evaluated internally and externally. A real impact on the children and adults' economic, health and social status is noted at the end of each program.

For example, a sample of results analysed in 2019 in Burundi, Rwanda, India, and Mongolia, respectively:

### Burundi
Read below about the results achieved by 742 adults and children at the end of a FXBVillage program in Buterere, Burundi:

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<td>100% of the families carry out 1 to 3 economic activities (microenterprises).</td>
<td>87% of the families eat 3 meals a day - 13% of the families eat 2 meals a day.</td>
<td>99.7% of school-age children go to school.</td>
<td>100% of families have access to health care, and 100% of People Living with HIV (PL-HIV) receive appropriate treatment.</td>
<td>97% of families have access to a water source within 30 minutes of travel.</td>
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<td>The increase in the average income of families is 769% compared to their initial situation.</td>
<td>Child malnutrition has been eradicated by 99%.</td>
<td>The primary and secondary school pass rates are 76% and 86% respectively.</td>
<td>95% of the beneficiary families sleep under a mosquito net.</td>
<td>63% of families have access to a non-shared improved sanitation facility.</td>
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<td>74% of families save on a regular basis</td>
<td>100% of the families have a vegetable garden for self-consumption.</td>
<td>85% of the parents have been trained in Early Childhood Development.</td>
<td>The frequency of diarrhea and cough among children under 5 years old has significantly decreased.</td>
<td>100% of the families trained in water, sanitation, and hygiene</td>
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<td>80% of the families own their home.</td>
<td>82% of the families have a diversified diet and eat vegetables 5 times a week.</td>
<td>All couples are now in a legal union, and 98% of children are registered with the civil registry office.</td>
<td>83% of the beneficiaries use contraception.</td>
<td>100% of households have built a an adequately ventilated kitchen. /</td>
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<td>100% of the families have a roof covering the entire surface of their house and a solar lamp.</td>
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**OUR IMPACTS**

**Rwanda**

1,332 children and adults from 210 vulnerable families in the commune of Gasharu in Rwanda have achieved socio-economic autonomy after three years of participation in the FXBVillage program.

**IMPACTS:**

**ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING**

The average monthly income of the families at the end of the project is 93,795 FRW, which is more than 53% above the national poverty line of Rwanda.

97% are able to save regularly.

**NUTRITION, HEALTH, WATER AND HYGIENE**

All families report eating 3 diversified meals a day (none at the beginning of the project).

100% of the households have an active vegetable garden. No children under 5 years of age show signs of malnutrition.

100% of people with HIV receive appropriate treatment.

34% of families have access to a non-shared improved sanitation facility.

The hygiene status of households has significantly improved.

**EDUCATION**

99.6% of children attend school.

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**India**

435 children and adults from 100 vulnerable families in Nesal, Tamil Nadu, India, have achieved socioeconomic self-sufficiency after three years of participation in the FXBVillage program.

**IMPACTS:**

**ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING**

85% of participants report having acquired the necessary capacities to face the health and social difficulties and challenges of their daily lives, thanks to the additional sources of income generated by their IGAs.

100% of participants/groups have access to microcredit.

90% can save part of their income.

**NUTRITION, HEALTH, WATER AND HYGIENE**

100% of families report eating 3 meals a day and no one shows signs of malnutrition.

100% of families have access to health care centers.

97% have taken out health insurance.

100% have access to an improved water source, which unfortunately did not prevent 50% of children under 5 years of age from having diarrhea during the last month of the program.

100% of families have access to improved sanitation facilities, compared to 8% at the beginning of the program.

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
- Reduce inequality within and among countries.
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.
OUR IMPACTS

Mongolia

526 children and adults from 100 vulnerable families in the Dornogobi aimag of Mongolia have achieved socio-economic self-sufficiency after three years of participation in the FXBVillage program.

Impacts:

**ECONOMIC REINFORCEMENT**

The average income of families at the end of the project is 162% higher than the income received at the beginning of the project.

Families are able to save, on average, 17% of their income.

**NUTRITION, HEALTH, WATER AND HYGIENE**

1100% of the families eat 3 meals a day (compared to 12% at the beginning of the project).

No child under 5 years old is underweight. All households have access to health services.

60% are able to pay for their health insurance (10% at the beginning of the project).

100% of families have access to an improved sanitation facility.

**EDUCATION**

All children that are old enough to attend school are doing so.

16 adolescents have completed vocational training.

80% of the young graduates at the end of the program have found work.

Rwanda [external evaluation]

A partnership with the City of Paris, underway since 2006, has enabled FXB to drive more than 900 families (nearly 5,500 people) to economic and social autonomy in Rwanda.

An external evaluation, conducted by the Group’-Consultants Mutualisés Experts du Secteur Solidaire in 2019, revealed, among other things, that among these families - some of whom graduated from the program 10 years ago - 81% maintained the cultivation of a vegetable garden, primarily for self-consumption, beyond the duration of the project. 0% of cases of malnutrition were noted.

**ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING**

Past participants expressed an extremely high level of satisfaction with the support received for their economic development.

**NUTRITION, HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION**

All of the houses visited showed a particular effort in terms of adequate hygiene and environmental protection practices.

100% of the beneficiaries living with HIV/AIDS have access to adequate health services (7.6% of participants versus a national HIV prevalence of 3%), in addition, adherence to treatment is very good and cases of loss of sight are very rare.

**EDUCATION**

81% of parents reported high satisfaction with the support they received for their children’s education.
**Education**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”* Nelson Mandela

Early childhood development, education and vocational training are key to escaping poverty, having a voice in one’s community and accessing better opportunities for a dignified life.

More than 265 million children are currently out of school and 22% of them are of elementary school age. The reasons for the lack of quality education are due to the lack of properly trained teachers, poor school conditions, and equity issues related to opportunities for rural children. Achieving quality education is the foundation for improving people’s lives and sustainable development. In addition to improving their quality of life, access to inclusive and equitable education can help equip local populations with the tools to develop innovative solutions to the world’s greatest problems.

Ensuring equal access for women and girls to education, health care, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will foster sustainable economies and benefit societies and all humanity. [https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/).

**FXB IN ACTION**

Our goal is to promote inclusive education and foster opportunities for vocational training.

Children’s Rights are at the heart of our actions. Each of our programs is a response to the implementation - in children’s daily lives - of their rights as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989, in particular Article 28, which states that every child has the right to quality education and learning opportunities. FXB also contributes to the achievement of Goals 4 and 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**TESTIMONY**

*Bafana Mpungose is 13 years old, lives in Soweto, South Africa and lost his father at the age of seven.*

«The place where we are staying is not safe. Violence is everywhere. We often hear gun shots and it is not uncommon for us to see assaults in the streets. My mother and stepfather are unemployed, and we depend on family allowances. I joined the FXB program because I needed help with my homework. Knowing our very precarious family situation, my family and I also receive food parcels and help with my school supplies. Over the months, I have learned how to protect myself from HIV, from the dangers of alcohol and drugs, and from the dangers that lurk everywhere, even though I’m still very scared when I am on the street. I learned how to turn negativity into positivity, and, above all, I developed a love of reading and poetry.

Educators know how to motivate us when we are faced with life’s difficulties. They teach us how to take care of ourselves and to love and support each other. This has taught me to appreciate life.

This is the second year that I am participating in the FXB program and they recently set up a mini library, which has been a great time for me. The love of reading has grown so much in me that I have started to do my homework well, have better grades, improve my writing and comprehension skills, especially in English.

My mother became seriously ill a few months ago. At first, I was angry and very panicked. Once again, my educators explained to me what she was suffering from and how she could reduce the consequences of her illness with a healthy diet and lifestyle. They helped me talk to her about it. This has helped me accept my mother’s illness and I am helping her as much as I can. I think I’m on the right track.»
Highlights in 2019

IN FXBVILLAGE PROGRAMS

Access to education and training is one of the 5 pillars of our FXBVillage poverty reduction model. In every FXBVillage program we run, we ensure that all children - girls and boys - are in school and that those who have dropped out of school for various economic or cultural reasons return to school. Adolescents and young adults are encouraged to pursue vocational training.

In addition to the necessary equipment, families receive a degressive financial support to pay for school fees and technical and vocational training. Close collaboration is established with schools, teachers and parents to ensure regular attendance and good academic results. Sometimes, poor performance in school can also mean malnutrition, illness or abuse.

6’300 children and adolescents were accompanied on the path to inclusive education and vocational training in Burundi, China, Colombia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Panama and Rwanda.

MYANMAR

Since 1993, FXB Myanmar has been offering different types of professional training courses every year - ranging from 3 to 24 months - in the areas of tailoring, interior decoration, weaving, wood, bamboo and metal work and hospitality - to young people from disadvantaged communities. In addition to practical and theoretical training, the apprentices receive various courses designed to strengthen their life skills and self-esteem, such as non-formal education, personal hygiene, labor law and business management, knowledge of justice and conflict resolution, prevention of human trafficking and violence against women, human rights, gender equality, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexual and reproductive health or environmental protection.

Whether in our vocational training centers in Shwe Pyi Thar and Ngapali or through the Mobile Training Units, more than 250 young people have acquired the skills that will facilitate their entry into the world of work. In addition, a partnership, initiated with the International Labor Office (ILO) at the end of the year in Rakhine State, aims to strengthen the professional skills of some 400 women and young people, reduce unemployment in the communities and increase the capacities of village development committees.

CHINA

With an illiteracy rate of almost 75%, the Yi community in Bu Tuo county, Sichuan, suffers from malnutrition, poor hygiene conditions and a strong disparity between men and women. The Yi have their own language and have great difficulties communicating in Mandarin. Families also have little respect for education, which results in low school attendance, especially for girls. Early marriages, maternity and traditions mean that the main burden of work in the family rests on women. They are illiterate, have no training and very often have no special skills that could help them increase their income and decision-making power and, consequently, their quality of life. FXB works in this county to fight against gender discrimination and to balance the relationships between men and women so that women, who are more exposed to poverty, can access the same economic and social opportunities.

200 women have attended our theoretical and practical education programs, complementary to FXBVillage’s programs, designed to build their overall capacity and provide them with opportunities for self-employment. It also aims to encourage communities to send both boys and girls to school.
Highlights in 2019

SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, our extracurricular education and life skills development programs aim to limit the impact of HIV/AIDS and poverty in the lives of our young participants, to alleviate their moral distress, to enable them to cope more easily with their daily life and to open up brighter prospects for their future.

Beyond educational and nutritional support, considerable work is being undertaken in terms of developing essential psychosocial and interpersonal skills that will help our young people become resilient adults and full-fledged members of society. Topics such as sexual and reproductive health education, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexual abuse and violence, respect for self and others, citizenship, children’s rights, leadership learning or financial planning are addressed and worked on with them throughout the sessions. Our teams also help these young people find vocational training or enter a higher education program.

More than 500 children and adolescents have attended our 6 programs in communities characterized by high rates of unemployment, crime, violence, and HIV infection.

RWANDA

The Turengere Abana project, supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented between 2012 and 2020 by FXB Rwanda, consists of promoting early childhood development and supporting the schooling and vocational training of several thousand orphans and vulnerable children in the districts of Huye, Kayonza, Burera and Musanze.

It also involves training young people in sexual and reproductive health and budget management. They are also encouraged to join saving groups to prepare for their future.

In 2019, this program supported 2,465 orphans and vulnerable children in the areas of primary and secondary education.

In addition, 1,525 children under the age of five were also supported through early childhood education (ECD) in communities and at home.

1,400 girls and boys have been impacted by FXB’s programs in India.

Our programs, conducted in the states of Tamil Nadu, Imphal, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, aim to promote access to the basic right to education for children living in urban slums and remote and marginalized tribal areas.

Beyond tutoring, considerable work is being undertaken in terms of developing essential psychosocial and interpersonal skills, which will help our young beneficiaries become resilient adults and full members of society.

Our ambition is also to generate behavioral changes in families and communities through children.

FXB India is also working to build the capacity of teachers to ensure higher levels of education for students, encourage community participation in school management and promote measures to improve the quality of education, nutrition, and health services with local authorities.

GAZA

Albina du Boisrouvray, founder and honorary president of FXB, has initiated a partnership with PalThink for Strategic Studies, an independent think tank and working group created in 2007. The objective of this joint project is to carry out activities aimed at promoting, disseminating and strengthening the concept, culture and principles of non-violence within Palestinian society, specifically targeting the younger community in Gaza who are the key to a positive change in society.

As a result, several hundred community educators and civil society organizations have been trained in the concepts and tools needed to resolve social and political differences through peaceful means and to disseminate the values of non-violence in Palestinian society. In 2019, 25 local NGOs joined the coalition.
Nutrition - Health - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

“We will not be able to defeat any of the infectious diseases that afflict developing countries until we win the battle for clean water, sanitation and basic health care.” Kofi Annan

Access to food security, adequate health care, water, sanitation, and hygiene are essential pillars for a dignified life.

- One out of every nine people in the world is undernourished and food insecurity also leads to stunted growth in millions of children.
- 3 out of 10 people do not have access to safely managed drinking water services.
- 6 out of 10 people do not have access to safely managed sanitation facilities.
- At least 892 million people continue to practice open defecation.
- More than five million children die before their fifth birthday every year and
- 38 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide.

FXB IN ACTION

Whether through our FXBVillage programs or our programs specifically dedicated to this theme, our goal is to reduce inequalities and promote access to the fundamental human rights of food security, health, water, sanitation, and hygiene. These actions also strengthen the development capacities of the communities in which we intervene.

Highlights in 2019

IN FXBVILLAGE PROGRAMS

Access to food security, healthy and safe housing and the environment are among the 5 pillars of our FXBVillage poverty reduction model.

Food Security Axis:
- Emergency nutritional support is given to families during the first nine months of the program to help them regain a satisfactory state of health.
- Creation of individual vegetable gardens for the production of fruits and vegetables for family self-consumption.
- Care of malnourished children under the age of 5.
- Organization of training courses for a healthy and balanced diet.

Health axis:
- Registration of families with a center so that they can benefit from adequate health care.
- Training in general health management, sexual and reproductive health, and the prevention of endemic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, in particular by facilitating screening.
- Psychosocial support to help families deal with the consequences of poverty and various forms of violence.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Axis:
- Access to a water source
- Equipping homes with improved cooking stoves, latrines, showers, and hand-washing stations.
- Training in water treatment, recycling, personal and family hygiene and sanitation (WASH).

8,400 children and adults have benefited from these interventions in Burundi, China, Colombia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Panama and Rwanda.
Highlights in 2019

UGANDA

For several years, FXB has been working in partnership with Procter & Gamble to provide safe drinking water to health centers, schools and vulnerable families in the Wakiso district. FXB also carries out activities with the overall objective of changing behaviors and practices in WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) among communities, teachers and school principals and local authorities. It also involves adapting WASH standards in schools and caring for children with waterborne diseases.

The combination of our areas of intervention has enabled more than 260,000 children and adults to have access to purified water and to adopt appropriate WASH behaviors and practices, thereby reducing the incidence of diarrheal diseases.

FRANCE

French women or migrant women, often with children, represent more than 17% of the people in street situations in Paris and the Île de France. The poverty of these women is multidimensional. The lack of hygiene that they face with their children has direct influences on the deterioration of both physical and mental health. In order to address the most urgent needs in this area, FXB France, in partnership with ADSF (Agir pour la Santé des Femmes), distributes basic necessities for baby hygiene (diapers and wipes), as well as sanitary napkins for mothers.

These distributions to the most destitute women are made through emergency accommodation hotels in the Île de France region. They are carried out on Wednesday mornings, the idea being to offer the beneficiaries a fixed time slot in order to create a social link with them and between them. In addition to providing essential products, these distributions help maintain or regain a certain self-esteem and more dignity, especially during women’s menstruation.

1,980 packs of diapers as well as 3,960 packs of wipes and sanitary napkins were distributed throughout 2019.
**NIGER**

Since 2001, FXB has been building or rehabilitating damaged wells with and for Tuaregs. Some wells can no longer be used because their wooden structure is deteriorated or rotten or they are too shallow. FXB rebuilds cement entry points to increase protection and water circulation inside. These wells considerably improve the living conditions of people in the remote and arid areas of the north of the country.

A 19th well was built in 2019, enabling us to help a total 18,000 people since 2001.

**RWANDA**

“The majority of Rwandans, especially children, suffer from waterborne diseases. Safe drinking water and sanitation accessible to all is one of the government’s priorities between now and 2024. Through its projects, FXB Rwanda is contributing significantly to the achievement of this goal.”

Damascene, Program Director FXB Africa

In the districts of Muzanse, Burera, Nyanza and Huye, FXB combines various multi-year programs to improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of families:

- 134,000 families have been trained in appropriate behaviors and good practices in WASH. Among them, 117,000 have built covered latrines and handwashing stations. More than 20,000 people have improved access to water.

- An extensive program called Kura Mwana has improved the nutritional behavior and WASH practices of almost 65,000 children under five years of age and pregnant and nursing women in Huye. In Nyanza, nearly 50,000 children and women are benefiting from similar interventions. These programs aim to reduce stunting in children and increase parents’ knowledge of nutrition and WASH.

- As part of our HIV/AIDS activities, 5,500 people have benefited from our prevention activities and free voluntary HIV testing. Two programs aimed specifically at adolescent girls and young women reduced the risk of infection through HIV prevention activities and sexual and gender-based violence on the one hand, and the development of professional and technical, financial, psychosocial and interpersonal skills on the other.

**MYANMAR**

In 30 schools and 40 villages in the Hlegu region, FXB is working to reduce public health risks related to water and sanitation and initiate behavioral changes in WASH.

7,000 people have been impacted by this program.

**INDIA**

In rural Pondicherry, FXB completed the rehabilitation of a 55-year old school. Without toilets and with stagnant rainwater, cases of dengue fever, malaria or typhoid were frequent.

The school underwent a radical change: installation of windows, renovation of the paintwork, construction of separate toilets for girls and boys, a water access system, proper ventilation and lighting, and a kitchen. A play area and reading corners have also been set up for children. The renovation, which took more than a year, resulted in a significant increase in school attendance.

900 pupils from very disadvantaged backgrounds are impacted by these improvements.
Protection

Promoting respect for children’s rights and ensuring equal access for women and girls to education, health care, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will foster sustainable economies and benefit societies and all humanity.

FXB IN ACTION

Every child in the world has the right to grow up healthy and safe, to develop his or her potential, to be listened to and taken seriously. Children’s rights are at the heart of our actions. Each of our programs is a response to the implementation - in the daily lives of children - of their rights as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989. For the first time, rights have been recognized for all children around the world, the right to survival, development, protection, and participation.

As for gender equality, it is not only a fundamental human right, but also a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. FXB’s fight against poverty therefore also involves fighting against gender discrimination and balancing gender relations so that women, who are more exposed to poverty, can have access to the same economic and social opportunities.

These are the objectives of our FXBVillage and Protection programs. These actions also strengthen the capacity of the communities in which we operate.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development

Highlights in 2019

As part of the overall capacity building activities in our FXBVillage programs, we conduct numerous awareness and training sessions for direct participants and surrounding communities. Various substantive topics are addressed, such as women’s and children’s rights, violence against women and children, gender equality, reproductive health, or the absolute necessity of birth registration. The objective is of course to raise awareness but, above all, to initiate changes in behaviors and practices essential for a more just and dignified life.

More than 13,000 people have been sensitized to these various subjects. Moreover, nearly 70% of the microenterprises developed are run by women: investing in the economic empowerment of women is the undeniable path to poverty eradication, gender equality and inclusive economic growth.
Highlights in 2019

MYANMAR (HUMAN DRAMA)

The goal of Human Drama, the first program of its kind designed in 2011 by the British Council and FXB in Myanmar, is to help people become aware of various critical health and social issues. The aim is to bring about behavioral change by creating an enabling environment where audiences can freely express opinions and work together to find the best solutions to the problems they face.

Unlike other methods of message delivery, such as brochures, this edutainment program has proven to be a remarkably effective means of communication and awareness-raising. The performers present short pieces illustrating real-life issues and situations previously gathered by the FXB team in the target community. They encourage the audience – youths, adults, women and men - to actively intervene at key moments in the performance when the spectators think they can say or do something that would change the course of events. This technique also tends to create empathy among community members.

MYANMAR (WOMEN AND GIRLS FIRST)

FXB Myanmar’s «Women and Girls First» program, carried out in partnership with United Nations Fund for Population Assistance (UNFPA) and in collaboration with various ministries and authorities at national and regional levels in the 7 states of Burma, aims to inform and train women, girls and adolescents from ethnic minorities and other vulnerable and marginalized groups - especially those affected by conflict - in sexual and reproductive health.

Protecting «Women and Girls First» also involves advocacy and capacity building for the formulation and implementation of human rights-based, multisectoral policies and interventions to prevent and mitigate the effects of gender-based violence among targeted groups.

RWANDA

Locally called Sugira Muryango and conducted in partnership with Boston College in the districts of Ngoma, Nyanza and Rubavu, this ambitious early childhood development program - aiming to train 10,000 parents by 2022 - offers 12 interactive modules, spread over several months, covering topics such as health, nutrition, hygiene, family conflict resolution, violence between partners, communication within the family, the importance of the role and participation of fathers in the education and well-being of their children, and options for combating severe punishment.

By the end of 2019, preliminary results confirm the effectiveness of the pilot phase, which targeted nearly 3,000 families.

There were statistically significant increases in home stimulation, an increase in positive mother-child interactions, and father involvement. Dietary diversity and health care behaviors were also improved. There was also a reduction in violent punitive practices and an increase in the use of non-violent discipline. The very convincing results of the pilot phase encouraged the partners to release the necessary funds to extend this project to an additional 10,000 parents.

A total of 80,000 people in Myanmar were sensitized to problems related to access to justice, road safety, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health, and the dangers of social networks.
Highlights in 2019

INDIA (Jaipur)

FXB Daycare center

A child disappears every 10 minutes in India. Only half of them are found. Some are abducted or sold to child traffickers, most run away to escape poverty, abuse or mistreatment by their families. They find themselves begging or collecting rags and garbage left behind by travellers. They are easy prey for child traffickers who recruit them for criminal activities or force them into prostitution or forced labor. Jaipur is a hub of tourism and commerce, which makes it attractive to young runaways.

In collaboration with other NGOs and the railway police, FXB India Suraksha tries to intercept these children upon their arrival at the station. They are then placed in temporary care facilities while negotiations are undertaken with their families for reunification.

Every day, however, children fall through the cracks and some have been on the streets for too long. Temporary homes and government programs, already crowded, are no longer an alternative for them. For example, FXB Daycare Center welcomes between 20 and 40 children from the streets and surrounding slums every day.

For these boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18, the FXB Home is their only haven of peace and security. They come here to feed themselves, wash themselves, wash their clothes, rest from the chaos, and receive appropriate medical and psychological care. Many try to escape their harsh reality by consuming cheap psychotropic products, so it is also a matter of raising their awareness of the risks associated with drug addiction and trying to wean them off it.

Children also benefit from informal education with the hope of eventually accessing the formal system. Basic computer training is offered to older children. Considerable work is undertaken in terms of development of essential psychosocial and interpersonal skills that will help build the resilience of our youth and help their integration into society.

Training for police forces

The forces of law and order play a central role in the prevention and fight against this scourge. However, this criminal activity is continually evolving, complex and difficult to dismantle, as criminals constantly adapt their modus operandi and make police work more difficult. In close collaboration with the Delhi Police Training Academy, FXB India is working to strengthen the skills of law enforcement officers to detect trafficking and its mechanisms and to identify and protect potential victims. It also aims to sensitize them to issues related to corruption, gender and abusive behavior and practices against women and children, and to lead them to adopt a human rights and victim-centered approach.

Childline

Childline - the flagship program of the government-supported Child Protection Plan - is the first emergency telephone helpline children in distress in India, completely free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 40,000 children use it every day.

FXB India operates the hotline in the states of Manipur and Uttar Pradesh. The organization works closely with various stakeholders to ensure the most effective response to call for help from children.

FXB's goal is to be able to respond within 60 minutes of a child's call in an emergency situation and get the child to safety. Then, long-term rehabilitation solutions are put in place with the children, in three source states - Assam, Manipur and West Bengal - and one destination state - Goa.

The Mukti program, conducted in collaboration with ECPAT Luxembourg, aims to reduce the incidence of trafficking in persons for sexual and commercial exploitation, especially children, in three source states - Assam, Manipur and West Bengal - and one destination state - Goa.

The aim is to raise awareness among local authorities and administrations, religious leaders, ethnic minorities and communities, as well as children, girls and young women.

«In a joint operation with the Manipur Police, FXB India rescued and repatriated 179 trafficking victims in February 2019. The victims were repatriated to their country of origin, Nepal.»

Research project for the protection of beneficiaries

In Jharkhand, FXB India is conducting a research project, supported by the Oak Foundation, to identify the factors that increase children's exposure to sexual abuse and exploitation and to design a relevant and sustainable intervention model to create a safe and protected environment for their development and the realization of their potential. In order to combat gender-based violence, FXB India is also conducting a research project for the «Trafficking of Persons Office» to identify promising practices and challenges in integrating or separating services for victims of human trafficking and victims of sexual violence.

In 2019, more than 37,000 people, children and adults, have benefited from FXB India's combined Protection and Security programs.
Climate Change

Poverty and climate change are inextricably linked: Without climate justice, an additional 120 million people could fall into poverty by 2030.

Eradicating poverty and stabilizing climate change will be two unprecedented achievements and represent two major milestones on the road to sustainable development. But they cannot be considered separately.

FXB in action

FXB believes that the best way to overcome the effects of climate change on the poorest is to integrate adaptation measures into its poverty reduction strategies. We are working to continuously strengthen these measures to support communities adapting to climate change and protecting the environment.

Through our FXBVillage programs, we strengthen the resilience of communities by reducing their vulnerability through a number of intervention areas, including:

- Empowering women, who are disproportionately affected by climate change;
- Promotion of more productive and sustainable agricultural systems and cultivation of environmentally friendly vegetable gardens;
- Raising awareness of participants on more sustainable consumption, water use and production patterns and environmentally sound waste recycling;
- Initiation of a micro-insurance system in credit, savings and support groups to enable members to meet costs related to climatic hazards;
- Construction of outdoor kitchens and the use of improved cooking stoves to reduce respiratory tract infections and deforestation;
- Promotion of solar lighting.

FXB CLIMATE ADVOCATES

FXB also promotes the engagement and mobilization of young people as key actors in the fight against climate change and disruption through its FXB Climate Advocates program, a network of young activists committed to climate change and environmental protection in the United States.

BURUNDI

Following the devastating floods of 2018, FXB has restarted agricultural activities, rehabilitated, or rebuilt latrines and houses - made of semi-industrial and environmentally friendly bricks - for 1,500 children and adults from FXBVillage programs who had lost most of their belongings.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
MEASURING RESULTS FOR A LASTING IMPACT

We know that we cannot improve what we cannot measure. That’s why FXB launched a state-of-the-art monitoring and evaluation system, which was developed and refined by members of our field teams, specialists and experts at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University.

REGULAR ANALYSIS

Starting from a baseline - data collected on the situation of beneficiaries upon entering an FXB program - FXB experts in the field and in Switzerland evaluate and analyze the progress in the transition from extreme poverty to a stable, dignified and autonomous life on a bi-annual and annual basis.

These analyses allow for adaptive management to meet the specific needs of beneficiaries, identify areas requiring special attention and thus promote continuous improvement of our programs.

«In December 2019, FXB Mongolia received the award for the best NGO in the Dornogovi aimag in the «Development» category.

Odval, her husband and their 4 children lived in utter destitution in the Gobi Desert. The father’s seasonal salary is insufficient to support the family and the mother cannot find work. They see no other way out than exile, until the day they were selected to join a FXBVillage program. After initial trainings in food hygiene and project management, FXB provided them with a small start-up capital that enabled the mother to acquire the raw materials and equipment needed to start a bakery in her yurt. Every morning at dawn, Odval prepares packages of dough, food, and cookies. They are fresh, delicious and attract many customers.

The substantial improvement in her family’s quality of life and the success of her business have given her a lot of confidence. Her ambition is to move to a permanent location, hire employees and diversify her product offering. To do so, she is saving part of her weekly profits to build up the capital needed to bring her project to life.
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