

FXB

Ending Poverty, Restoring Dignity



So, the big question is...

What difference did FXB
make in 2017?



BUT...

How do we measure
'difference'?



SURE,

We could tell you about...



the 307,000
individuals who
have been served
through FXB
programs



...in 15 countries around the globe...



...or the innovative steps that
FXB has undertaken in 2017
towards...

Expanding the
FXBVillage program to
Myanmar and Panama



Introducing new
hospitality and
sustainable tourism
vocational training and
road safety awareness
programs in Myanmar



Introducing a nutrition
program in Burkina Faso



Introducing an education and
advocacy project in Gaza to
promote benefits of nonviolence
among youth



Our vision ...

A world where everyone has
a chance not just to survive
but to thrive.



Our mission...

To provide people living in
extreme poverty with the
tools and support they need to
become self-sufficient and
give their children a future.



What we do?

We work alongside families living in poverty, vulnerable women and children, internally displaced persons, ethnic minorities, people living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases and disabilities.

Domains of Intervention

Community Development

Since 1991, our Community Development Program FXBVillage brings the extreme poor to self-sufficiency within three years. The FXBVillage provides integrated support in nutrition, health, education, and housing to meet participants' immediate needs while building their income capacity to become economically self-sufficient.

- About 200 FXBVillage programs have been implemented.
- 84,000 people have been lifted out of extreme poverty.
- 86% of participating families remained self-sufficient four years after the program's end.
- \$140 per person, per year, for 3 years is enough to improve the lives of the most

Education

Training youth is essential to enable them to live with dignity and meet future challenges. In addition to our Community Development activities linked to education, FXB holds specific education, life skills development and vocational training projects in Gaza, India, Myanmar and South Africa.

Health

Our health programs improve access to quality health services, disease prevention, Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), psychosocial counseling, nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

Alongside with FXBVillage programs, FXB implements HIV/AIDS related programs in India and Myanmar, WASH programs in Niger, India, Rwanda and Uganda, and nutrition programs in Burkina Faso and Rwanda.

Children and Women Protection

FXB aims to prevent and reduce all forms of violence and insecurity, ensuring a safe, secure and protective environment for children and women within its intervention geography. FXB also promotes women's empowerment and gender equality as key factors to fight poverty. FXB implements specific protection programs in Myanmar, India, and Rwanda.

We are proud to recognize...

FXB Mongolia for its efforts in the Gobi Desert with **TWO AWARDS** from the National Committee on Business and Development



And the fact that...

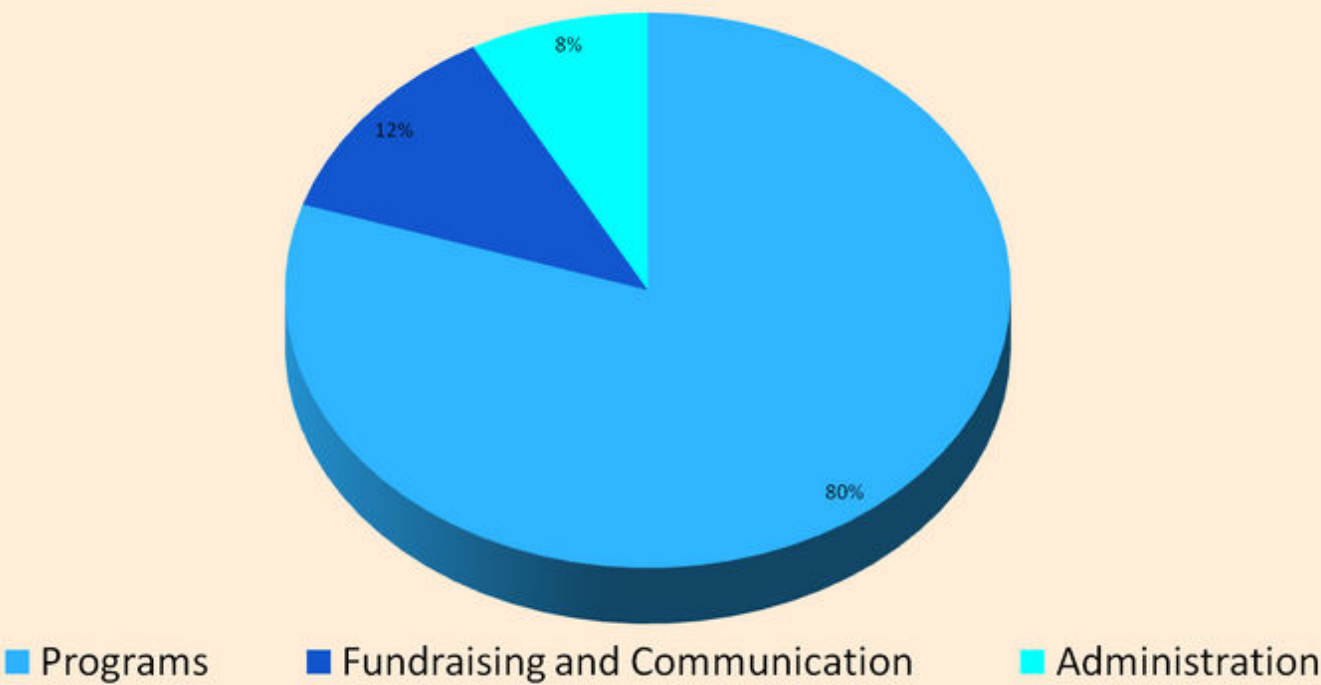


FXB has made its way into the Top 500 Global NGOs in place 206, a ranking of NGOs to showcase the best practices and the most innovative ideas in the industry.

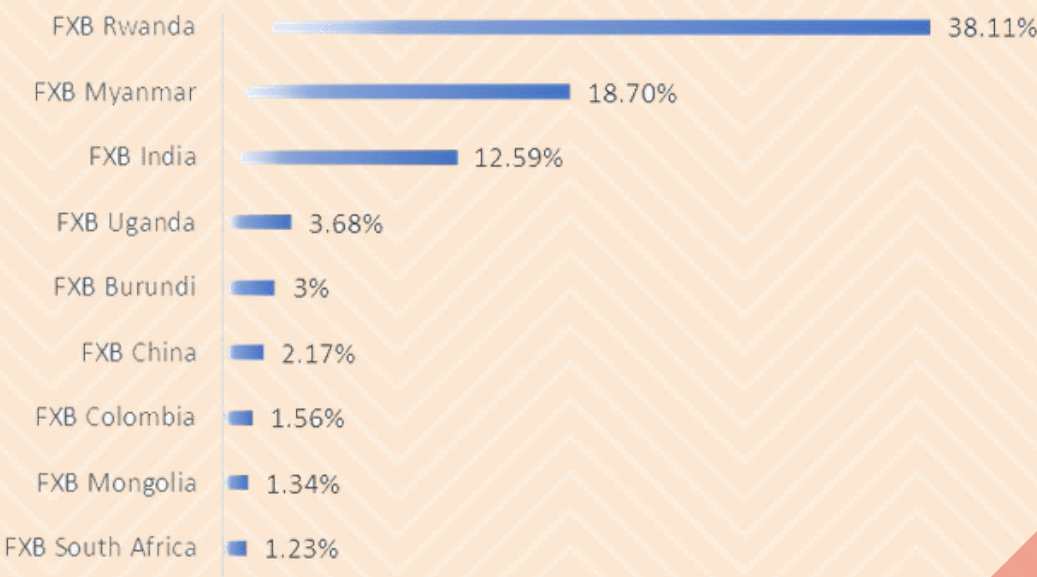


We could also show you the
financial facts and figures

2017 Breakdown of Expenditure



2017 Breakdown of Budget per Country



Global Budget \$7,457,576

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And of course, we would like to highlight our 67 dedicated donors, who continue to share our vision of creating a world...



... where everyone has a chance not
just to survive but to thrive.

BUT...

What we think are the

MOST IMPORTANT

measures of difference...



...are the stories from REAL people who have felt REAL changes in their lives...



as FXB has assisted them along their

path to self-sufficiency

Ji Ke

"I felt the burden on me heavy as a big mountain"



When FXB arrived in Ji Ke's village in Bu Tuo county, rural China, she had lost her husband, inherited a huge debt and had seriously injured her leg while performing manual work in the field. She was the sole provider for her mother and two children, despite her crippling injury for which she had not received any medical treatment. After being enrolled in the FXB Village program, FXB responded immediately to her medical needs, organizing a surgery that saved her leg.

As she was rehabilitating, Ji Ke attended training sessions held by FXB on topics such as healthcare, hygiene and medical insurance and assistance. She also gained literacy skills and training on how to productively rear animals which she put to test on the mother pig that she was given by FXB.

These holistic interventions helped Ji Ke turn her life around and by the end of the program, Ji Ke had fully recovered from her surgery and had successfully completed several rounds of piglet rearing. She had generated enough income to pay off her families debts and to send her children to school. Ji Ke continues to grow the income for her family and now owns 2 cows, 6 pigs, 4 ducks, 5 chickens, and in the past year she purchased a grinding machine and an electric tricycle.

Suleiman

When the FXB team first met Suleiman, the young boy of four asked if FXB could provide him with a chicken so he could use its eggs for food and sell the rest to help his family make more money. FXB supported Suleiman and provided one rooster and three hens, also helping Suleiman's mother to buy chicken feed and a temporary pen. Suleiman attends school and takes care of the chicken as a hobby.



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Every day before and after school, Suleiman fed the birds. They laid 18 eggs each week, nine of which Suleiman sold and nine of which he gave to his mother and siblings to eat. Thanks to Suleiman's close care and attention, one of the hens has given birth to seven chicks and Suleiman's mother has used the money from selling the eggs to buy three more hens and now has a permanent chicken pen. Suleiman's great idea and continued hard work – at such a young age – is proof that small sustainable changes executed well can have a huge impact upon those living in extreme poverty.

Staff Testimonial

"It was indeed a moment of great success when 34 adolescent girls from Ukhrul, Manipur, for the first time stepped out of their village for a 3 day residential training program as part of the Mukti project. It was a proud moment for the team as they worked really hard for months to convince the families to let the girls attend this residential training on issues related to child sexual abuse and human trafficking. Social norms in the remote villages of Ukhrul districts of Manipur do not allow the girls to step out of their villages. It was only the commitment and passion of the team members that made the event successful." (FXB Staff member, India)



Amir

Amir lived and worked as a rag-picker at the Jaipur railway station along with his stepparents and siblings. Amir is the eldest among his six siblings. When Amir's mother was alive he was admitted to a technical school and studied there for about 8 years completing his Class 12 examinations. After his mother's death, his stepfather withdrew Amir from his studies and brought him back to the station to work with him.

Amir began smoking tobacco, marijuana and inhaling addictive solutions. Amir learned about FXB's programs from the other children at the platform. Since then he has been coming to the Jaipur Railway Center regularly. During the course of his regular interactions with the staff and support given by peers at the Centre, he succeeded in quitting his intake of solutions and marijuana.

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Amir shows interest in learning English, dancing and indoor games. He participates in daily activities at the Centre such as drawing and painting. Thanks to FXB, Amir has now been admitted to a permanent shelter where he is learning tailoring and earns approximately \$50 USD every month, while he is preparing for his higher education.

Abiba



"We are capable of raising our six children with dignity and look ahead with confidence"

2017 was a year filled with relief and arising prosperity for Abiba and her family. Through the provision of business training and an initial capital investment as part of the FXB Village program, Abiba was able to start a small milk sales business, allowing her to slowly build savings for her family. She used these initial savings to buy roof sheets for their house and prevent flooding in the rainy season.

As her business generated more income and more savings, Abiba was able to expand to importing shoes, clothes and embroidered sheets from Uganda and Tanzania which generated more profits. Her children are now able to attend school every day on a full stomach.

Abiba has plans to use the savings generated from her business to continue improving the family's home, buying furniture, building toilet and shower facilities and connecting piped water into their home.

Staff Testimonial

"The most touching moment was when FXB gave school uniforms and supplies to a six year old disabled boy who knew that this was a big opportunity for him to finally attend school. I couldn't hold my tears when I saw his happy face. It was happy tears, and I was so proud of my work, that FXB through its FXB Village program gives great opportunities and happiness to others who need support so that our work can open their locked doors." (FXB Staff member, Mongolia)

Veena

Veena is a widow who has successfully struggled to live a meaningful life, despite all the hardships and challenges she has faced living with HIV and AIDS. Her youngest son fell ill at the age of one. Doctors examining the child suggested for routine HIV testing. All of Veena's family members - father, mother, daughter and son – are HIV positive.

“I thought the most unfortunate person and family in the world is me. After coming in contact with FXB, I realized that there are lots many others who are in worse conditions than that of mine”

Veena's son, who is now seven years, has been on Anti Retro Viral Therapy since May 2006. Veena's husband, the only earning member of the family, died in February 2008. Veena felt depressed, overwhelmed by poverty and disease on top of raising her two children.

Through her participation in FXB Village program, Veena received counseling sessions which have fortified her mental and emotional health and given her the necessary will-power and thinking to start a new life for herself and her children. She was changed by her experience that she now helps others as a volunteer for FXB Village program activities, HIV testing program, and peer counseling.

Pauline

In 2012, Pauline and her husband were diagnosed with HIV. Although they sought the proper treatment, they suffered from discrimination in their community in Rwanda due to the stigma attached to the disease. Her husband died two years later and Pauline was left with no options, unable to provide for her family.

“I know my life will change completely. For myself, but also for my children. This is a new beginning, and my children really deserve it”

The tragic events led Pauline to fall into a great depression and she refused to continue her treatment. After being chosen for the FXB Village program in Gasharu, Rwanda, Pauline admitted that she did not take all her required treatments because she was ashamed of herself.

Through dedicated FXB counseling and coaching, Pauline finally agreed to return to the health center to continue her treatment. Today, Pauline is full of joy and life. She is fully involved in the FXB Village program and is looking forward to the future. With FXB's support, she plans to start a small vegetable trade business. She also built real relationships with other participants and once again feels a part of her community. The vicious cycle is broken.

“My name is in that book, it is like a dream come true! That’s why my motto now is “dreams don’t have an expiry date: everything is possible!”

Mduduzi

Mduduzi was born into a family of eight children. His mother died when he was eight months old, leaving his grandparents to take care of the family despite both being unemployed.



On numerous occasions, the children went to bed with empty stomachs as their grandparents couldn’t afford to provide for all of them daily. At school, Mduduzi would watch while all the other kids were eating but did not have money for lunch. His fourth grade teacher introduced Mduduzi to FXB, and he joined the FXB Afterschool Program. The program taught him many things and also helped his grandmother, providing her with nutritional support.

Mduduzi had always dreamed of being a poet and at the FXB Afterschool Program he was taught how to write poems. FXB launched a poetry book called “Walk a mile in my shoe” which published several of his poems and stories. Mduduzi says that this was the happiest and proudest moment of his life.

Staff Testimonial

“The moment that touched me the most was when the Village Loan and Savings Group shared out their first cycle of their savings. When we started up the group, everyone considered that they did not have enough money to save. This never stopped me from my goal so I began by introducing them to the concept of the saving and encouraged everyone to start saving whatever they could. At the end of year everyone could not believe that the money they saved was all from their effort. The saving concept has really changed the lives of the beneficiaries and the community at large.” (FXB Staff member, Uganda)

Mo Myint Zu

Mo Myint Zu joined FXB as an apprentice. She followed the organization’s “Vocational Training program”, from level 1-4, during 3 years, to become professionally trained in weaving. After her training, she decided to go back to University and follow a distance learning course to improve her knowledge while continuing to work for FXB as an employee.



While the Vocational Training Center offers students the opportunity to join any workshop in Myanmar, the center also offers those who want to, or those who are struggling, the opportunity to work and make products to be sold by FXB in its showroom based in Yangon. After her graduation, Mo Myint Zu opened her own business during the weekend. This allowed her to provide for her family and help her sick mother, while investing in her future career. Grateful and proud of her career, she decided to go even further by participating in the “FXB Mobile Program” to share her knowledge with other participants in poor villages.

“Since FXB changed my life, I want to in turn help others improve their life.”

SweSweOo

SweSweOo is 26 and lives in the shanty town of Shwe Pyi Thar with her mother and six brothers and sisters. When their father died, SweSweOo and her elder brother took over the responsibilities of heading the household.



Every day they would harvest fruits and vegetables to be sold at the local market in order to earn an income for their family and send their siblings to school. When FXB came to their village last year, SweSweOo was enrolled in their free training center and had a chance to change her fate.

"I've always put my family first. I never asked myself what I wanted to be"

In just four months of sewing classes, she had made her first dress. Now, SweSweOo has made over 250 dresses and has earned enough money to buy herself a sewing machine.

She also works in a factory where she earns double the income that they made at the market. SweSweOo is able to continue supporting her family, while at the same time developing her own passion for garment making and is able to entertain her dreams of starting her own business.

Ottilia

Ottilia felt a sense of despair about her life when FXB first approached her to join the FXB Village program in Barranquilla, Colombia. A single mother, she lived in one room with her two children who did not attend school. Through the FXB Village program, Ottilia gained access to the tools she needed to provide for her children.



“Now my children can study and have better nutrition”

FXB covered her children's school fees, supplies and uniforms and for the first time in years they were able to attend school. With FXB's help, Ottilia and her family were also enrolled into a government health insurance plan.

She gained important training on how to improve sanitary conditions in her home and on how to repair furniture and install concrete floors and a more solid roof in her house. Ottilia overcame her fears and enrolled in courses to learn how to read and write, which increased her confidence and self-esteem. Most importantly, Ottilia was given startup capital and business training to start a grocery store in her community. From the income she generated through this business, she was able to expand her house, pay for her children's school expenses, and provide them with proper nutrition.

Staff Testimonial

“Every year it always amazes me at the growth of both staff members and children in our programs. I am always astounded at our children's generosity in giving back to their communities which is not easy coming from impoverished families themselves. Each time our children give of themselves to those still less fortunate than themselves, and seeing their joy at doing so, reaffirms that by giving, we always receive back tenfold.”
(FXB Staff member, South Africa)

Oyunchimeg

Oyunchimeg, a single mother to 4 daughters living with her partner and is currently participating in the FXBVillage program in Mongolia. She is beginning to flourish due to her income generating activity of rearing livestock in the countryside.

Oyunchimag often says to others, “Don’t lose such kind of opportunities”.

Oyunchimeg is so grateful for the countless opportunities that FXB has given to her and her daughters and committed to never stopping so she can create a better life for her children. It is impossible to miss Oyunchimeg’s happy face and warm smile as she speaks about FXB’s program. She has been able to not only improve her life through what she has learned, but also her neighbor’s by sharing her new knowledge.



Dorothee

Dorothee is a 32 year old woman, who is a member of the Batwa ethnic group in Burundi. She lived at the Buterere dump with her husband. Life was not easy, they went every morning to the dump to find food. In 2014, the FXB team came to the field to select families who would benefit from the FXBVillage program. Dorothee told them her story and her struggles through tears.

They listened to her and she began the FXBVillage Buterere II program. Since then, everything has changed for her family. The food improved immediately. FXB provided us with food for nine months, she received food, training and a social worker followed up at home.

“The veil of poverty that covered my face is now torn. I smile all the time and I trust my future. I am calm.”



FXB gave her family startup capital and now she sells foodstuffs and bricks that the wealthy of Bujumbura use for building. She has been able to make income to pay for her expenses and also save. She takes care of her personal hygiene and that of her children. She sleeps in a clean room, keeps cooking utensils on display and has toilets and a hand washing station.

She improved communications with her husband and now together they take care of the development of their family. Three children are attending school with FXB support and are doing well.

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