



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HANDOUT

Ending Poverty, Restoring Dignity



**FXB is an international non-profit organization fighting poverty since 1989. The main goal of our Community Development Program, called FXBVillage, is to fight extreme poverty and allow extremely poor families to reach socio-economic autonomy within 3 years.**

Our Program simultaneously addresses predominant drivers of poverty: malnutrition, poor health, lack of income, of education, of access to drinkable water and adequate sanitation, poor climate conditions and inadequate housing. This integrated approach provides a single response to the multidimensional causes of poverty.

Each Program lasts 3 years and serves 80 to 100 families (around 500-600 people). Through the delivery of essential services, FXB ensures that families are thriving and children reach their full potential.



The key driver to break the cycle of poverty over the long run is economic empowerment. FXB provides a small start-up capital and promotes financial inclusion so that program participants can secure a portfolio of Income Generating Activities (IGAs).

The new IGAs allow families to gradually earn enough income to provide for their daily needs and become socially and economically self-sufficient.

As participants' abilities to meet their basic needs increase, FXB gradually lessens financial support to encourage self-sufficiency. FXB families continue to thrive after the program completes.

## Countries of Intervention

FXB currently operates Community Development Programs in **Burundi, China, Colombia, India, Mongolia, Rwanda and Uganda.**



FXB intends to launch programs in other countries including Myanmar, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Lebanon and Sierra Leone.



## Main activities

### Economic Empowerment

FXB enables families to become self sufficient in the long term by teaching vocational skills, increasing access to financial savings and microcredits, and providing a startup capital to launch sustainable Income Generating Activities. Women empowerment is a priority.

### Nutrition

FXB ensures that all participants have access to food security as well as to a nutritious diet.

### Health

FXB ensures that all participants have access to basic and adequate medical care, hygiene, diseases prevention, Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), psychosocial counseling and resilience empowerment.

### Housing

FXB ensures that all participants live in safe homes with access to drinkable water and basic sanitation services (latrines, ventilated kitchens, external showers, and hand-washing stations).

### Education

FXB ensures that all school-age children are enrolled in and attend school on a regular basis through the provision of school fees and materials and that youth have access to vocational trainings. Importance of early childhood development is emphasized to the parents.

### Life Skill Development

FXB provides community training to create a broader impact beyond the direct program participants. Many topics are covered such as family planning, health, hygiene, gender, environment, abuse, children and women's rights.

## Main Results

- **85% of families reach economic self-sufficiency within 3 years**
- **80% of households have savings**
- **93% of families eat three times per day**
- **90% of households have access to health care facilities**
- **90% of households are living in decent conditions and have access to improved sanitation facilities**
- **90% of children attend school on a regular basis**
- **Improved participant's and community's general life skills and capacities**



**FXBVillage programs induced marked improvements related to economic security, health, nutrition, and access to safe water and sanitation.**



**200**  
Community Development Programs VillageFXB have been developed worldwide since 1989.



**FXB beneficiaries are multidimensionally less poor than their peers, even three years after graduation.**

“There are millions of people who could ultimately benefit from the FXBVillage program and the followers it generates.”

— **AMARTYA SEN**



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