Extreme poverty: the lives behind statistics

Nearly 10% of the world's population now lives in extreme poverty. Behind these statistics, there are hungry children, families who can not access health care, housing, protection and education. And the vicious circle of poverty is transmitted from generation to generation, threatening their future, as well as the future of our societies.

Hunger, disease, illiteracy, deplorable hygiene conditions, lack of adequate housing, of drinking water, of training... here are FXB’s daily challenges. The international NGO simultaneously tackles diverse causes of poverty, to give those who need it the most a chance to survive in a sustainable manner.

Ending extreme poverty, restoring the most vulnerable people’s dignity, giving their children a chance. We must act now!

Help us change lives.

Letter to FXB's friends

"Among the one tenth of the world's population living on less than 1.90 USD per day, almost half are children. We see it every day, so many families have difficulties accessing health care, nutrition, education and protection to allow their children to escape poverty. Around the globe, children are caught in a vicious circle of poverty, circle FXB wants to break since 1989."
We are convinced that extreme poverty can only be overcome by tackling simultaneously different responsible factors, and that providing sectorial response to an isolated problem is an insufficient solution. The response must be global in order to break the vicious cycle and guide the most vulnerable towards self-sufficiency.

Ending poverty, restoring dignity: now is time to act, and we can not do it without your help."

Christine Eggs
Executive Director

Founded in 1989, FXB International is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to provide families living in extreme poverty with the tools and support they need to become self-sufficient, raise their children in a safe environment and give them a future.

An efficient model

Our Community Development Program - FXBVillage - brings the extreme poor to self-sufficiency within three years. It provides integrated support in nutrition, health, education, and housing to meet participants’ immediate needs while building their income capacity to become economically self-sufficient. FXB currently operates such programs in Colombia, China, India, Mongolia, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

- 168 programs to fight poverty have been developed worldwide since 1989.
- 84,000 people have been lifted out of extreme poverty.
- 86% of participating families remained self-sufficient several years after the program’s end.
- $140 per person, per year, for 3 years is enough to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in the long run.

"I am not a philanthropist, I do not like charity, I suggest good governance."

Albina du Boisrouvray,
FXB founder and President Emerita

Daughter of a French aristocrat and of a Bolivian heiress, this sparkling septuagenarian gave a new meaning to her existence in 1986, when her son François-Xavier Bagnoud died in an accident. FXB, her foundation and NGO, supports hundreds of thousands of poor families. It gives them the essentials: work, autonomy and dignity.
For the past quarter of a century, 17 million adults and children across 20 countries have benefited from the presence of FXB in their communities through its diverse programs.

Investing in human beings is investing in peace.

Read the French article published in Les Echos, December 2016 (by Raphaël Sachetat)