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Global Brigades is a non-profit organization that empowers communities to reduce inequalities.

We have developed a unique integrated model of development that empowers communities to achieve their goals in health, sanitation and economic growth. Our programs are sustained through the fundraising and mobilization of more than 9,000 annual university volunteers and full-time local teams that work in collaboration with our community partners.

To the Global Brigades Family,

This year was a time of introspection and planning in the midst of what was perhaps both the most challenging in our organization's history and most impactful.

In January 2016, a tragic bus accident took the lives of three volunteers leaving us in a state of both reflection of why we do this work and

redemption to make more impact out of every resource we had available. Unfortunately, it was also a year where mainstream media pumped fear of Zika into the masses, leading to a decline in our overall volunteer enrollments and consequently our overall community development goals.

To add to the complexity, we had just come out of our five year strategic plan that started in 2012 and in need of creating a new one. However, given our challenges, we felt we had to first ask ourselves some existential questions, like who are we? What makes us most impactful? Is our purpose in the lives we are changing with the thousands of university volunteers we engage every year or the life changing programs for thousands of community members in remote under resourced communities? And where do we go from here? Can we continue to merge these stakeholders into a disruptive and innovative force bent on nothing short of changing the world?

We started the last five years believing in our hearts we could become a leader in global health and development and prove the impact that was possible with a carefully configured system of university volunteers, a holistic model for development, and capable local teams. 2016, the last year in our strategic plan, yielded many of the fruits of that labor. We were awarded grants and forged international partnerships with some of the most respected organizations in the field, including PATH, Kiva, World Vision, Rotary International, Deloitte and the Inter-American Development Bank. Even more rewarding, we finished our blueprint for our holistic model and successfully transitioned out of 3 additional communities.

After such a year, it became clear our next steps as an organization had to be our most ambitious and maximize the impact we could have in this world. So came about the "Holistic 100" - the largest comprehensive poverty elimination initiative to be embarked on in Latin America. But you'll have to read this annual report to learn more about that.

As one of our other co-founders Dr. Duffy Casey said 12 years ago when we started, if we can just survive long enough for all of these student volunteers to become doctors, we'll be set. That may be true with nearly 20% of medical students in the United States having participated in a Global Brigades program, but my dear friend Dr. Casey, we are just too impatient to wait for then. We're going to try and do a little more than survive.

Finally, for 2016, a congratulations is in order to fellow Co-Founder, Dr. Shital Vora who was named the new CEO of Global Brigades, in addition to Vanessa Lopez who was named the President & COO in October. We are so enthusiastic to work under their leadership as we continue to take our organization to new levels.

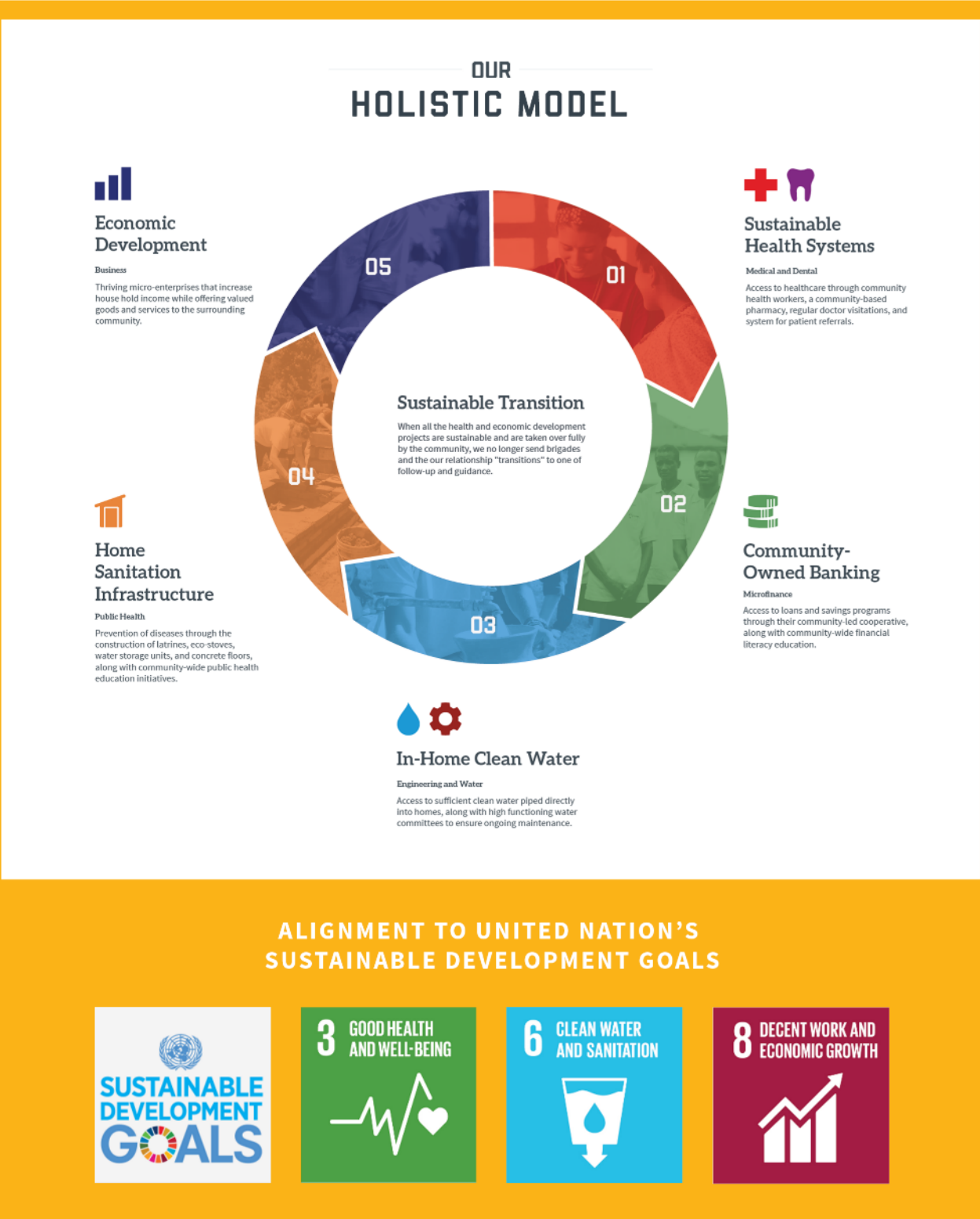


Steven Atamian
Co-Founder & Empowerment Officer

OUR UNIQUE HOLISTIC MODEL

Global Brigades implements a Holistic Model with its partner communities that focuses on three integrated components: Healthcare, Economic Development and WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene). Our model works to identify and train community leaders, plan and execute projects, and provide the necessary follow-up to ensure long-term sustainability.

We measure success based on the ability to empower communities to take full ownership of their development. As the model is implemented, focus is maintained on the overall goal to phase out our involvement and transition to just a relationship of follow-up and guidance. Once a community has the infrastructure, knowledge, leadership, and economic capacity to continue growing, we define it as “Holistically Transitioned.”



OUR GOAL FOR THE HOLISTIC 100


In 2016, our staff and a group of consultants worked on developing a new strategic plan focused on how to expand our model, prove its effectiveness, and undertake one of the most ambitious sustainable development initiatives in the world.

The plan is called the "The Holistic 100," a seven year initiative to transition out of 100+ community partners, effectively lifting them out of poverty, while creating a blueprint to end rural poverty in all of Latin America.

Essential to this strategy is to continue to grow our volunteer programming, obtain new funding relationships, establish strong local partnerships and coordinate regional assets that governments and communities already possess.



Global Brigades Holistic Model Inauguration
in the community of Guaricayan.

A woman wearing a green t-shirt and a patterned headscarf is using a stethoscope to check a patient's arm. She is wearing a watch on her left wrist and a bracelet on her right. The patient is seated and wearing a patterned headscarf. In the background, other people are visible, including a woman in a patterned dress and a man in a white shirt and blue gloves. The setting appears to be a community clinic or a health fair.

ACCESS TO HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE IS
ONE OF THE LARGEST CHALLENGES FOR
OUR PARTNER COMMUNITIES. CLINICS
ARE SCARCE, AND THOSE THAT ARE
ACCESSIBLE OFTEN LACK PROPER STAFF,
EQUIPMENT AND MEDICATION. THIS
LEAVES FAMILIES WITH UNDIAGNOSED
AND UNTREATED AILMENTS.

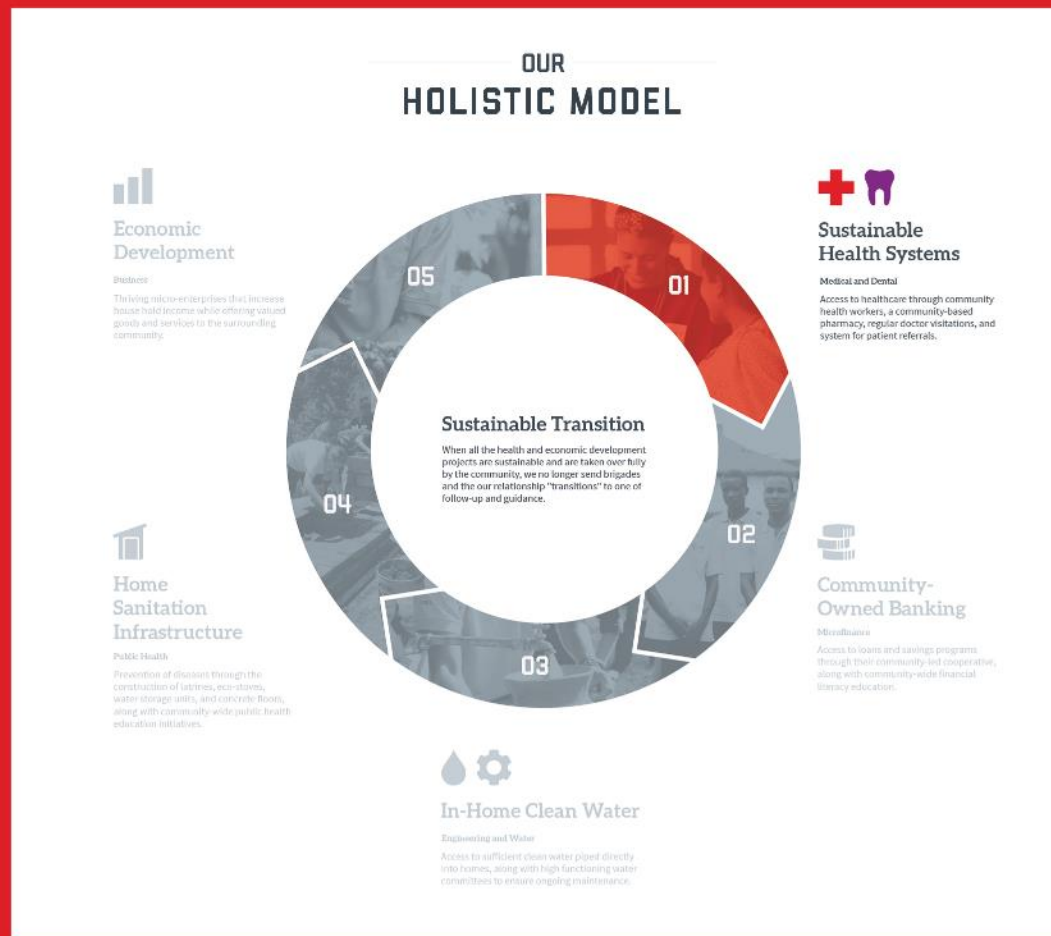


Medical Brigade volunteer attending to patients during mobile clinic in Ghana.

HEALTHCARE

HOLISTIC 100 GOAL

Reliable, affordable access to doctors, medicine and community health workers.



ROLE IN HOLISTIC MODEL

Creating sustainable healthcare systems is the first step in supporting community partners toward a "Holistic Transition."

Our mobile medical clinics first enter a community not only to relieve urgent primary health care needs, but to build trust with families and create a statistical baseline for research and evaluation using electronic patient records. This trust and community data is the critical foundation for implementing the holistic model with the communities.

Then, other health systems are developed such as a patient referral programs, community health workers and a community pharmacy .

HOW WE IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Our health program supports the holistic model with four core initiatives: mobile clinics, community health workers, patient referrals and the community pharmacy.



PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

In coordination with local governments, we organize mobile clinics 2-3 times per year in each partner community. Clinics are implemented with the support of local and foreign healthcare professionals, student volunteers, and local staff. Patients attending a clinic are provided with access to consultations, dentistry, optometry, pap smears, medicine, and education. We will also periodically conduct prevention-focused clinics to screen for chronic illnesses and provide treatment plans where necessary.

124,073 MEDICAL PATIENTS
TREATED IN 2016

20,367 DENTAL PATIENTS
TREATED IN 2016

5,192 PAP SMEARS PERFORMED
IN 2016

6,435 VOLUNTEERS
IN 2016
RAISED \$5,781,036

2,530 HEALTH EDUCATION
WORKSHOPS
COMPLETED
IN 2016



Medical volunteer in Honduras.

PATIENT REFERRALS

When patients in mobile clinics have needs beyond the scope of our doctors, they are referred to local clinics and hospitals for further treatment. In as many cases as possible, these patients are supported with funds to help cover the costs of transportation, diagnostics, treatment, medication, and follow-up care.

10 REFERRAL PATIENT
CASES COMPLETED
IN 2016



2016 CHW Conference in Honduras.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

Our CHW program works to bridge the gap in healthcare access between mobile clinics. CHWs are local volunteers trained by GB doctors to be first-responders, health promoters, and educators. CHWs are empowered to provide basic medical care, monitor chronic conditions, and act as point persons for health issues within their community year-round.

135 COMMUNITY HEALTH
WORKERS TRAINED
ATTENDING **40** COMMUNITIES



Loyola Univ Medical Brigade in Panama.

COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The Community Health Workers also manage a Community Pharmacy to ensure access to low- cost medication for community members. We provide the start-up capital for the Pharmacies with the end goal for them to become financially sustainable through medication sales.

Specialized doctors conduct regular visits to the community to follow-up with chronic patients, care for acute illnesses, and refill the pharmacy with adequate medicine.

KEY UPDATES - 2016

HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENTS

In 2016, our Healthcare programs continued to expand their impact while focusing on providing higher quality care and more efficient operations.

In Honduras, we began using a new form of cervical cancer screening which is less expensive, more sensitive and provides immediate results. In Nicaragua, we began utilizing our Data Informatics system to track patient records on brigades. The Dental program continued to focus on restorative care, and obtained additional mobile dental units and autoclaves to improve sterilization practices. Globally, we centralized our medical procurement process purchase and so volunteers would no longer have to bring from abroad.



CHW PROGRAM EXPANDS

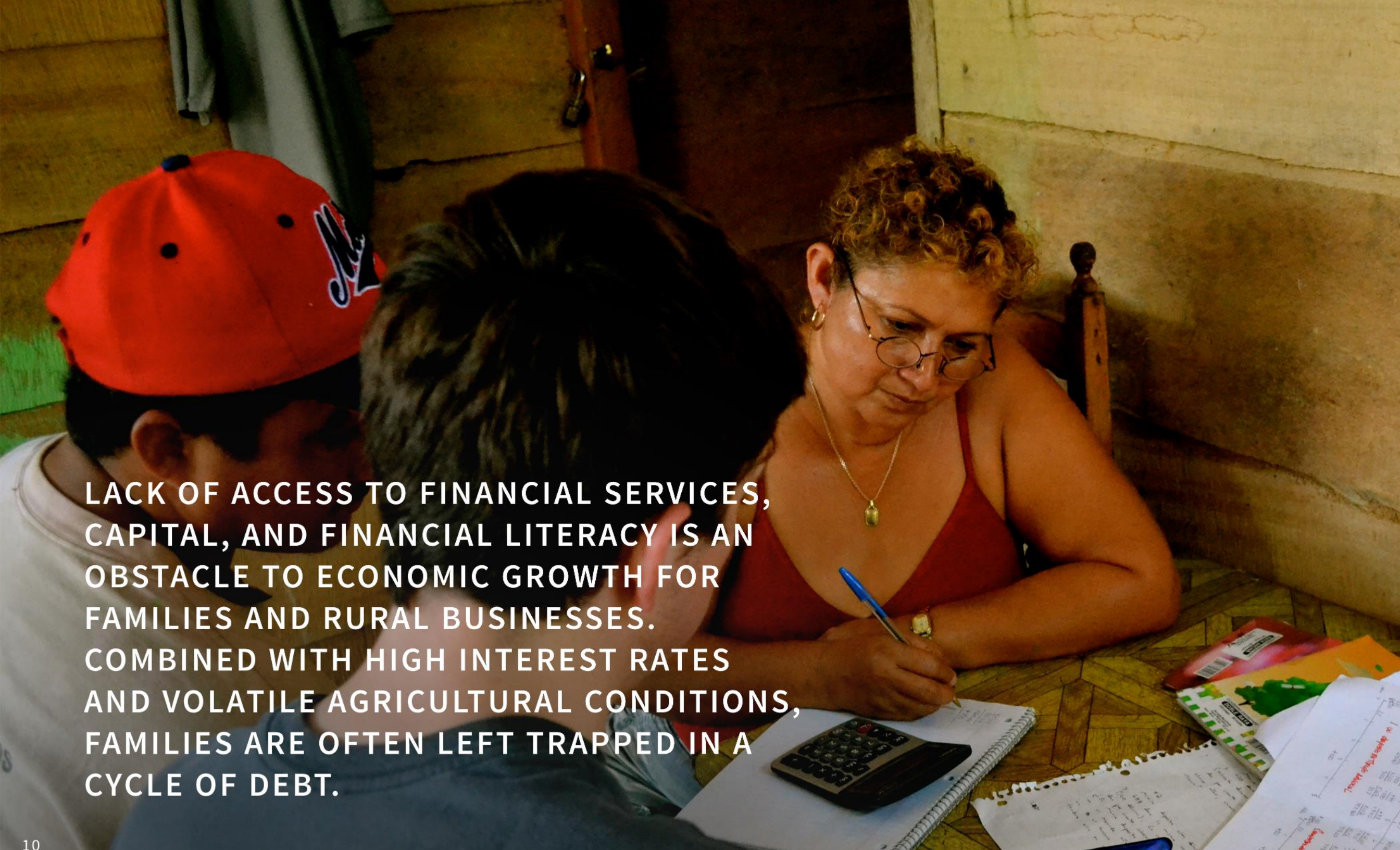
Nicaragua and Panama increased the scope of its CHW program partnering with local health departments to train CHWs in multiple communities, focusing specifically on women's health, patient referrals and surgical programs with partners. In Ghana, we funded the government health ministry to strengthen its health worker program, providing logistical support and supplies. In Honduras, all CHWs trained in 2016 dedicated a day to learning basic dental care with our local dentists.

COMMUNITY PHARMACY PILOT

As part of our Holistic 100 initiative, we piloted the Community Pharmacy micro-enterprises in two communities in Honduras. Operated by Community Health Workers, the goal is for pharmacies to provide access to affordable medicine year-round in our partner communities, taking an important step towards a more sustainable healthcare system.



Santa Clara University Medical Brigade volunteer attending to patients during mobile clinic in Honduras.

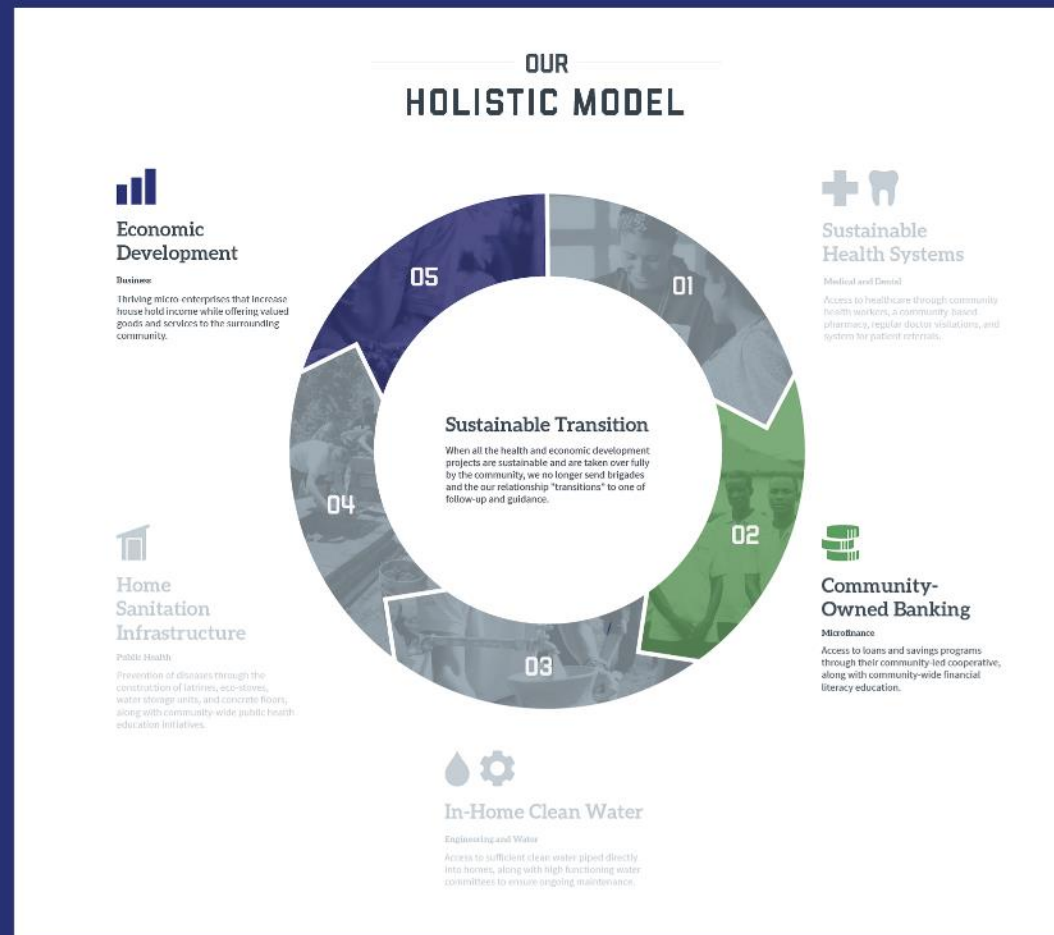


LACK OF ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES,
CAPITAL, AND FINANCIAL LITERACY IS AN
OBSTACLE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR
FAMILIES AND RURAL BUSINESSES.
COMBINED WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES
AND VOLATILE AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS,
FAMILIES ARE OFTEN LEFT TRAPPED IN A
CYCLE OF DEBT.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOLISTIC 100 GOAL

Creation of community banks, businesses and economic plans aimed to double the community's economy in 10 years.



ROLE IN HOLISTIC MODEL

Our Economic Development programs are built into the second and last steps in supporting our community partners to reach their development goals and become Holistically Transitioned.

After our Health programs has laid the groundwork for a community, it is put on a waitlist until funding and staffing are available to go deeper into the holistic model. When ready, we work with community leaders to develop a community-owned bank that serves as the financial mechanism for all subsequent programs. Once the banking system is developed, we work on supporting local micro- enterprises with consulting and loans to grow.

HOW WE IMPROVE LOCAL ECONOMIES

Our Economic Development program is the backbone of our holistic model and is implemented with four core components: creating and strengthening community-owned banks, increasing family income, fostering a culture of savings, and ensuring access to capital for low-interest loans.



COMMUNITY-OWNED BANKS

Community Banks are not only vital to jump-start economic growth in our partner communities, but also play an integral role in our Holistic Model. Community banks are owned and operated by volunteer community leaders and structured to foster transparency, responsible lending, and a culture of savings. All capital donations made to community banks are owned and managed by the banks themselves. We provide guidance, support and follow-up to community banks, stressing ethical leadership, management best-practices, risk mitigation and investment in the development of their community.

51

COMMUNITY BANKS TO DATE,
9 NEW ESTABLISHED IN 2016

\$57,528

INVESTED IN COMMUNITY-OWNED
BANKS AND BUSINESSES IN 2016

120

COMMUNITY LEADERS
TRAINED IN 2016

1,669

SMALL LOANS
DISBURSED
IN 2016



Women from Piriati Embera, Panama.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Through regular trainings, our staff and volunteers work to create a culture of savings in the community alongside the creation of the banks. Saving demonstrates the value of longer term horizons, goal setting, provides for a safety net, and capitalizes local banks with funds available for entrepreneurs to take loans or create micro-enterprises. Volunteers and staff also work with families to help them to calculate their monthly earnings and expenditures to understand whether a loan program can benefit their family goals.

592 VOLUNTEERS AND BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS IN 2016

RAISED **\$493,675**



UNC Chapel Hill with Curiti Panama Bakery.

MICRO-ENTERPRISE CONSULTING

Supporting small businesses to diversify income sources, employment opportunities, and leverage the entrepreneurial spirit of community is fundamental to their economic development. With the support of Deloitte, we consult farmers and small businesses on a range of topics including market studies, accounting, business operation, and marketing. Additionally, we work with agricultural producers on more sustainable farming practices and to identify new markets for the crops, vegetables and meats produced in the community, contributing to increased income for the families.

62 BUSINESSES CONSULTED IN 2016, INCLUDING 3 MODEL FARMS AND 8 INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS

KEY UPDATES - 2016

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOCUS

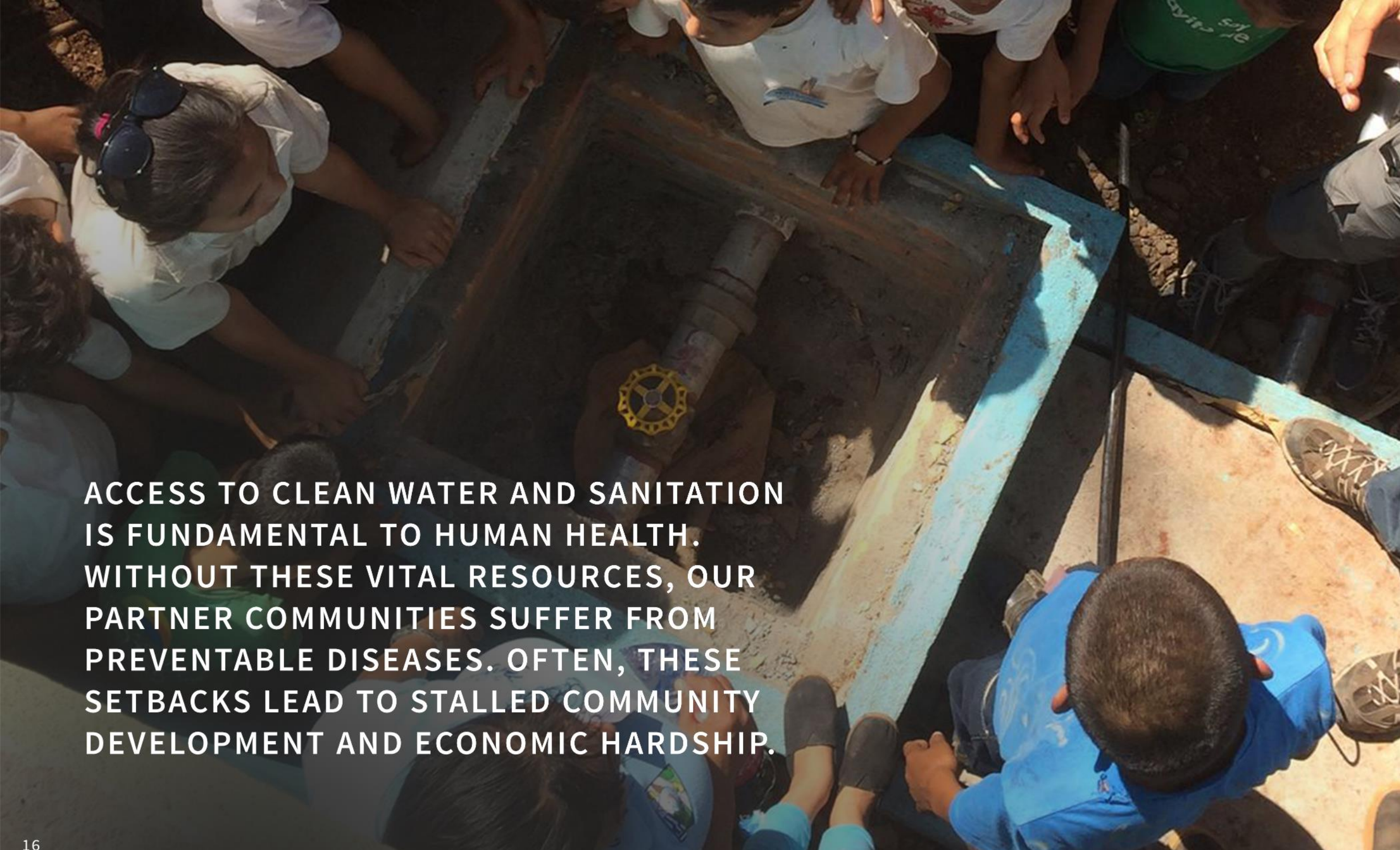
In 2016, Global Brigades focused on strengthening and diversifying our economic development programming, ensuring its place at the center of our holistic model. Looking forward to the Holistic 100 initiative, in 2016 we put an emphasis on community buy-in and leveraging assets found within our partner communities, seeking win-win strategies to improve economic conditions and expand impact. Initial steps were taken to develop social enterprises in various sectors, such as coffee and carbon-credits.

CROSS-COUNTRY GROWTH

In Panama, our team held a Community Bank Empowerment Summit where participating Community Banks received trainings, shared best practices, and learned more about future opportunities. Panama also merged the Environmental and Business programs ensuring a joint agro-business focus, promoting sustainable farming practices. In Honduras, we partnered with Community Banks, providing needed technical assistance, and developing strategies for the sale of latrines, eco-stoves water filters, and solar lamps in collaboration with PATH. With support from the Higher Quest Foundation we worked in Honduras to establish a community tilapia production business. In Nicaragua, we created community banks in five communities and a chicken business in the community of El Naranjo.



Staff from the women-owned bakery in El Cantón, Honduras.

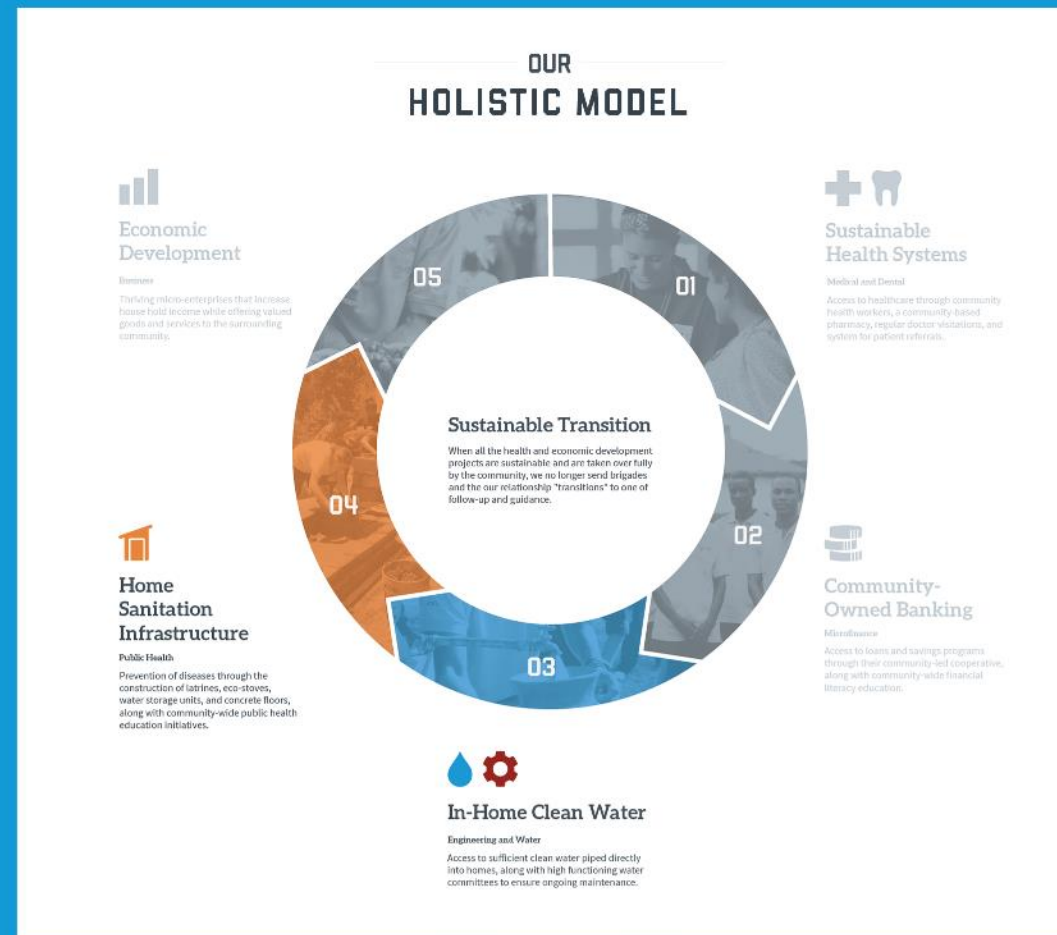
A high-angle, top-down photograph showing a group of children gathered around a broken water pump. The pump's handle, which is painted blue, is bent and rusted, with a yellow valve wheel visible. The ground is dry, dusty, and cracked. The children, mostly wearing white or blue shirts, are looking down at the broken pump with expressions of concern and disappointment. The scene is brightly lit by sunlight, casting sharp shadows.

ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
IS FUNDAMENTAL TO HUMAN HEALTH.
WITHOUT THESE VITAL RESOURCES, OUR
PARTNER COMMUNITIES SUFFER FROM
PREVENTABLE DISEASES. OFTEN, THESE
SETBACKS LEAD TO STALLED COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

HOLISTIC 100 GOAL

Clean water in all homes and a minimum of 50% household adoption of latrines, eco-stoves, and water filters.



ROLE IN HOLISTIC MODEL

Our WASH (Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) programs are built into the third and fourth steps of our Holistic Model. They support our community partners reach their in-home health infrastructure goals and bring them one step closer to a Holistic Transition.

Our WASH program first must secure clean potable water with the community. Our team of local engineers helps design the and then we seek funding either through our volunteer base or donors to build it. Once completed, the in-home public health projects such as eco-stoves, latrines, water storage units and concrete floors, can be built.

HOW WE IMPROVE HYGIENE AND ACCESS TO WATER & SANITATION

Our Engineering, Water, and Public Health projects are crucial to the health of community partners. The main components of these programs include designing and building clean water systems, implementing public health products and supporting the sustainability of both through local committees.



CLEAN WATER SYSTEMS

In coordination with local governments, we construct full-scale water systems either piped into the homes of community members or through centralized standpipes. The water systems are designed and constructed with the support of community members, local masons, student volunteers, and local staff. Different types of water infrastructure projects are implemented in order to meet the needs of communities and are based on the sources of water available in each country. In addition to clean water, we train and educate community members on fundamental WASH concepts.

4,371

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN
WATER IN 2016

465

VOLUNTEERS
IN 2016

RAISED \$359,040

6

NEW WATER SYSTEMS
AND 3 STANDPIPES
CONSTRUCTED IN 2016

7

NEW WATER SYSTEMS
DESIGNED IN 2016

Water system inauguration in Joyas, Honduras.



PUBLIC HEALTH PRODUCTS

Before and after of shower in Panama.

Empowering families to be able to purchase their own public health products is vital to the long-term perpetuation of these projects. We use a unique economic model, collaborating with the local community-owned bank to provide low interest and flexible repayment term loans to community members. These loans are then utilized by families to purchase public health products at a subsidized rate.

840 VOLUNTEERS IN 2016

RAISED \$714,389

722 FAMILIES BENEFITTED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH PRODUCTS, INCLUDING 402 LATRINES & 311 ECO-STOVES



LOCAL COMMITTEES

Providing tools to mason in Nicaragua.

We train community leaders to form a Water Council and Basic Sanitation Committee for each community we work with. The Water Council operates, maintains, and administers the water system and establishes a monthly water fee to ensure sustainability. The Basic Sanitation Committee is trained on health, sanitation and hygiene practices as well as the maintenance of in-home projects such as latrines and eco-stoves. Once construction is complete, the community takes ownership of the projects and our staff work with the committees to provide technical assistance and follow-up annually.

35 BASIC SANITATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRAINED IN 2016

47 WATER COUNCIL MEMBERS TRAINED IN 2016

KEY UPDATES - 2016

PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

In 2016, our WASH programs focused on developing strategic partnerships to bring more water and public health projects to communities. The Water program was launched in Nicaragua and through alliances with Water for People and local municipal governments, we benefited eight communities with access to clean water. In Honduras, we continued to strengthen our partnership with World Vision and established a partnership with Rotary Club for the completion of a water system in the community of Coyo de Linaca, set to break ground in 2017. In anticipation of more funding opportunities, our Honduran engineers designed almost 50 kilometers of pipeline for future projects. In Ghana, through a partnership with the Ghana Water Company we funded the expansion of a municipal water system to two new communities.

CROSS-COUNTRY GROWTH

The Nicaragua Public Health team began offering eco-stoves to community members in 2016, while also redesigning its other products to improve quality and reduce cost. In Honduras, the Public Health program worked in four partner communities and installed eco-stoves and water filters in more than 200 homes with support from Medical Brigades volunteers in eight communities. In Panama, we involved volunteers from the Medical Brigades program to construct latrines in our partner communities as well.



Water system in community of Guaricayan, Honduras.



OUR SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Although our Human Rights program is not a required component of our holistic model in all countries, it is an essential program within our development approach in Panama.

Many partner communities in Panama, suffer from a lack of knowledge regarding legal procedures and their rights that threatens both their livelihoods and environmental degradation. There is also discriminating distinctions between Human Rights and Indigenous Rights that further proliferate racism and poverty in indigenous communities.

A community member of Arimae signing over her Power of Attorney to one of our local lawyers to begin her family case resolution.

To mitigate the effects of these barriers to justice, the Human Rights program implements four program activities: pro-bono legal clinics, family law cases, educational workshops and mootings.

The program activities are implemented by international volunteers, local lawyers and Global Brigades staff.

136 VOLUNTEERS IN 2016
RAISED **\$137,620**

33 LEGAL CASES RESOLVED **180** LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

610 LEGAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP ATTENDEES

11 COMMUNITIES PROVIDED WITH LEGAL SERVICES



Global Brigades Panama staff with new partner Defensoría del Pueblo.

Partnerships

In 2016, the Human Rights program in Panama focused on strategic partnerships to increase impact. We aligned our work with national and local government departments to improve the continuity of the legal work done in between volunteer groups.

Legal Education

Educational workshops implemented by the Human Rights program allow community members to take justice into their own hands. Providing access to legal services and local lawyers is essential to a community's overall economic development and provides empowering relief of vulnerable women trying to resolve domestic legal cases.

Eventually community members can utilize their Community Bank to take out low interest loans to cover the costs of their legal needs.



OUR COMMITMENT TO WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

Global Brigades believes that investing in and empowering women is fundamental to the success and sustainability of projects and the future development of the community. Each of our programs work in a unique way to educate and empower women to take on leadership roles in their communities.

Honduras Women's Conference

More than 85 women leaders from community partneres throughout Honduras came together for our annual Women's Conference. The conference focuses on empowering women to be leaders in the health and development projects in their communities, promoting self-esteem and enabling women to trascend gender roles.

Conference facilitators provide training on financial topics, such as business creation and management, household budget stewardship, and the use of financial services.

Additionally, participants are educated on reproductive health and preventative health measures to promote family wellness. Women are also provided awareness and resources for the fight against domestic violence.

Panama Caja Summit

Although the Panama Community Bank Empowerment Summit was not exclusive to women, 67 of the 76 attendees were women, representing 20 communities.

In Panama, over 90% of our Community Bank leadership and membership is made up of women. This means that through the Community Bank and the resources it provides, women are in command of their own financial empowerment and economic growth in their communities.

Womens Enterprise Spotlight

El Cantón in Honduras was known for its delicious pizza and pastelitos de piña. In 2012, several women from the community joined forces to start a bakery and provide employment opportunities for women in the community.

Their business has grown so much that they now sell their baked goods to surrounding communities. Their success has also indirectly supported the Community Bank which, thanks to the bakery, had more capital to offer loans for new business in the community to start. Those included a small general store, and a grain store, which is currently purchasing and reselling corn.

El Cantón initiated all of these new businesses by just leveraging the community bank, smal donations of capital, and their financial literacy training.



El Cantón bakery staff.

2016 ACHIEVEMENTS

245+ WOMEN TRAINED IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

16 GB MEDICAL STAFF TRAINED ON VIAA, A SIMPLER, MORE SENSITIVE AND LESS EXPENSIVE WAY TO SCREEN FOR CERVICAL CANCER

18 WOMEN IN FRAY LAZARO OPENED THEIR OWN BAKERY

100 WOMEN ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER CONFERENCE WITH UNIV OF TORONTO



Women leadership attendees at the 2015 Global Brigades Honduras Women's Conference.

2016

HOLISTIC COMMUNITIES

Once a community meets their health, WASH, and economic development goals as outlined in our holistic model, they are inaugurated and added to our list of Holistic Transitioned communities.

In 2016, three Global Brigades community partners were inaugurated: Fray Lazaro and Tomatin in Honduras, and Piriati Embera in Panama.

After the inauguration, Global Brigades continues to provide follow-up and periodic assessments of the impact of the holistic model.

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HOLISTIC COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DATE

3

NEW HOLISTIC COMMUNITIES



Young community member at Global Brigades Holistico
Community Inauguration ribbon cutting for Fray Lazaro.

CONGRATULATIONS

FRAY LAZARO

CHOLUTECA, HONDURAS

HOLISTIC MODEL START: JUNE 2014

HOLISTIC INAUGURATION: MARCH 2016

Fray Lazaro is a large community of approximately 200 families, including several surrounding neighborhoods. It is located in the department of Choluteca in the southern region of Honduras. This area of the country is extremely hot with temperatures often reaching 100°F.

Fray Lazaro's Development Challenges

People in Fray Lazaro suffered from many common ailments found in rural Honduras, such as respiratory and diarrheal diseases. The community had a water system, but it didn't cover all the homes in the community. As a larger rural community, Fray Lazaro had its own health center but it was not consistently staffed and often didn't have an adequate supply of medicine. Most community members in Fray Lazaro grew corn for sustenance. While some worked on nearby shrimp farms and sugarcane factories to earn money this work is generally seasonal and does not provide steady employment. For their labor, community members earned roughly 3,500 Lempiras or \$150 per month.





Community leader at Global Brigades Holistico Community Inauguration for Fray Lazaro.

Implementation of Global Brigades Holistic Model in Fray Lazaro

During our time in Fray Lazaro we have seen community members step up as leaders to take ownership of their community's development. Fray Lazaro is full of energetic people who are eager to move forward with better health, sanitation, and economic stability. We trained a new Community Bank in Fray Lazaro in 2014. With the support of our economic development programs, community members started a bakery, led entirely by women. The women were inspired to start their own business after networking with the successful El Canton bakers at our annual Women's Conference. From a Healthcare perspective, twelve Community Health Workers were trained in and around the surrounding communities and we established our first Community Pharmacy in Fray Lazaro. Operated by CHWs the pharmacy will sell basic medications to their community at an affordable price, meaning community members won't have to travel to the city to buy medication. A water system was constructed for roughly 40 community members who were not connected to the community's already existing system. Community members took out low interest loans to help pay for latrines, eco-stoves, showers, water storage units, and cement floors for the majority of homes.

HOLISTIC MODEL IMPACT

1,566+ PATIENTS ATTENDED BY MEDICAL BRIGADES

58 COMMUNITY LEADERS TRAINED

\$17,500+ INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY BANK & BUSINESSES

2 BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED

11 FAMILIES WITH CLEAN WATER CONNECTIONS

114 FAMILIES BENEFITED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH PRODUCTS

CONGRATULATIONS

TOMATIN

FRANCISCO MORAZAN, HONDURAS

HOLISTIC MODEL START: DECEMBER 2009

HOLISTIC INAUGURATION: JULY 2016

Tomatin is a small community of approximately 60 homes located in Cantarranas, Francisco Morazán, in central Honduras. The primary occupation in the community is agriculture, with community members producing corn, beans, and some sugarcane. Tomatin is about 40 minutes from the nearest larger town, where their corresponding health center is located.

Tomatin's Development Challenges

Upon arrival in Tomatin in 2012, community members relied on seasonal jobs harvesting sugar cane in order to sustain themselves financially. Most men in the community worked as day workers for the sugar cane companies, but were mostly out of work when the season ended. There was no stable source of income or access to credit for community members. There was a functioning water system, but public health infrastructure was lacking. For any basic health services people were forced to travel to Cantarranas, approximately 40 minutes away.

Implementation of Global Brigades Holistic Model in Tomatin

In 2009, Global Brigades established and trained a Community Bank in Tomatin and worked to offer agricultural loans so farmers could grow enough of their own crops to sell. With our support the bank constructed its own building and started a grain store so that farmers could buy and sell their own grain at better prices without having to leave the community. All community members were encouraged to take out a loan to purchase latrines, eco-stoves, solar lanterns, or water filters. In combination with El Ocote, another community partner, 24 Community Health Workers were trained to treat and prevent common illnesses and address other health topics such as first aid, caring for pregnancies, and first response in emergency situations. We established our second Community Pharmacy in Fray Lazaro. Operated by Community Health Workers, the pharmacy will sell basic medications to their community at an affordable price meaning community members won't have to travel to the nearest city to buy medication.

HOLISTIC MODEL IMPACT

1,900+ PATIENTS ATTENDED
BY MEDICAL BRIGADES

58 COMMUNITY
LEADERS TRAINED

\$6,300+ INVESTED IN THE
COMMUNITY BANK
& BUSINESSES

2 BUSINESSES
ESTABLISHED

19 FAMILIES BENEFITED WITH
PUBLIC HEALTH PRODUCTS

CONGRATULATIONS

PIRIATÍ EMBERÁ

CHEPO, PANAMA

HOLISTIC MODEL START: MAY 2011

HOLISTIC INAUGURATION: DECEMBER 2016

Piriatí Emberá is an indigenous community located in the District of Chepo. By the end of 2016, it was comprised of 119 households. It has a health center. Being an Embera community, it has a local congress and is ruled under the traditional Emberal law and authorities.

Piriatí Emberá's Development Challenges

In 2011, when Global Brigades first visited Piriatí Emberá there was a health center, but it lacked medical equipment. The community's water system provided relatively consistent water, but was often untreated. Most families had functioning latrines, but very few had eco-stoves. The average family income per month was estimated to be \$75-150 per month with the main source of income coming from agriculture. The main products that were cultivated in the community are corn, rice, yam, yucca, grain, and plantains. The community also sold artisan goods. Members of Piriatí Emberá did not have access to loans from the Savings and Loan Torti Cooperative because they did not own their land as indigenous communities live on collective land. The primary method of waste management was burning trash or throwing it in the river.





Community members and Global Brigades staff celebrating Global Brigades Holístico Community Inauguration for Piratí Emberá.

Implementation of Global Brigades Holistic Model in Piriati Emberá

Global Brigades implemented mobile clinics in Piriati Emberá starting in 2012. The pilot of the Community Health Worker program in Panama was done in Piriati Emberá where one community volunteer was trained to facilitate primary health services. In 2013, Global Brigades established and trained a Community Bank that now offers loans and savings services to the community members. The bank now has more than \$10,000 in capital and boasts a 100% repayment rate. Our economic development program has worked with 10 different businesses in the community including a tortilla producer, convenient stores, a pig farm, traditional embera skirt sales, and plantain and coffee production. A model farm was also developed in the community to demonstrate new agricultural techniques. Managed by the Environmental Committee, the farm uses sustainable practices to produce chicken, rice, cassava, corn and plantains. The Human Rights program began working in the community in 2014 providing legal consultations to community members and completing 5 family cases.

HOLISTIC MODEL IMPACT

3,207 PATIENTS ATTENDED
BY MEDICAL BRIGADES

56 COMMUNITY
LEADERS TRAINED

\$7,100+ INVESTED IN THE
COMMUNITY BANK
& BUSINESSES

10 BUSINESSES
CONSULTED

41 LEGAL
CONSULTATIONS

5 FAMILY LEGAL
CASES COMPLETED

1 MODEL FARM
COMPLETED

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