



2023



# Global Brigades Annual Report





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# 2023: A Year of Transformation, Investment, and Impact

In 2023, Global Brigades embarked on a transformative journey. We embraced a new vision, evolving from community supporters to dedicated investors. We believe that shifting from a mindset of beneficiary to one of investee **empowers** individuals in our communities and strips away traditional paternal relationships in the nonprofit sector. With that, we deepened our commitment to lasting change, empowering thousands of entrepreneurs to ignite economic growth, expanding our clinics to reach even more vulnerable patients, and redefining success by affirming the inherent value of every individual.

Within the mindset of growing our investment in people, this year, we harnessed the power of data to drive our mission forward. By analyzing a treasure trove of hundreds of thousands of electronic medical records, we uncovered insights that are revolutionizing our approach. We're looking to fine-tuning our services, such as collecting vital lab data, and exploring innovative solutions like telemedicine and ongoing education for our Community Health Entrepreneurs, Community Bank leaders and water and sanitation committees. Our goal is clear: to leverage technology to equip community members with the resources and skills they need to thrive.

We also recognize that lasting impact requires a holistic approach, but should be measured on an individual basis and not just as a community. As such, we are excited to announce the evolution of our E300 initiative which measured each community partner's progress toward achieving health and development goals into the E1M and a shift of expanding our measured impact to individuals.

This impact report is a testament to our expanded reach and the transformative power of our multifaceted approach. It's a celebration of the collaborative spirit that drives our work—the volunteers, the dedicated teams on the ground, the committed investors and donors, and most importantly, the communities themselves, who are building a brighter, more equitable future. Together, we're investing in people, igniting potential, and creating a world where everyone thrives.



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Global Brigades is an international health and economic development organization recognized for its unique integrated community development model, innovative financially sustainable programming, and network of thousands of volunteers that empower its partner communities.

## Our Mission

Inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities to achieve their own health and economic goals.

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## Our Vision

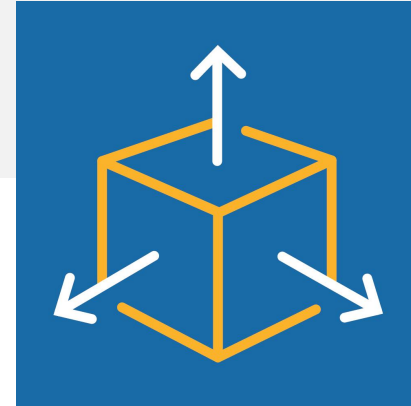
Millions of empowered community members with the resources and capacity to thrive.

# Our Values



## Empowerment

Creating an infrastructure that propels passion to meaningful results



## Scalability

Perpetuating positive impact



## Financial Transparency

Demonstrating efficient resource usage



## Holistic Approach

Implementing programming at all levels through a multi-disciplinary model



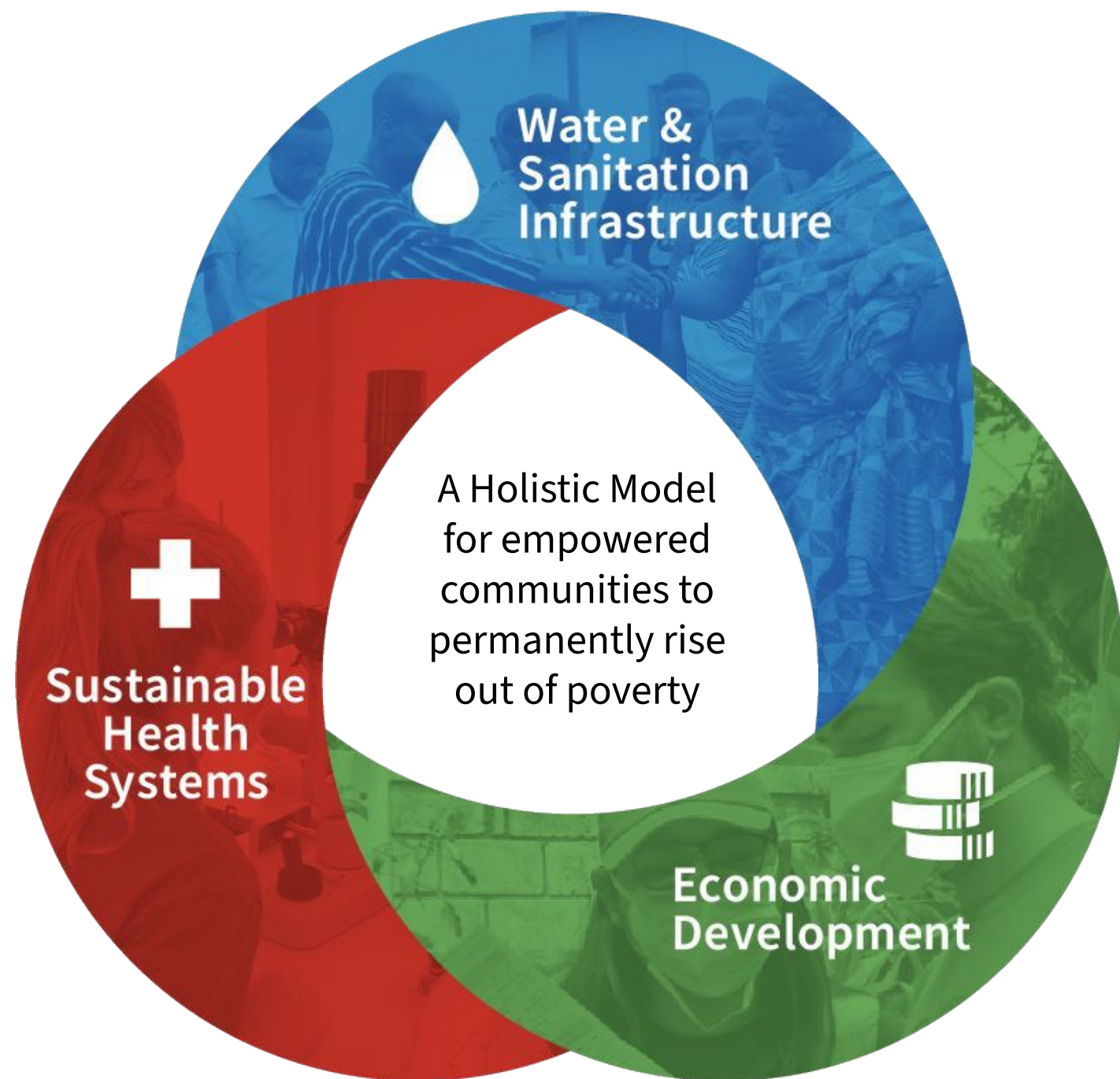
## Sustainability

Creating replicable systems that maximize impact



## Collaboration

Facilitating a “partnership” approach that makes any act of “service” empowering



## Our Holistic Model

Global Brigades' Holistic Model continued to be the cornerstone of our impact in 2023. Born organically over fifteen years ago, this community-driven, collaborative approach tackles health, water and sanitation, and economic challenges simultaneously.

We address healthcare disparities through mobile and permanent clinics and trained Community Health Entrepreneurs, ensuring ongoing access to basic medical services.

WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) programs prioritize clean water and sanitation infrastructure, and encourage best practices in hygiene, promoting preventative healthcare.

Finally, economic development initiatives, like Community Banks and small business consulting, empower families to create sustainable livelihoods, alleviating poverty and improving overall well-being.

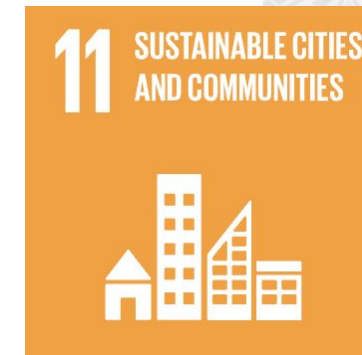
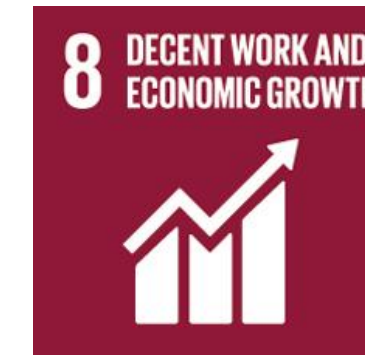
This three-pronged approach fosters empowerment of communities and individuals equipped to lead their own development journey towards more sustainable livelihoods.

# Global Brigades and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is comprised of 17 widely arching Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). These goals are global calls to action for countries and organizations alike to partner in ending poverty and creating peace and prosperity for all.

Global Brigades' development model contributes to a number of SDGs and their individual targets. By leveraging the SDGs as a framework to guide our model, GB maintains its course towards scalable, sustainable development work in our partner communities.

Global Brigades contributes to:





GB's sustainable healthcare programming contributes to:



## Good Health & Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

GB has strived to deliver high quality, sustainable, healthcare programs to partner communities for over twenty years. Over the years we have consistently innovated our mobile clinic model to improve services and meet the ever evolving health needs of our patients. By training and equipping Community Health Entrepreneurs, and operating Urban Clinics, we contribute to the targets of SDG3 with regular, affordable, healthcare services for a variety of demographics.

In 2023:

**190** Medical & Dental Brigades

**3,164** Medical & Dental Volunteers

**49,023** Medical Patient Consultations

**1,051** Pap Smears Performed

**12,366** Vision Screenings

**19,957** Dental Treatments

**718** Community Health Entrepreneurs to date serving 219 communities



GB's water, sanitation, and hygiene programming contributes to:



## Clean Water & Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Access to sufficient, affordable, clean water, and adequate sanitation and hygiene is vital to the health, and future of GB's partner communities. Global Brigades designs and constructs clean water and in-home sanitation and hygiene solutions in collaboration with community members. This is done through affordable financing options for communities, local partnerships, and donor support. Engineering, Water, and Public Health Brigades volunteers drive the program, working hands on with communities to better comprehend public health challenges, create Community Health Action Plans, and educate community leaders and youth on the best practices in water, sanitation, and hygiene.

### In 2023:

**34** Engineering, Water, & Public Health Brigades

**473** Engineering, Water, & Public Health Volunteers

**21** Clean Water Systems Designed

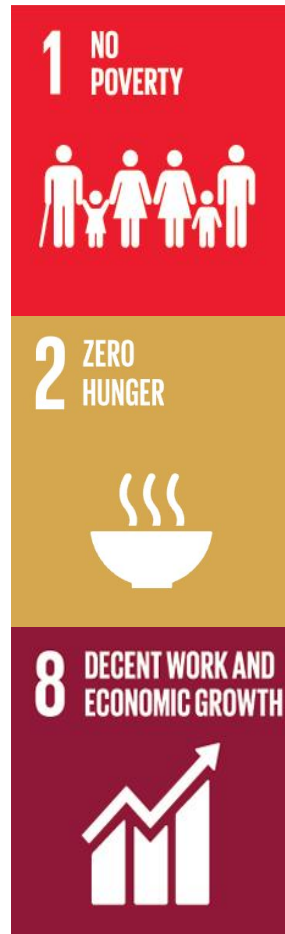
**2** Clean Water Systems Constructed

**3,442** People with Access to Clean Water

**280** Families benefited with in-home public health or home-improvement infrastructure

**7** Community Health Action Plans completed

GB's economic development programming contributes to:



## No Poverty

End Poverty in all its forms everywhere.

## Zero Hunger

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

## Decent Work & Economic Growth

Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Without access to credit, savings, and economic opportunity, the end goal of sustainable development and improved health stalls out. By focusing on financial inclusion through microfinance, micro-equity, business consulting, and sustainable agriculture initiatives, Eskala and our Business Brigades program establish a foundation for partner communities to flourish. By focusing on community-owned economic development solutions, and investing in, and building capacity of community banks, we aim to foster a powerful collaboration for growth and a sense of ownership that empowers communities to manage their financial resources effectively and to secure the resources needed to improve their livelihoods.

In 2023:

**43** Business Brigades

**793** Business Brigades Volunteers

**7,158** Loans disbursed

**221** Community Bank partners

**5,181** Total Community Bank members

**111** Small business consultations

**\$2,496,400+** Invested in community banks & businesses



**ESKALA**

GB's holistic community development model contributes to:



## Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

## Gender Equality

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

## Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

All of our programs include capacity building and skills development workshops. By ensuring women have access to these opportunities, they can gain the skills they need to participate more fully in leading the development of their communities and challenging traditional gender roles. Improved access to water and sanitation benefits women and girls disproportionately. Less time spent collecting water frees up time for girls to attend school and women to pursue income-generating activities. Better sanitation facilities can also improve menstrual hygiene management, especially important for girls' education and overall well-being. Economic development programs target women leaders and entrepreneurs. Providing women with access to credit empowers them to start or grow businesses, increasing their economic independence and decision-making power within their households and communities. In Central America inequality of indigenous populations is widespread. We work to appropriately address this by collaborating with indigenous leaders to implement programs in their communities. In Greece our objective is to serve refugees and asylum seekers with affordable healthcare, financial education, and business consultation.

In 2023:

**55%** of Community Bank Members are women

**87%** of Community Health Entrepreneurs are women

**51%** of WASH Committee Members are women

**67%** of owners of businesses consulted are women

**128** Indigenous partner communities in Central America

**99%** Of 2023 partner communities were rural

**~50%** Of clinic patients in Greece are asylum seekers



GB also contributes to:



## Sustainable Cities and Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

GB in 2023 launched a new initiative focused on ensuring access to adequate, safe, and affordable housing. Affordable housing is a critical component of sustainable urban development, contributing to a number of UN SDGs beyond just SDG 11. Affordable, adequate housing provides stability and security, allowing individuals and families to invest in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, and contributes to better physical and mental health outcomes by providing a safe and healthy living environment. Housing promotes economic growth by attracting businesses and workers, increasing productivity, and fostering innovation, while sustainable housing designs can reduce energy consumption, conserve resources, and minimize environmental impacts.



## Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Our Legal Empowerment program provides legal education and financial resources for vulnerable families to resolve legal challenges. We focus our work with women in remote, rural, and under-resourced communities who would otherwise have limited to no access to legal resources, and with refugee and migrant populations seeking asylum and integration.



## Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



## Life on Land

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

We strive to offset emissions from volunteer travel, and ultimately achieve carbon neutrality through our Carbon Offsetting program, which collaborates with farmers on reforestation and sustainable land management practices. We support community leaders to protect water resources, and educate community members on water conservation best practices. Sustainable and organic farming practices are a focus of Eskala and our economic development programming.



## Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Global Brigades fosters partnerships between different stakeholders, including volunteers, local communities, government entities, NGOs, donors, and impact investors. Through these partnerships, we mobilize financial resources for developing countries and emphasize the facilitation of best practices and transfer of knowledge.

# The Empowered 1M

Since the launch of the E100 in 2017 (expanded to the E300 in 2021), GB has been diligently collaborating with community members, volunteers, donors, and local partners to implement our holistic development model in communities across the world. The last two years have brought about innovative shifts in our program methodologies, allocation of resources, and the way we impact those that we strive to empower. These shifts, driven by lessons learned from the E100 and E300, and an increasingly more dynamic development landscape, go beyond our previously more rigid community model.

**Livelihood:** the means by which individuals or households obtain the necessities for survival, including income, food, shelter, and basic services.

With holistic community development as a foundation, we are now impacting individuals in more countries (Guatemala, Greece, & Belize), and through new initiatives (e.g. Urban Clinics & Eskala). We feel it is paramount to leverage the strengths of our current operations, vast network of collaborators, and dedicated community partners, to empower as many individuals as possible to achieve sustainable livelihoods. Sustainable livelihoods as defined by their resiliency, long term viability, and the dignity and opportunity to thrive that they provide, are crucial in sustainable development. Sustainable livelihoods provide a pathway out of poverty, promote responsible use of resources, create opportunities for marginalized groups and communities, and contribute to UN SDGs. Global Brigades now sets out to build upon decades of community development work, by embarking on the Empowered 1M initiative, with the objective of empowering one million people to attain improved and more sustainable livelihoods.



# The Empowered **1M** Goals:

**Overall Goal:** 332,300 of 1M people empowered to attain improved and more sustainable livelihoods.



## Goal #1:

**Healthcare Access:** Regular, affordable access to a healthcare professional, medicine, and a trained Community Health Entrepreneur.

### **175,900+ people have accessed health & dental care**

- 591 communities have received a mobile medical & dental clinic
- 1447148 medical patient consultations
- 180427 dental patient consultations
- 69969 vision screenings
- 42246 pap smears performed
- 718 Community Health Entrepreneurs
- 144,900+ individuals with access to a trained CHE



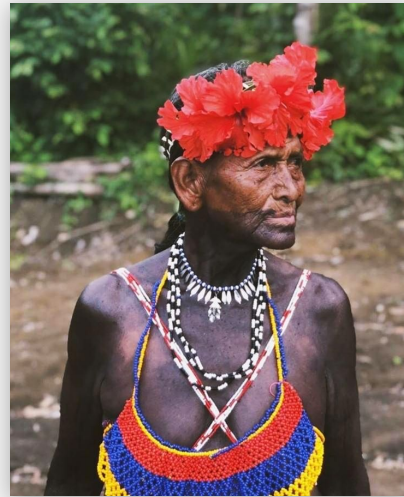
## Goal #2:

**Access to sufficient, clean water:** Improved access to engineering solutions, clean and water infrastructure, supported by a trained community Water Committee.

### **53,600+ people with improved access to clean water infrastructure**

- 67 Communities with improved access to clean water infrastructure
- 107 Communities with clean water infrastructure design
- 43245 people benefited by a clean water infrastructure design

# The Empowered **1M** Goals:



## Goal #3:

Access to housing and public health designs and infrastructure, with affordable financing opportunities, and community health assessments & action plans.

**20,400+ people with improved access to housing and public health infrastructure**

- 172 Communities with with improved in-home public health infrastructure
- 34 Communities with a public health assessment & Action Plan
- 15009 individuals benefited by a public health assessment & Action Plan

## Goal #5:

Volunteer Movement: Inspire, mobilize, and educate international volunteers to empower partner communities to achieve sustainable livelihoods now and in the future.

**77,300+ volunteers mobilized**



## Goal #4:

Economic Opportunity: Economic growth realized through increased access to sufficient, affordable credit and savings through a Community-owned Bank

**5,100+ people who are Community Bank Members**

- 220 Communities with to credit though a trained, operating Community Bank
- 139379 individuals in communities with a trained, operating Community Bank
- 5181 individual Community Bank Members
- 26895 loans to individuals, businesses, and Community Banks
- 1876 small business consultations
- \$9040868 invested in Community Banks and businesses



# Where We Work

Greece

Belize

Guatemala

Honduras

Ghana

Panama

Nicaragua



# In 2023

Global Brigades worked in 381 partner communities in Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, while impacting many more nearby communities with access to sustainable programs. In addition, GB operated Urban Clinics, serving vulnerable populations of Tegucigalpa and Athens.



	Partner Communities	Estimated Impacted Population
Honduras	196	262,100+
Nicaragua	24	14,200+
Panama	115	86,000+
Ghana	24	84,300+
Greece	1	2,100+
Guatemala	20	40,000+
Belize	1	350
TOTAL	381	489,050+

# Honduras

Global Brigades' origins date back to 2003 in Honduras, where we implemented our first basic medical brigades in the partner communities of El Paraiso and Francisco Morazan. Honduras has since played a key role in the evolution of our mission, strategy, and methodology. All GB programs are implemented in Honduras, and we continue to expand our geographical focus, now working in eight departments of the country.



# Honduras

## Healthcare Program:

In 2023, 80 Medical & Dental Brigades visited Honduras to provide affordable access to healthcare including dental care, optometry, OBGYN, and other specialties services. The team added 18 new trained Community Health Entrepreneurs to its network, and carried out follow-up visits to ensure that their medication inventories are stocked allowing CHEs to effectively provide daily access to affordable medication in their community. We operated both urban clinics for the entirety of 2023, adding X-rays, ultrasounds, and psychology to the list of services offered to patients. To better distinguish the urban clinics for our target population of the vulnerable, under-resourced people in Tegucigalpa, they were rebranded to “Cliniva”.

636

Pap Smears Performed

7,021

Vision Screenings

14,265

Dental Treatments

1,544

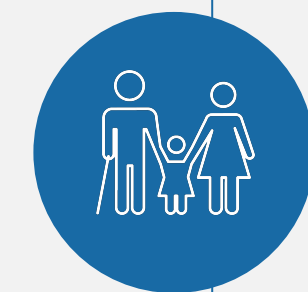
Health & Dental Education Workshops

590+

Community Health Entrepreneurs To Date Serving 140+ Communities

20,431

Medical Patient Consultations



# Honduras

## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program:

The WASH program in Honduras made strides towards providing access to clean water to a variety of partner communities in 2023. The team progressed with construction of water systems in Tierras Morenas and Pueblo Nuevo, and collaborated with Living Water International to drill drinking water wells in partner communities Santa Cruz and El Apintal de Linaca. They also delivered in-home public health infrastructure projects to eleven different communities, supported by brigade volunteers, and a partnership with the Corporate Social Responsibility department of local Honduran company Grupo Terra. Engineering brigades volunteers worked with our local engineers and technicians to deliver designs and budgets for water systems to communities, empowering community leaders to take the next steps towards construction. Eight of these designs were delivered to communities in Choluteca with the support of partner organization, ADEPES. Public Health volunteers joined local technicians and community members to assess the health situation of eight communities, and developed and delivered Community Health Actions Plans to community leaders.

4,326

People Benefited by Clean Water System Designs

238

Families Benefited with In-Home Public Health Infrastructure

8

Community Health Action Plans Completed

17

Clean Water Systems Designed



# Honduras

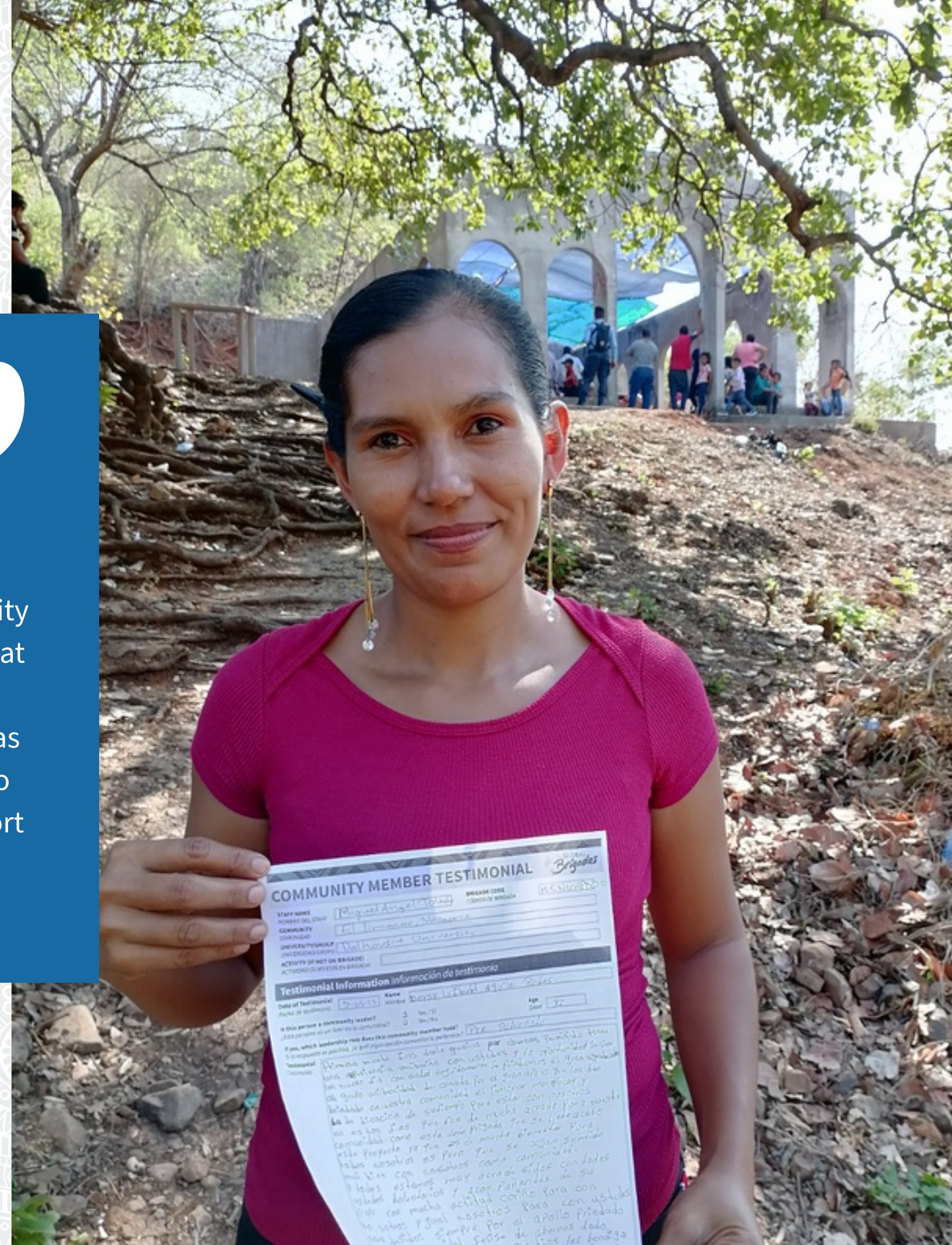
**Name:** Deysi Aguilar Rodas

**Position:** Community Council President

**Community:** El Limonar, Moropocay



“First of all, thank God for allowing us to have a wonderful experience with you and the opportunity to start a new day with health. Next, we extend our gratitude to the group from the university in Canada for the great support they have provided to our community El Limonar, Morocopay, and for dedicating their time to be with us during these days that were very pleasant for our community. As the tele-brigade was carried out, this project has been a great benefit to our community, and I hope you have felt very good with us as a community. We are all very grateful to the volunteers and [GB staff] who all showed so much love for us, and we feel the same for you. We will always be grateful for the support provided to our community, and happy for the time you have dedicated to us. May God bless you today and always, with much love from the community of El Limonar.”



**COMMUNITY MEMBER TESTIMONIAL** Brigades

STAFF NAME: Miguel Angel...  
COMMUNITY: El Limonar, Morocopay  
UNIVERSITY: Dalhousie University

**Testimonial Information** Información de testimonio

Date of Testimonial: 2023/05/12  
Name: Deysi Aguilar Rodas  
Age: 37

**Testimonial**

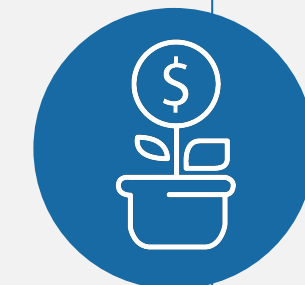
En primer lugar, agradezco a Dios por permitirnos tener una maravillosa experiencia con ustedes y la oportunidad de comenzar un nuevo día con salud. Luego, extendemos nuestra gratitud al grupo de la universidad en Canadá por el gran apoyo que nos han brindado a nuestra comunidad El Limonar, Morocopay, y por dedicar su tiempo a estar con nosotros durante estos días que fueron muy agradables para nuestra comunidad. Como se llevó a cabo el tele-brigade, este proyecto ha sido un gran beneficio para nuestra comunidad, y espero que se hayan sentido muy bien con nosotros como comunidad. Estamos todos muy agradecidos con los voluntarios y [personal de GB] que todos mostraron tanto amor por nosotros, y nosotros sentimos lo mismo por ustedes. Siempre seremos agradecidos por el apoyo brindado a nuestra comunidad, y felices por el tiempo que nos han dedicado a nosotros. Que Dios los bendiga hoy y siempre, con mucho amor de la comunidad de El Limonar.

# Honduras

## Economic Development Program:

In 2023 the Eskala Honduras team continued to expand its reach, working with new Community Bank partners, including banks in the department of Yoro, an area of the country that Global Brigades had not previously worked in. Eskala Honduras' loan portfolio grew to over \$3.1M by the end of the year. In an effort to encourage Community Bank partners to officially register as legal entities, a vital step for their security and growth, the Eskala Honduras team worked to negotiate more affordable legal fees for the banks. In October the Honduras team held a Community Bank Summit, hosting 86 community bank leaders, representing 44 different banks, from Nicaragua and Honduras. Topics covered at the summit included community bank management, diversification, role of the bank in emigration prevention and community bank success stories.

5,570+  
Loans Disbursed



111  
Small Business  
Consultations

\$1,634,800+  
Invested in Community  
Banks

1,863  
Total Community  
Bank Members



## Honduras

**Name:** Luis Olvera

**Position:** Community Bank President

**Community:** Capiro, Yoro

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“I am so grateful for the support of Eskala because both of my dreams have come to pass. The Eskala loan allowed us to issue micro loans to our [Community Bank] members at a better rate for their coffee and bean production. This follows the great news that for this harvest season (August 2022 through March 2023) no one in our community had the need to migrate to the United States because they were able to produce enough to sell, and for food, which allowed them to have enough money to provide for their families. Secondly, thanks to the training and follow-up from Eskala, people are taking a more active role in the Community Bank and now I do not have to be everywhere at the same time.”





# Panama

Global Brigades expanded its programming to Panama in 2008 aiming to improve access to financial services to some of the most isolated, vulnerable populations of indigenous communities in the eastern part of the country. In the years to follow, the team launched healthcare and WASH programming, rounding out the implementation of the holistic model in Panama. Eskala Panama has positioned itself as one of the leading microfinance actors in rural Panama, and has been recognized as a model economic development program in the country by the United Nations Development Program. Over the years, GB Panama has expanded its geographical scope moving into the country, and now implement development programming in seven provinces, and three indigenous comarcas (Emberá-Wounaan, Guna Yala, and Ngäbe-Buglé).



# Panama

## WASH Program:

In 2023, Global Brigades Panama continued its partnership with UNICEF and the Baido Project. As part of the project the WASH team provided technical assistance, engineering design support, and infrastructure construction to 12 partner communities in rural Panama (10 indigenous communities). Eight of the communities had their water system built for the first time. We worked on water and sanitation projects for three Migrant Reception Stations, completing the water system in Lajas Blancas, which is providing 100,000 liters a day of clean water for tens of thousands of migrants moving through the country. Engineering volunteers worked alongside the Panama WASH team, and community leaders to complete a water system design in La Candelaria, which when constructed will provide access to clean water to over 500 community members. Lastly, volunteers constructed improved sanitation infrastructure in the primary school of Boca de Chguiri.

4

Clean Water Systems  
Designed

1

Clean Water Systems  
Constructed

1

School with Improved  
Public Health  
Infrastructure  
Benefiting 35 Families

894

People with Access  
to Clean Water



# Panama

## Healthcare Program:

Healthcare Program: GB Panama hosted over 850 volunteers from 52 Medical & Dental brigades throughout 2023. The Health Team in Panama started training 19 new Community Health Workers representing various partner communities (Including the first CHW in West Panama). Their training continued throughout 2023, and will be completed in early 2024. In addition work was continued on the expansion and strengthening of the network of Community Health Entrepreneurs in rural Panamanian partner communities. These CHEs, known as “Botiquines del Pueblo” in Panama are government certified to sell affordable over the counter medication in their communities. With support from Eli Lilly and Company, and Johnson & Johnson, we supported 17 CHEs with medication inventory, 10 with tablets for better management of their business, and 3 CHEs started on the construction of a physical space to house their operation.

3,833  
Dental Treatments

66  
Community Health  
Workers to Date  
Serving 50+  
Communities

9,907  
Medical Patient  
Consultations

2,103

Health & Dental  
Education Workshops





## Panama

**Name:** Yazmin Moreno

**Position:** Community Member

**Community:** El Guayabito, West Panama

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“First I want to thank God for having allowed you to come to our community of El Guayabito to implement this medical brigade, which is very beneficial. I love that everything that the brigade brought to the community helped our community members, as well as my family, so much. Thank you to the dental station for your calming patience and empathy in the beautiful work of caring for people's teeth. [Thank you for] the medical care to improve people's health, since we have many children and adults in the community who suffer from various illnesses, including some from Covid-19 and others that are congenital. The volunteers that presented the dental education workshops were motivating and dedicated, and helped us learn about how to care for our teeth, and how what we eat affects them. To the whole group that came, a thousand thanks for your wonderful work, and the beautiful career that you are studying to help support patients. We would like you to come back to continue helping the community, because the services are so good. The school of El Guayabito and the community welcomes you back with open arms.”



# Panama

## Economic Development Program:

In 2023, Mi Solución Financiera (MSF Eskala), continued as a leader of microfinance in the country, demonstrating its commitment to growing local economies in partner communities. MSF Eskala grew its investment portfolio to over \$800,000 and engaged in several new, innovative projects with strategic partners. We disbursed over \$100,00 in loans to Urban Migrant Community banks which have been established in collaboration with BANESCO Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. The Inter-American Development Bank also contracted Eskala Panama to provide financial literacy education to indigenous Guna partner communities in eastern Panama, where educational materials were created in the indigenous Guna language for the first time ever. We delivered 25 tablets to the Community Bank leaders, and trained them on how to use the portfolio management software, Loandisk, for better data recording and reporting. Finally, Business Brigades volunteers visited partner communities to provide business consulting services to 29 small businesses in Panama, those entrepreneurs are better prepared and engaged in growing their businesses and accessing financial support.

1,506

Loans Disbursed

2,644

Total Community Bank Members

\$861,588+

Invested in Community Banks & Businesses

95

Community Bank Partners



A grey silhouette map of Panama is positioned over a background of intricate white geometric patterns on a light grey field.

## Panama

**Name:** Hermelinda Batista

**Position:** Community Bank President

**Community:** La Moneda, Darien

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“For me, the TeleBrigade was a very good experience. I learned to discover more thoroughly the strengths and weaknesses of my business, the values that we possess as an association, and all of the potential that we have moving forward. It was great to share with all of the volunteers that collaborated on the project as well as with the team members from Global Brigades. I am so grateful for this amazing opportunity that you [Global Brigades] have provided for our business to continue growing.”



# Nicaragua

Global Brigades works with rural partner communities in northwestern Nicaragua, where community members have historically struggled with some of the lowest family incomes of any of GB's partner countries. Despite challenging conditions in the country since 2018, and a significant reduction in GB operations, we remain committed to supporting community banks through Eskala and have identified a locally-owned cooperative to facilitate additional savings and loans services..



# Nicaragua

## Economic Development Program:

Thanks to the generous support of donors and the Eskala Honduras team, Global Brigades continued to work with Community Bank partners in Nicaragua in 2023. Eskala provided technical assistance, and ongoing follow-up to Community Banks throughout the year, and is thrilled to report that while economic conditions in Nicaragua are as challenging as ever, bank leaders are steadfast in their dedication to making repayments in full and to growing their portfolios. In October, representatives from seven community banks in Nicaragua were able to travel to Honduras to join the annual Community Bank Summit and share best practices with their Honduran counterparts, certainly a highlight of 2023.



502

Total Community Bank Members



26

Community Bank Partners

76+

Loans Disbursed



# Ghana

Global Brigades built its first partnerships with communities in the Central Region of Ghana in 2011. As we were new to the continent and country, we began by developing relationships with the Ghana Water Company and Ghana Health Service, and the distinct local community leadership structure, and are now a leader in community development in the region. More densely and higher populated partner communities than those in Central America present unique challenges and opportunities, resulting in distinct program methodologies in Ghana.



# Ghana

## Economic Development Program:

In 2022, the Ghana team developed partnerships with two local Credit Unions in the Central Region in an innovative approach to economic development programming compared to Eskala’s Central American operations. GB Ghana invested \$70,000 in rural communities through these partnerships, providing access to affordable credit for rural community members in the Ekumfi, Abura-Asebu-Kwamankese districts and Nfantseman municipality. In 2023, even though the investment was spread over the year with over a uarte being invested in December, the team saw a return of over \$2,700 in dividends on these investments, funding that can be used to reinvest in local economies of partner communities once again.

## WASH Program:

In 2023, the Ghana Water, Sanitation and Hygiene team collaborated with the Ghana Water Company to install a new standpipe and 10,000 liter water storage tank to benefit the over 200 families in the community of Odompo. In addition, we continued to improve water infrastructure, installing additional storage tanks in Ekumoano and Suprudo, two of our strongest partner communities in the Ekumfi district. In addition, Public Health brigade volunteers constructed toilets and biodigesters for four families in Ekumpoano, benefiting over 20 community members with improved in-home sanitation infrastructure.

3

Communities With Clean Water Standpipes Installed



7

Families Benefited With In-Home Public Health Infrastructure

2,548

People With Improved Access to Clean Water

# Ghana

**Name:** Micheal Otsinkoran

**Position:** Community Member

**Community:** Ekumfi Ekumpoano, Central Region

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“The project we are receiving is going to help me and my family members. Most of us use the beach to go to the bathroom, and while we know that it is not a good practice, we don't have any option until today. Compared to some years back in our community, today there has been a lot of sanitation improvement in Ekumpoano all because of the support of Global Brigades. I ask God to bless Global Brigades, the volunteers and the staff. It is our prayer that they come always to do more for everyone in the community. We thank them and God bless them all.”



# Ghana

## Healthcare Program:

What a year 2023 was for the GB Ghana Healthcare team. We hosted 11 Medical Brigades made up of over 190 volunteers, renovated a health center in a partner community, and the Pharmacy, which offers competitive prices, a delivery service, a regular in-house doctor of pharmacy, reached break-even operation. In addition, GB Ghana was awarded a \$50,000 unrestricted grant from the Vibrant Village Foundation, allowing us to broaden our scope and expand into a new area in the isolated, and particularly under-resourced north of the country. We were able to implement seven mobile medical clinics in two new regions in northern Ghana (Northern & Savannah Regions) providing medical consultations to over 3,500 patients.

5,004

Community Members  
Enrolled in National  
Insurance Program

2,484

Vision Screenings

9,256

Medical Patient  
Consultations

77

Health & Dental  
Education Workshops



## Ghana

**Name:** Gifty Aba Ocran

**Position:** Community Member

**Community:** Ekumfi Otum, Central Region

“My name is Gifty Ana Pcran, I'm from Ekumfi Otum. I am happy that Global Brigades is in our community, because it is not everyone that has the money to visit the hospital. When I heard that Global Brigades was coming to our community, I was filled with joy. They have received us happily and taken good care of us. For me I came for an eye clinic process. Most of our mothers also came to seek healthcare and they have gotten it. It's our prayer that Global Brigades continuance visits with all their programs. We thank you.”

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# Guatemala

In 2020 Global Brigades expanded its operations to Guatemala. We collaborated with the local government in the municipality of Tecpan, in the department of Chimaltenango, to better understand and establish strong relationships with rural partner communities. GB Guatemala contributes significantly to the objective of reducing inequalities in our programming countries as our work in the country focuses on supporting indigenous communities, specifically the Kaqchikel and K'iche' peoples.



# Guatemala

## Healthcare Program:

Global Brigades' Healthcare programming in Guatemala aims to provide high quality medical and dental care to the particularly vulnerable Maya peoples of the mountainous municipalities of the department of Chimaltenango. Our local team in Guatemala has carefully developed relationships with indigenous leadership in partner communities to bring health and dental services to community members while respecting their culture and unique community leadership structure. Medical Brigades in Guatemala offer general medicine, dental treatment, OBGYN, and optometry to patients. In 2023, over 450 volunteers from 24 Medical & Dental brigades, implemented mobile clinics in partner communities in Guatemala.

**1,859** Dental Treatments



**194**

Pap Smears Performed

**729**

Health & Dental Education Workshops

**1,692**

Vision Screenings

**5,259**

Medical Patient Consultations

## Guatemala

**Name:** Ana Griselda Perez

**Position:** School Principal

**Community:** Aldea Buena Vista, Chimaltenango

“First, I thank God for allowing this activity to be done in our community. Second, I would like to thank everyone that participated. It was a medical brigade that benefited so many people from our community, many of whom, due to their economic situation, have not been able to see a medical professional, but thanks to God and to [the volunteers], now they were able to. All of the people involved were very friendly, attentive, and professional with each child, adult, and elderly that attended the mobile clinic. I hope that when the possibility to support our community exists again, that [GMB] does so, since there are people here with limited resources, health challenges, and many needs. Again, thank you, thank you very much.”

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# Greece

In 2018, by invitation of the UN International Office of Migration and in partnership with the Greek Health Department, Global Brigades set off to help fill a void for health care services for asylum seekers and local vulnerable populations, through collaboration with local government and NGOs – in this unique setting. We commenced by providing improved access to healthcare services in Long-Term Accommodation sites run by the IOM, and through this model began to build trust and gather insight to best develop a model tailored to the distinct demographic of refugees and asylum seekers aspiring for integration.



## Greece

### Healthcare Program:

When the Covid-19 pandemic halted the ability to work in Long Term Accommodation sites in 2020, GB Greece established its own Polyclinic in Athens to provide consistent and broad health coverage to the most vulnerable populations. The Polyclinic has four primary care departments: two for pediatrics, one for obstetrics and gynecology and one for ophthalmology. In 2023, the Greece team hosted 23 brigade groups (in-person and virtual) providing care to Polyclinic patients. At the end of 2023 GB Greece launched a pilot dental program for children in collaboration with the NGO 'Seeds of Humanity'. GB Greece provides the dentists and Seeds of Humanity the clinic. The main objective of the two organizations is to serve the growing needs of the refugee population for dental coverage and care. In 2024, a second ophthalmology unit will start operating in the organization's clinic. Also, in 2023, to meet the rising demand of refugees in the country, the team in Greece grew its partnership network to over 30 NGOs and also began implementing clinics outside of the Polyclinic. Lastly, as a response to increased refugees from the war in Ukraine, GB Greece began collaborating with Russian and Ukrainian translators to best serve our patients.

221

Pap Smears  
Performed

1,169

Vision  
Screenings

31

Health &  
Dental  
Education  
Workshops

14

Dental  
Treatments

4,170

Patient Consultations



# 10 Small Business Consultations



## Greece

### **Economic Development Program:**

Many of the refugee population living in Greece face immense economic barriers. To help overcome this, Global Brigades Greece's Business Program aims to empower refugee and migrant populations in Athens, with financial education and economic development programs for their micro-enterprises. Business volunteers, with the support of mentors and local staff, connect either virtually or in-person to provide pro-bono business consulting services tailored to the specific needs of each individual entrepreneur. The program strives to familiarize businesses with new technologies, and provide guidance on access to financial resources. In 2023, over 50 volunteers from 3 Business Brigades, provided business consulting services in Greece.

### **Greece Legal Empowerment Program:**

Consistent with the GB holistic model, in 2023, Global Brigades launched its inaugural Legal Empowerment Program in Greece. The program is designed to address the complex legal needs of refugees in Greece, focusing on refugee and migration law, family reunification cases, asylum procedures, and human rights advocacy. Our Legal Empowerment Program strives to enhance access to justice for asylum seekers and refugees in Greece, particularly those who have limited or no access to legal resources, including individuals who need to appeal denied cases. Through our partnership with the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR), we facilitate the provision of essential legal services to these vulnerable populations. Additionally, we extend our support to unaccompanied refugee minors, providing them with crucial legal and human rights education while they await the resolution of their asylum claims or family reunification processes. In our 2023 pilot brigade, we collaborated with the Zeuxis NGO shelter to deliver legal education to 14 unaccompanied teenage girls, equipping them with the necessary tools to advocate for their rights and navigate their legal challenges effectively.



# Belize

In 2023, Global Brigades began to expand its scope in Central America, with the first assessments to expand operations to Belize. GB leadership from Honduras visited Belize to identify local contacts and potential partner organizations. In November, we performed our first Rapid Needs Assessments in potential partner communities, in preparation to begin implementing the Holistic Model with rural communities in 2024. Partner communities in Belize are diverse and distinct, in many ways, from other Central American countries. We aim to collaborate with Latino, Garifuna, and Mayan communities, where there are an array of cultures and languages such as English, Spanish, Creole, and local indigenous languages.



# Carbon Offsetting Program

In 2022, Global Brigades launched a new effort to become a greener organization by working to offset the carbon emissions generated from volunteer travel to our programming countries. As deforestation is a severe, historical problem facing Honduras, the initiative focuses on sustainable and strategic reforestation in rural Honduran partner communities. The program aims not only to sequester carbon through reforestation, but also to collaborate with local farmers in partner communities and provide them new, diverse, economic opportunities through strategic planting of wood and fruit trees.

In 2023, we reached a total of over 11,000 trees planted in rural Honduran partner communities in the El Paraiso department of the country. In addition, we worked on engaging organizations whose mission aligns with GB's like the Honduran Institute for Forest Conservation, the Villa Santa Agroforestry Cooperative, and the Eastern Borders Cooperative.





Squads Abroad is Global Brigades' division offering volunteer opportunities for high school students to not only participate in a hands-on, international learning experience, but also make a real impact in GB partner communities.

In 2023, 59 Squads abroad groups, consisting of over 1,000 high-school volunteers and teachers implemented health, WASH, economic development, and educational projects in Honduras, Panama, Guatemala, Ghana, and Greece. Unique to Squads Abroad programs, volunteers execute small scale construction projects with local schools in partner communities.

Additionally, SA looks forward to expanding its reach, contributing to partner community impact in Belize in 2024.

480+

Medical, Dental, and Vision  
Patient Consultations

250+

Hours of Construction, Benefiting  
2,900+ Community Members

20

Small Business Consultations

5

Clean Water Systems Designed



# KAMBIA

TRANSFORMING GLOBAL EDUCATION

Kambia delivers real-time international project-based learning directly to university students in the classroom and abroad. Faculty and their classes partner with our local teams on the ground to collaborate with Global Brigades community partners abroad to help meet our overall E1M objectives. Kambia not only enhances university and college curriculums, but also provides a more financially accessible means for students to engage with global education.

In 2023, 45 Kambia groups, with over 820 students, contributed to impact 33 partner communities in Honduras, Panama, and Greece.



644

Medical Patient Consultations

49

Health Education Workshops

1

Community Health Action Plan Delivered

2

Families with In-Home Public Health Infrastructure

62

Small Business Consultations

# GB Urban Clinics

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Global Brigades, aiming to continue providing access to high quality, affordable healthcare services despite restrictions on volunteer travel, and community visits, established permanent clinics in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Athens, Greece.

To complement care in these clinics, we developed “TeleBrigades”, virtual volunteer programs focused on telemedicine, education, and cultural exchange from a distance. Since, restrictions have been removed, and we host in-person brigades once again, but that has not deterred the permanent clinics from providing care, and facilitating virtual volunteer programs. What’s more, Global Brigades Honduras opened a second clinic in downtown Tegucigalpa in late 2022. These clinics provide a number of services including: general medicine, optometry, dental care, orthodontics, nutrition, dermatology, gynecology, pediatrics, vaccination, ultrasounds, and X-rays.

**13,644**  
Total Medical & Dental  
Patient Consultations

**412**  
OBGYN Consultations

**654**  
Vaccinations

**198**  
Pap Smears Performed

**255**  
Dermatology Consultations

**3,896**  
Vision Screenings

**6,009**  
Dental Treatments

**1,268**  
Pediatric Consultations

**441**  
Imaging Tests



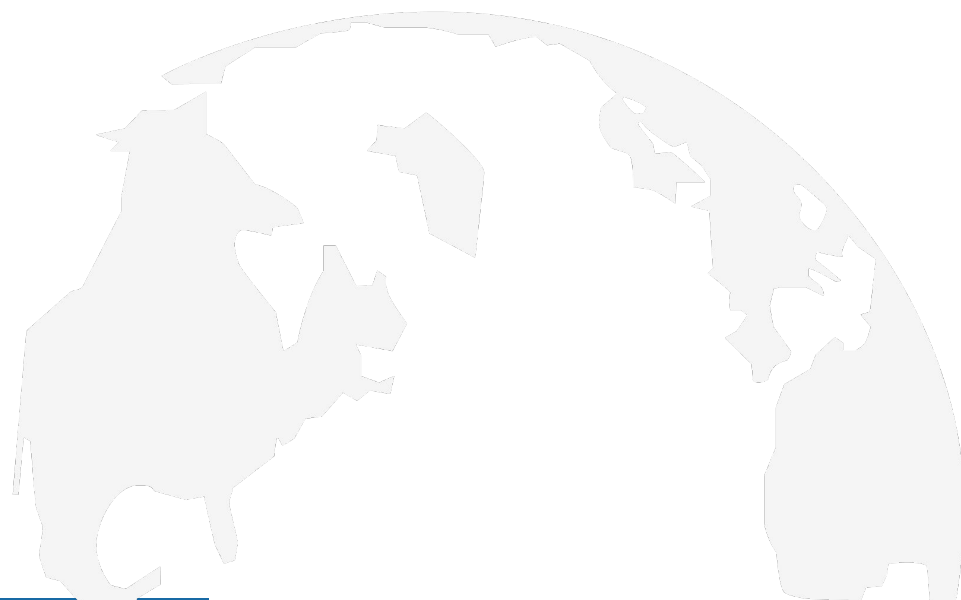
A blue-tinted photograph of a courtyard. In the background, there is a two-story yellow building with arched windows and a balcony. The courtyard is paved and has several people walking around. There are some plants and a large white globe in the foreground. The overall scene is bright and open.

# Financial Transparency

Global Brigades strongly values financial transparency and the ability to share our budgets with our donors and volunteers. Each year, we strive to utilize funds raised to expand our model to more communities and with increasing sustainability.

# Funds Raised

In 2023, we raised more than \$10.6 million dollars to implement our global health and sustainable development programs. Global Brigades, Inc (a US 501c3 nonprofit), and each of its international affiliates in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ghana, Greece, Global Brigades Sustainable Development (Canada) and Global Brigades UK undergoes an independent financial audit. The financial figures shown below are combined numbers for January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023 for Global Brigades, Inc and its affiliates along with Global Brigades Sustainable Development in Canada, and Global Brigades UK.



## \$10,735,418.45

Total Raised in 2023

\$10,061,384.32

Raised by Global Brigades, Inc

\$568,408.79

Raised by Global Brigades Canada

\$105,625.34

Raised by Global Brigades UK

## \$9,777,219.09

Total Expenses in 2023

\$9,188,467.54

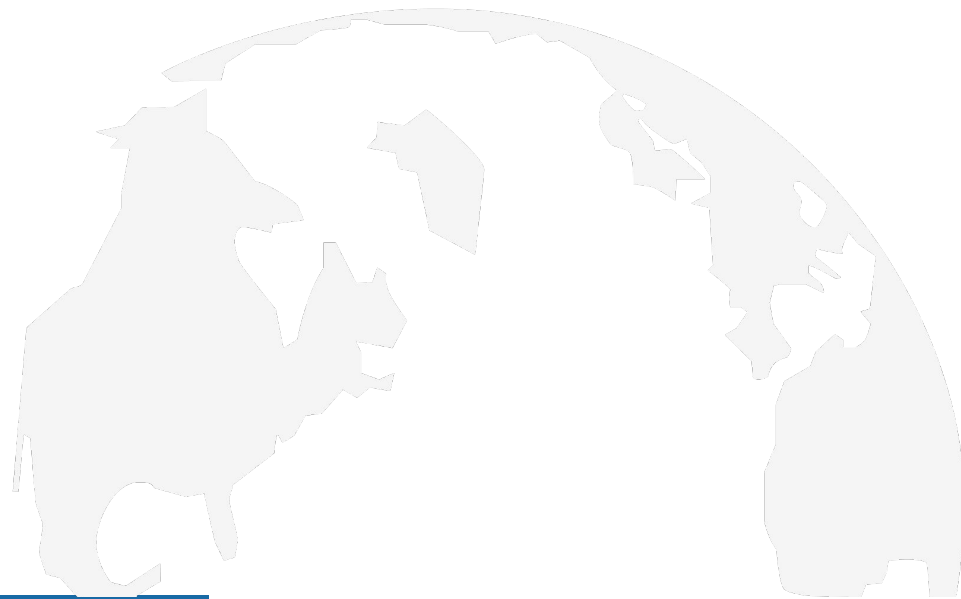
Programs and Operations

\$588,751.55

Fundraising

# Allocation of Program Expenses

Funds from the US, Canada and UK are granted to our affiliate entities in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, Greece, Ghana, and Guatemala to execute our initiatives in healthcare, WASH, and economic development. In addition, our program impact also includes the global leadership development of our thousands of students.



**\$6,972,874.73**

Granted to Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, Greece, Ghana and Guatemala

**\$590,687.45**

Volunteer Travel to Support Programs

**\$538,687.18**

Student & Program Impact Support

# Allocation of Operating Expenses & Allocation of Fundraising Expenses



## Operating Expenses

We have adopted a strategy of identifying and empowering strong local teams in our granting countries to not only implement programs, but also lead various international administrative and leadership roles. Based on this model, we are able to forgo needing a costly headquarters based in North America or Europe and provide more high level employment opportunities in the developing world.

\$684,344.96	Operating Staff Salaries
\$183,704.75	Professional Fees
\$23,990.60	Travel Expenses
\$194,712.87	Operating Expenses

Number of Full and part time employees in Program Countries

388

Number of full and part time employees in North America and Europe

36

## Fundraising Expenses

Our chapters lead the majority of fundraising efforts of Global Brigades. The bulk of our fundraising expenses are mainly focused on ensuring they have the tools to effectively fundraise and mobilize students using our online platforms that expose students to international development. As such, much of it could also be categorized as program expenses, but we label it as fundraising to be conservative.

\$273,994.99	Fundraising & Marketing Salaries
\$78,141.08	Fundraising Website Maintenance
\$69,271.47	Credit Card Fees
\$155,848.35	Marketing
\$11,495.66	Fundraising Travel Expenses



# Supporters



# The Merkel Family

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Donor  
Spotlights

In 2023, the Merkel Family continued their invaluable support as they so generously gave an incredible half a million dollars to propel Global Brigades' mission of health and sustainable development. Specifically, the funds were used to expand access to healthcare in Honduras, and Greece, through the operation and expansion of urban clinics; training and support for Community Health Entrepreneurs in Honduras, and Panama; the construction of water and sanitation infrastructure in Honduras, Panama, and Ghana; distribution of investment capital to Community Banks in Panama; reforestation through the Carbon Offsetting program in Honduras, and strengthening Global Brigades' monitoring and evaluation efforts internationally.

Words fall short to express how vital the Merkel Family's gifts to Global Brigades have been, and the amount of gratitude for their generosity, trust and steadfast support in our collective mission. The family's donations to Global Brigades impact so many individual lives in our partner communities, and have become the catalyst of change throughout generations in the communities we serve.

## Francis L. Lederer Foundation:

The Francis L. Lederer Foundation's generous \$10,000 gift to Global Brigades exemplifies their commitment to fostering holistic community development, with a focus on enhancing access to healthcare and promoting environmental sustainability. Through targeted support for Global Brigades' Urban Clinics, Community Health Entrepreneur program, and Carbon Offsetting initiative, the Foundation is spearheading transformative change and creating lasting impact in communities worldwide.

**Access to Healthcare: Urban Clinics and Community Health Entrepreneur Program:** Global Brigades' Urban Clinics initiative plays a pivotal role in addressing the healthcare needs of underserved urban populations. The Foundation's contribution enables the establishment and operation of these clinics, ensuring that individuals in urban settings have access to essential medical services, regardless of their socio-economic status. By supporting the Community Health Entrepreneur program, the Foundation also empowers community members to take charge of their own health through education, training, and sustainable business opportunities. This innovative approach not only improves health outcomes but also fosters economic empowerment within partner communities.

**Environmental Sustainability: Carbon Offsetting Program:** Recognizing the critical importance of environmental stewardship, the Francis L. Lederer Foundation is instrumental in supporting Global Brigades' Carbon Offsetting program. This initiative seeks to mitigate the environmental impact of volunteer flights while working towards the organization's broader goal of achieving carbon neutrality. Through investments in agroforestry businesses and fruit production, the project not only offsets carbon emissions but also creates income-generating opportunities for individuals in Global Brigades' partner communities. By promoting sustainable land use practices and fostering economic resilience, the Foundation is driving positive change that extends far beyond environmental conservation.

The Francis L. Lederer Foundation's partnership with Global Brigades exemplifies their unwavering commitment to improving lives and protecting the planet. Through targeted support for healthcare access and environmental sustainability initiatives, the Foundation is empowering communities to thrive, both in terms of their physical well-being and environmental resilience. As we celebrate their impactful contributions, it is evident that the Francis L. Lederer Foundation is a catalyst for positive change, inspiring hope and transformation in communities around the globe.

Donor  
Spotlights





# Donor Spotlights

## Eli Lilly & Company:

In 2023, Eli Lilly and Company continued its unwavering commitment to community well-being, leaving a profound mark across 21 communities. Their dedication reached a total estimated population of 22,339 individuals, with an average community size of 1,117. Through strategic initiatives and steadfast support, Eli Lilly and Company significantly enhanced both medical and public health landscapes, exemplifying their ethos of corporate responsibility and social stewardship.

**Medical & Dental Impact:** Eli Lilly and Company's initiatives in medical and dental care have been instrumental in fostering healthier communities. In 2023 alone, they facilitated 5,081 medical patient consultations, ensuring access to essential healthcare services. Moreover, their provision of 1,047 vision screenings and 37 pap smears underscores their commitment to preventive care and early detection. Recognizing the importance of oral health, Eli Lilly and Company also conducted 442 dental consultations, addressing crucial dental care needs within these communities. Additionally, their effort in organizing 142 health and dental education workshops proved instrumental in raising awareness and promoting health literacy. These workshops saw participation from an impressive 5,122 individuals, fostering a culture of informed decision-making and proactive health management.

**Public Health Impact:** Beyond medical and dental services, Eli Lilly and Company extended its impact to public health infrastructure. Through the construction of 11 eco-stoves, they not only promoted sustainable living practices but also significantly improved indoor air quality, contributing to the overall well-being of community members. Moreover, 41 individuals benefited from in-home public health infrastructure enhancements, ensuring access to safe and hygienic living environments.:

Eli Lilly and Company's philanthropic endeavors in 2023 stand as a testament to their unwavering dedication to community welfare. By providing vital medical and dental services, fostering health education, and investing in public health infrastructure, they have catalyzed transformative change across diverse communities. As we reflect on their impactful contributions, it is evident that Eli Lilly and Company's commitment to making a positive difference continues to uplift and empower communities worldwide.



# Chapter Lists & Volunteer Testimonials

2023 Universities, Campus Chairpersons  
(*note: not all universities have a campus  
chairperson*), Chapters, and number  
of 2023 volunteers per chapter.

**USA**  
**TOTAL VOLUNTEERS**  
**3,366**

**Alumni Brigades Honduras**

Alumni Network - 11

**Arizona State University**

Dental Brigades - 27

**Arizona State University**

Medical Brigades - 10

**Baruch College CUNY**

Kambia - 14

**Belmont University**

Medical Brigades - 18

**Boston University**

Business TeleBrigades - 7

**Brandeis University**

Medical Brigades - 21

**California Polytechnic State University**

**San Luis Obispo**

Medical Brigades - 13

**California State University Fullerton**

Kambia - 15

**California State University Monterey Bay**

Kambia Virtual - 85

**California State University Sacramento**

Medical Brigades - 17

**Carnegie Mellon**

Business Brigades - 4

Medical Brigades - 21

**Carroll University**

Medical Brigades - 20

**Case Western Reserve University**

Medical Brigades - 19

**Clarkson University**

Kambia Virtual - 42

**College of William and Mary**

Medical Brigades - 15

**Columbus Area**

Medical TeleBrigades - 1

**Culver-Stockton College**

Business TeleBrigades - 21

**CUNY Brooklyn College**

Medical Brigades - 20

**CUNY City College of New York**

Medical Brigades - 11

**Dartmouth College**

Medical Brigades - 12

**Duke University**

Medical Brigades - 7

**Eli Lilly**

Medical Brigades - 91

**Emory University**

Medical Brigades - 20

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

Medical Brigades - 33

**Florida State University**

Dental Brigades - 30

Medical Brigades - 19

CC Nicole Zavala



Zackary  
Pendleton  
University of Prince  
Edward Island  
Engineering Brigade  
February 2023,  
Honduras

“My experience with Global Bridges was phenomenal. The people I met on this trip were some of the most caring and generous. From the community members, translators and facility staff who made everything so wonderful.

The community we worked with was very engaging, and I learned a great deal from them. We designed a water system and a community as part of an engineering brigade it felt good to put our skills to use.

The experience was incredible; from the food to the views, and the people, Honduras will always have a spot in my heart.”

**Foothill College**

Medical Brigades - 26

**George Washington University**

Medical TeleBrigades - 3

**Georgia Institute of Technology**

Medical Brigades - 8

**Global Brigades Kambia****Site Visits & Professional****Development Program**

Kambia - 24

**Global Brigades Events**

Global Brigades Events - 7

**Governors State University**

Microfinance Brigades - 10

Public Health Brigades - 13

**Greensboro Collegiate Group**

Medical Brigades - 28

**Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Medical Brigades - 8

**Independent Volunteers**

Medical Brigades - 4

**Indiana University**

Dental Brigades - 20

Medical TeleBrigades - 8

**Iowa City**

Medical TeleBrigades - 10

**James Madison University**

Medical Brigades - 21

**Jefferson University**

Medical Brigades - 27

**Keck Graduate Institute**

Medical Brigades - 4

**Louisiana State University**

Medical Brigades - 23

Water Brigades - 11

CC Katy Knecht

**Marquette University**

Kambia - 8

Kambia Virtual - 12

Dental Brigades - 26

Medical Brigades - 40

Medical TeleBrigades - 15

Public Health TeleBrigades - 55

CC Gwyneth Medlock

**Med School Coach**

Medical Brigades - 7

**Merrimack College**

Engineering Brigades - 10

Medical Brigades - 14

**Metroplex Medical Centres**

Medical Brigades - 25

**Miami University of Ohio**

Business Brigades - 7

Medical Brigades - 11

**Michigan State University**

Medical Brigades - 19

**Milwaukee School of Engineering**

Medical Brigades - 18

Public Health Brigades - 10

CC Brienz Ottman and Therese Carlson

**Mississippi State University**

Medical Brigades - 5

**Montclair State University**

Medical Brigades - 17

**Moravian University**

Kambia Virtual - 40

**North Park University**

Medical Brigades - 19

**Northeastern University**

Kambia Virtual - 43

Medical Brigades - 42

CC Morgan Wong

**Northern Arizona University**

Kambia Business - 10

Kambia Business Virtual - 47

Kambia Community Development - 14

Kambia CD Virtual - 11

**Northern Michigan University**

Kambia Virtual - 29

**NYVT Nurses Unite**

Medical Brigades - 22

**Ohio Northern University**

Kambia Virtual - 8

**Ohio State University**

Medical Brigades - 1

Naomi  
PinedaUniversity of  
Georgia  
Dental Brigade  
August 2023,  
Honduras

“My experience with Global Brigades in Honduras was truly life changing. My family all came from poverty in Latin America, but I had never taken the time to truly considered the relation between their oral health and their economic situation in depth. After being exposed to the conditions in rural Honduras I felt truly connected me with the life my parents lived at a young age in Mexico.

It taught me so much about a life I never knew, but not only that, but it also expanded my overall knowledge on oral health. I learned about a different approach to treatment and learned about the mouth from different perspectives than I had before. I also made some of the most valuable connections I have ever made with the people I met on this trip. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything.”

**Oklahoma State University**

Medical Brigades - 17

CC Aidaly Ramos

**Old Dominion University**

Medical Brigades - 19

**Oregon Health and Sciences University**

Medical Brigades - 21

**Pace University**

Medical Brigades - 5

**Painesville Physician Assistants**

Medical Brigades - 16

**Pennsylvania State University**

Engineering Brigades - 19

Medical Brigades - 17

CC Aayod Kaul

**Philadelphia Osteopathic Medical Students**

Medical Brigades - 15

**Poznan, Poland**

Dental Brigades - 5

**Purdue University**

Medical Brigades - 34

**Regis University**

Medical Brigades - 18

**Rutgers University New Brunswick**

Medical Brigades - 6

CC Alan Levita

**Saint Louis University**

Medical Brigades - 20

CC Kylee Corbin

**San Francisco State University**

Medical Brigades - 13

**Seton Hall University**

Medical Brigades - 15

**Shenandoah University**

Medical Brigades - 9

**Smith College**

Medical Brigades - 11

**Southern Connecticut State University**

Medical Brigades - 4

**Southern Illinois School of Medicine**

Medical Brigades - 8

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

Medical Brigades - 13

**St. Ambrose University**

Kambia Virtual - 54

**St. George's University School of Medicine**

Medical Brigades - 17

**SUNY Farmingdale State College**

Kambia Virtual - 11

**SUNY Stony Brook**

Medical Brigades - 17

**Syracuse University**

Medical Brigades - 26

**Freya Stephenson**

King's College of London

Medical Brigade

June 2023, Ghana

“Taking part in Global Brigades is the most rewarding experience I’ve ever had. You are able to help empower a community and improve their health outcomes. The people I have met have been so kind and have treated me like family. And I feel I have learnt an incredible amount about a culture and healthcare system very different from my own. I couldn’t recommend this experience enough!”



**Texas A&M University**

Business Brigades - 14  
Dental Brigades - 43  
Engineering Brigades - 10  
Medical Brigades - 41  
Public Health Brigades - 5

**Texas State University**

Kambia - 19

**Texas Tech University**

Medical Brigades - 17

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**

Kambia - 20

**The University of Tulsa**

Kambia - 24

**Touro University Nevada**

Medical Brigades - 20

**Trinity College**

Kambia Virtual - 13

**Tufts University**

Dental Brigades - 15  
Medical Brigades - 14

**Tulane University**

Medical TeleBrigades - 15

**University of Arizona**

Medical Brigades - 22

**University of Arkansas**

Medical Brigades - 51

**University of California Davis**

Medical Brigades - 18

**University of California Irvine**

Medical TeleBrigades - 16  
CC Olivia Cooper

**University of California Los Angeles**

Dental Brigades - 21  
CC Maggie Clark

**University of California Riverside**

Human Rights Brigades - 8  
CC Mia Victoria Estudillo

**University of California Riverside**

Medical Brigades - 15  
CC Mia Victoria Estudillo

**University of California San Diego**

Medical Brigades - 18

**University of California Santa Barbara**

Dental Brigades - 34

**University of Central Florida**

Engineering Brigades - 2

**University of Central Florida**

Medical Brigades - 19

**University of Colorado Boulder**

Medical Brigades - 24  
CC Sudikshya Bhatta

**University of Colorado Colorado Springs**

Medical Brigades - 35

**University of Connecticut**

Medical Brigades - 15

**University of Dayton**

Medical Brigades - 49

**University of Florida**

Medical Brigades - 11  
Public Health TeleBrigades - 6  
CC Julia DeMott

**University of Georgia**

Dental Brigades - 22  
Medical Brigades - 21

**University of Houston**

Medical Brigades - 17  
CC Danah Shuaeb

**University of Illinois at Chicago**

Medical Brigades - 14

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Medical Brigades - 23

**University of Maryland**

Dental Brigades - 18

Medical Brigades - 14

**University of Maryland Baltimore County**

Medical Brigades - 3

**University of Massachusetts Lowell**

Business Brigades - 11

**University of Michigan**

Medical TeleBrigades - 10

“Being on a water brigade and helping dig trenches for water pipes not only allowed me to help a rural community in need, but also helped me reflect on my own life and privileges. The skills and knowledge I learned on my brigade can be carried forward into my future work, volunteering or professional. After completing my brigade, I feel even more confident that Global Brigades is a powerful tool in bettering the lives of people around the world.”



Isabel Willems  
Louisiana State University Water Brigade  
March 2023, Panama

**University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**

Kambia - 31

**University of Mississippi**

Medical Brigades - 51

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Medical Brigades - 10

**University of Missouri**

Medical Brigades - 49

CC Mehrab Jubara

**University of New Hampshire**

Medical Brigades - 19

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Medical Brigades - 32

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Medical Brigades - 28

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Medical Brigades - 30

CC Dave Gandhi and Emily Lynch

**University of Pittsburgh**

Dental Brigades - 12

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Medical TeleBrigades - 15

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**University of Tennessee**

Medical Brigades - 24

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Medical Brigades - 16

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Kambia Virtual - 36

Medical Brigades - 12

**University of Texas San Antonio**

Medical TeleBrigades - 10

**University of Toledo**

Medical Brigades - 20

**University of Washington**

Medical Brigades - 8

**University of Washington**

**Professional Schools**

Medical Brigades - 24

**University of Wisconsin - Madison**

Dental TeleBrigades - 16

**University of Wisconsin-Platteville**

Kambia Virtual - 27

**Vanderbilt University**

Medical Brigades - 7

CC Akhil Nair

**Virginia Tech**

Medical Brigades - 24

**We Care Senior Care**

Medical Brigades - 4

**West Virginia University**

Medical Brigades - 58

CC Vanessa Mueller

**Western Kentucky University**

Medical Brigades - 17

**CANADA**

**TOTAL VOLUNTEERS**

**275**

**Chapter of Waterloo**

Medical Brigades - 1

Public Health Brigades - 3

CC Nefise Akcakir

**Dalhousie University**

Engineering Brigades - 15

Medical Brigades - 26

Public Health Brigades - 8

CC Anna Morris and Julia Saad Hossne

**London, Ontario**

Medical Brigades - 20

**Memorial University**

**of Newfoundland**

Medical Brigades - 5

Grace  
Crossley

Northeastern  
University  
Medical Brigade  
March 2023,  
Guatemala



“Global Brigades was a life changing experience. The impact it made in my life was ten-fold what we were able to do in the communities. I learned so much about dentistry, optometry, and general medical knowledge, but more importantly the connections I made in the communities and on the brigade will be with me for the rest of my life. This week reminded me why I want to be a doctor and how our health care systems are so broken, globally. I made family with the staff and doctors on the brigades, and I am trying to find a way to go back to Guatemala to continue helping communities. There is always more to be done, and I would like to contribute in any way needed.”

**Queen's University**

Medical Brigades - 23

CC Amin Hasheminia

**Saint John (NB, Canada) Area**

Medical Brigades - 18

**St. Thomas University**

Business Brigades - 10

**University of Alberta**

Medical Brigades - 20

CC Mark Wong

**University of Guelph**

Medical Brigades - 25

CC Onome Adese

**University of Prince Edward Island**

Engineering Brigades - 18

Medical Brigades - 34

**University of Toronto**

Dental Brigades - 5

Medical Brigades - 13

CC Yoorim Lee

**Western University**

Engineering Brigades - 11

Medical Brigades - 20

CC Juhi Bora

**UK****TOTAL VOLUNTEERS****83****Global Brigades Events**

Human Rights Brigades - 1

**Kent and Medway Medical School**

Medical Brigades - 21

**Kings College London**

Medical Brigades - 25

**Nottingham Trent University**

Human Rights Brigades - 5

**University of Birmingham**

Engineering Brigades - 7

Medical Brigades - 6

**University of Exeter**

Human Rights Brigades - 11

**University of Oxford**

Human Rights Brigades - 7

CC Ellie Stubbley

**SQUADS ABROAD****TOTAL VOLUNTEERS****1124****Affton High School**

Global Health TeleSquads - 11

**Ambassador Program for Educators**

Ambassador Trips - 53

**Branham High School**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 33

**Chaminade College Preparatory School**

Global Health Squads - 13

**Clayton High School**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 37

**Coginchaug Regional High School**

Global Health TeleSquads - 34

**Cupertino High School**

Global Business Squads - 56

**Dana Hills High School**

Global Health TeleSquads - 83

**EDGE**

Impacto Global Squads - 30

**Forest Ridge the Sacred Heart School of Seattle**

Global Health Squads - 17

**Go Ghana**

Global Health Squads - 10



Sophia  
Georgoudis  
Dalhousie  
University Public  
Health Brigade  
April 2023,  
Honduras

“This was such an incredible experience providing public health services to the Hacienda Vieja community in Honduras. I am so grateful I had the chance to be involved in this amazing opportunity and to make a positive difference in the lives of this wonderful community.

I will forever be inspired by this community's strength, courage and kindness as they have made an incredible impact in my life as well. We have accomplished a holistic model for this community that will aid them in their journey of striving for a more sustainable and stronger lifestyle. This meant so much to me to be able to make a difference in their lives and to be the change we all want hope to see in the world. I know that I will never stop brigading!”

**Hays CISD**

Global Health Squads - 13

**Hopkins Academy**

Impacto Global Squads - 5

**John Burroughs School**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 10

**Kingsway Regional School District**

Global Health TeleSquads - 34

**Kinnenlon High School**

Global Health TeleSquads - 6

**Leman Manhattan Preparatory School**

Impacto Global Squads - 14

**Loudoun Teen Health Army**

Global Health Squads - 11

**Marina High School**

Global Health TeleSquads - 67

**McKenzie Center for Innovation and Tech**

Global Health Squads - 20

**Middleton High School**

Global Health Squads - 12

**Midlothian ISD**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 12

**Midview HS**

Global Health Squads - 32

**Monarch High School**

Global Health Squads - 13

**Montgomery Bell Academy**

Global Business Squads - 27

Impacto Global Squads - 43

**Norwich Free Academy FBLA Club**

Global Business TeleSquads - 12

**Notre Dame Cathedral****Latin High School**

Global Business Squads - 46

**Piedmont High School**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 85

**Roosevelt HS**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 19

**Roxbury High School**

Global Business Squads - 71

Global Business TeleSquads - 9

**Salem High School**

Global Business Squads - 30

**Schalmont High School**

Global Business Squads - 8

**Si Panama**

Impacto Global Squads - 14

**Smith Academy**

Impacto Global Squads - 10

**STEMCivics**

Impacto Global Squads - 73

**Taft School**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 12

**Trinity Christian Academy**

Global STEM TeleSquads - 10

**Turning Winds Academy**

Impacto Global Squads - 13

**Whitfield School**

Impacto Global Squads - 16

**Daniel Calvo**

St. Thomas University

Business Brigade

April 2023, Greece



“Volunteering with Global Brigades in the Business Brigades category has had a strong impact on me. As a student of Business and Economics, I had the opportunity to apply all the concepts and knowledge that I have acquired in the classroom, in the real life of people in need.

In addition, sharing with people from a totally different culture than mine has given me a broader vision of the problems faced in different parts of the world. Meeting and interacting with migrants who have ventured to seek a better life and start their own businesses has been phenomenal. Being able to help them and give them ideas of my own to apply in their business makes it even better.

In summary, this brigade has made me improve in many aspects, allowing me to have a broader concept of how things work in another country and also to be able to apply the knowledge of my area of expertise and put it into the hand of those who need it; which I consider has been the best and certainly the most satisfying part of this trip.”

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