



Since our inception...

51,000+
lives impacted

5,600
students & teachers
trained in leadership

308
scholarships awarded

4,100
students have
attended after-school
programs

350+
leadership & teacher
trainings conducted

293
international volunteers
traveled abroad

\$21 M
invested in education
programs

6,500
students trained through
e-learning programs

ABOUT US

Visions Global Empowerment ("Visions") is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Irvine, CA that aims to enable sustainable development through education, leadership and technology. Visions is especially focused on enabling social change in communities affected by conflict, poverty, gender discrimination, and disability. We envision a world where all people have access to quality education, are empowered to realize their unique aspirations, and are equipped to make positive contributions in our world.

WHERE WE WORK

Currently, Visions operates predominantly in 5 countries:

- **Ethiopia** (since 2012)
- **India** (since 2008)
- **Sri Lanka** (since 2003)
- **Nicaragua** (since 2017)
- **U.S.** (since 2019)

In 2022, we also supported educational initiatives in Kenya, Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Canada.



WHAT WE DO...

Worldwide, millions of children face immense daily hardships that prevent them from accessing a quality education or preparing themselves for a fully meaningful, educated, and independent life. To address these challenges, our efforts focus on three

EDUCATION

Every child deserves **the right to attend school and receive a quality education**. The reality for countless children worldwide, however, is fraught with hardships, shortcomings and neglect. Visions works hand-in-hand with local partners as '**allies in development**' to survey, craft, implement, finance and oversee meaningful education programs that address the many challenges youth face at all stages of their education.

These interventions are customized to the specific needs, culture and realities of each unique community, always with the intention of strengthening local civil society and empowering local stakeholders to ultimately take full agency over this work in the long-term. Interventions may look like:

- a network of after-school learning and empowerment centers for rural youth in India;
- vital set of holistic services for Deaf children at our Center for the Deaf in Hawassa, Ethiopia;
- a residential boarding school for girls on a 437-acre campus in Matagalpa, Nicaragua;
- or mentorship, scholarships and internships for unemployed youth in Sri Lanka.

LEADERSHIP

In most countries, personal leadership & life skills development is not part of the standard curriculum or the overall educational experience of youth, especially for those who hail from underprivileged communities facing hardship and marginalization. Yet, the opportunity to develop these personal abilities and talents is essential to realizing one's full potential and leading a more meaningful life.

Utilizing our own curriculum that has been developed, vetted, and adapted continuously since 2003, we aim to shape engaged, informed, and socially conscious youth leaders and global citizens at all levels, including primary & secondary school children, university students, professionals and organizations.

TECHNOLOGY

Worldwide, an estimated 750 million people are illiterate, 263 million children are out of school, and hundreds of millions more attend schools in classrooms that are under-resourced with educators that lack proper training. The proliferation of digital learning resources and platforms has transformed the field of education throughout the world, but it has yet to reach the vast majority of those who need it most. Visions seeks to bridge that gap by addressing the challenges of access to hardware, electricity, internet and instruction, and making high-quality learning content and virtual collaboration possible through technology.

In particular, **Blue Brick School** (www.bluebrickschool.org) is a major initiative committed to developing and delivering offline, high quality e-learning resources to under-resourced children globally through a collaborative, open-source digital platform offering tools for both creating and sharing high quality e-learning content in any language.

SUPPORT / GET INVOLVED

- Join us on one of our international service-learning trip opportunities
- Spread the word, host events, collect donations, offer your professional skills, or start your own Visions Chapter
- Make a **tax-deductible contribution** or become a monthly donor through our website
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