2015 Results

About this Report:

The 2015 Results report represents data from 29 of the 41 programs we funded in 2015, following the roll-out of our new Program Monitoring and Evaluation tools. This report shows trends in Foundation giving, cost per beneficiary and number of beneficiaries in each sector and project type. The report also features photos and highlights from projects that had strong outcomes and inspirational stories. We are excited to continue learning and strengthen our M&E systems, and look forward to sharing more reports and analysis in the future.
Of the $2,870,000 spent in 2015, $2,420,000 was invested in the 29 programs from 21 countries featured in this report. This investment reached more than 103,650 beneficiaries.

Vibrant Village funds projects in seven sectors; Community Health, Agriculture & Food Security, Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Income Opportunities, Community Enrichment, and K12 Education.

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Agriculture and Food Security

In 2015, we invested over $800,000 in Agriculture and Food Security projects within our target communities, representing 34% of total funding.

In Délonger, Haiti, all of the 50 targeted beneficiary families implemented SRI (System of Rice Intensification). They reported average yields of 6.5MT/ha, which blew past the target of 4.5MT/ha and the traditional cultivation average of 2.5MT/ha.

Beneficiaries with smallholder farms and gardens received 45% of the Agriculture and Food Security investment. Another 23% of Agriculture and Food Security projects were focused on Garden Cooperatives, and 19% on Farm Credit projects.

Smallholder farming and garden projects in Cameroon, Ghana, Haiti, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, India, and Nepal received more than $323,000 in 2015. Their projects ranged from home and school gardens, to coffee production, bio-intensive agriculture, and millet production. The other 15% of the investment is comprised of livestock programs, adult education, and agricultural cooperatives.

In 2015, 11,444 people benefitted from Vibrant Village Foundation’s investment in Agriculture and Food Security projects, with an average investment of $74 per person. These projects ranged in cost from around $1,500 in Ghana up to $156,000 in Kenya, which reflects the different type, scope and scale of projects we fund. Gardens, small farms and co-ops tend to require a significant, upfront investment because of the initial cost of materials and construction, but require much less funding after they are established. Livestock and animal husbandry projects also require a larger initial investment and, barring any disease outbreaks, the cost of maintaining these projects is relatively low.
K-12 Education projects in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Senegal, Haiti, and Guatemala received investments of approximately $500,000 in 2015. Investment in K-12 Education projects makes up 24% of the total portfolio.

Improved School Infrastructure

Over 95% of funds went towards projects improving school infrastructure like classrooms and materials in Ghana, Malawi, Senegal, and Haiti as well as school operations costs for the John Branchizio School in Haiti.

At least 6,190 students benefitted from our investments in K-12 Education. In Haiti, we provided all funding support for the John Branchizio school with over 600 students with a 98% pass rate on their state exams.

Vibrant Village Foundation invested an average of $353 per student in our K-12 Education projects in 2015.
Clean Water

In 2015, we invested more than $437,000 in Clean Water projects in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Vietnam. These projects make up 18% of our 2015 portfolio.

In Cambodia, Planet Water engaged six communities, providing enough clean water to support 6,000 people per day, including the 1,782 children who attend the participating schools. "I am very happy to see the water tower today and we are told we no longer need to bring water from home to school. Clean water comes out right on my hands and it is very easy to fill my drinking bottle for taking home." - Ra Nary, 11, 5th grade girl student. Courtesy of Planet Water

All of the investment went to projects that were directly related to building or repairing water sources, or increasing access to clean water through filtration. Frequently, the cost per project in this sector also includes training of water source management committees, training in hygiene and water treatment and community outreach.

Project costs vary due to many factors including water table depth, size of the target community (outreach efforts), and the type of water sources constructed/repaird. Wells and hand pumps are the least expensive to construct while boreholes and other mechanized water sources cost more. Costs per water source also vary by country and region.

For example, a deep-water well in the desert of Niger (Amman Imman) costs over $150,000, a borehole in Northern Ghana (VVF) costs around $9,000, a solar borehole with an earthen dam costs about $6,200 in Zimbabwe (LID), and a hand pump water source costs around $1,500 in Malawi (PumpAid).

Over 49,455 people have access to improved water sources thanks to projects funded by Vibrant Village in 2015.

The Clean Water sector has both the highest beneficiary numbers, and the lowest average cost per beneficiary at $24.
Income Opportunities

We invested over $282,000 in programs designed to help our beneficiaries increase their income. At 12% of the total 2015 portfolio, this investment reached populations in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Mexico, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Papua New Guinea.

The largest proportion of Vibrant Village’s investment in the Income Opportunities sector (77%) was for Agricultural Cooperatives. More than $218,000 was invested in co-ops focused on specific products like cocoa in Papua New Guinea, and cinnamon in Sri Lanka. Other co-ops were aimed at increasing marketing and business capacity of co-op members in Cameroon, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. Vibrant Village also invested in Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), microenterprise training, and business co-ops.

Vibrant Village invested an average of $196 per person in the Income Opportunities sector in 2015.

Over 2,950 people benefited from this investment.
In the Sanitation and Hygiene Sector, Vibrant Village has typically invested in two types of projects: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Education and Community Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities. WASH Education received 71% of the total investment at nearly $97,000 and included projects in Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, Bolivia, and Cambodia. Almost $39,000 was invested in projects directly funding the construction of sanitation facilities. 133 latrines were funded for construction in 2015, but many more were built using the Community Led Total Sanitation model, which depends solely on the contribution from local community members.

Vibrant Village Foundation’s investment in Sanitation and Hygiene programs reached more than 19,750 people in 2015, with an average investment of $59 per person. These beneficiaries include those community members who received training and outreach in WASH topics as well as those with improved access to sanitation facilities. We believe that the impact of our Sanitation and Hygiene programs are even greater than reported above. All of our Clean Water projects incorporate a sanitation and hygiene component and these beneficiaries are not included here. Further, we believe the reported numbers may be undercounting households not surveyed.
Community Enrichment projects received 8% of the total 2015 investment portfolio. In this sector, we invested a little over $196,000 in the well-being of communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal, Ecuador, and Nicaragua.

An average of $328 was invested in each beneficiary in community enrichment projects in 2015. Vibrant Village reached over 4,100 beneficiaries with this investment.

45% of the investment in the Community Enrichment sector went to support projects focused on the community’s most vulnerable citizens. In Tanzania these community members are children orphaned by AIDS and in single-parent families. In Ecuador, assistance to the elderly was the focus of the investment. Vibrant Village Foundation also invested in programs for community-based outreach workers, arts education, and education and training for adults.
Investment in the Community Health sector totaled nearly **$37,000** for 2015. This figure includes investment in projects for peer health educators, nutrition, and community health outreach in Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Guatemala, Peru and Malawi.

All of our Community Health projects focused on outreach and education. This includes investment in reaching vulnerable populations, community health worker training, as well as programs and events.

In 2015, **9,952** people benefitted from community health-focused projects. Vibrant Village invested an average of **$53** per person in this sector.