Partnerships & Technical Assistance

With decades of global expertise in moving vulnerable populations out of poverty, Trickle Up has become a sought-after technical assistance provider to larger programs looking to better address the needs of extremely poor and vulnerable populations.

Trickle Up has long worked in partnership with community-based organizations and local governments in India, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Burkina Faso. Today, national governments and large organizations like UNHCR are seeking our knowledge and assistance as they recognize existing programs often fall short of reaching those living at the deepest levels of poverty. By entering into larger partnerships, Trickle Up is able to leverage the significant investments of these influential agencies to reach far more people than we could alone.

“Trickle Up is helping us to change ourselves.”

Ziad Ayoubi
Head of UNHCR Livelihoods Unit

From Local to Global

We work with 17 local partners in India, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, and Mexico. Since 2015, we’ve worked with two state branches of India’s National Rural Livelihoods Mission to reach over 29,000 households, and we’re actively expanding our footprint in both states to reach even more. We’ve also formed partnerships with government entities in Paraguay, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, and we are establishing a new partnership with the World Bank’s Adaptive Social Protection program in the Sahel region. Our expanding work with UNHCR has the potential to reach tens of thousands of refugees.

12,181 participants in 2015

40,931 participants in 2016
Partnership Spotlight: Trickle Up & UNHCR

Since 2013, Trickle Up has partnered with UNHCR, modifying our approach to sustainably improve the lives of refugees by helping them find and sustain livelihoods. Together, we’ve reached 16,540 of the poorest refugees in six countries. In 2014, UNHCR incorporated our approach into its 2014-2018 Global Strategy for livelihoods. This year, UNHCR and Trickle Up plan to start nine more Graduation projects, and reach at least 22 countries by 2019. This aims to help up to 40,000 households and 200,000 persons of concern graduate from extreme poverty into resiliency and self-reliance.

Why Trickle Up?

We’ve been working with local partners in India, Africa, and the Americas since 1979.

"The vision of starting JS was to work with the most poor, most disadvantaged people. Trickle Up has helped us to fulfill that core dream."

Jamgoria Sevabrata, Trickle Up partner

This year, UNHCR Ecuador expanded our initial Graduation Approach pilot to reach refugees in their programs nationally. We hope other successful pilots will scale nationally as well.

Marcela, a refugee from Colombia in Ecuador, received seed capital and training to sell plantain chips.

"We are planning to expand the kitchen and to go to the doctor...We are happy here and calm. We are safe."

Marcela, Ecuador

Hundreds of thousands of women like Mahasiran have benefited from our local partnerships, and we’ve learned valuable lessons about working with vulnerable families living in extreme poverty.

"We have been brave. We have learned skills. We are more confident. And from this day on, we hope to achieve even more."

Mahasiran Bibi, India

81% of participant families in Ecuador report eating two to three meals a day, as compared to 17% at the beginning of the project, just eight months prior.

We modified our approach to meet the unique needs of refugees. Our support to UNHCR includes project design and training staff to implement the Graduation Approach.

“Trickle Up has helped us strengthen the ways we reach out to and perform case management with the most vulnerable refugees.”

Besem Obenson, Head of Office FOCI, UNHCR Ecuador