

Graduating Out of Poverty

Trickle Up's approach, called Graduation, is a deliberately sequenced and time-bound program that combines careful participant selection, market research, coaching, savings, training, and livelihood planning to build a ladder of support for participants to rise out of poverty. With over 335,000 participant households having graduated out of poverty since 1979, Trickle Up's work has spanned the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

Hand in Hand

Trickle Up's global impact would not be possible without its 38 local and global implementing partners, from community based organizations and national governments to international NGOs.





AMERICAS

Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Paraguay



AFRICA

Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe



ASIA

Bangladesh, India, Vietnam



MINISTRY OF PLANNING | Paraguay Trickle Up and the Ministry are improving cash transfer and food security programs through a Graduation intervention targeting ultrapoor indigenous households and people living with disabilities.



UNHCR | Various Supported by the US Department of State's BPRM, Trickle Up has worked with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, since 2013 to adapt Graduation to its operations in various contexts, working with local staff to help refugees in Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, and Zimbabwe.



CONCERN | Bangladesh Trickle Up is working with Concern to empower ultra poor women and youth through social protection mechanisms and financial inclusion.



How We Support Partners

Trickle Up supports implementing partners through various technical assistance services that span a three-phase process: research, design, and implementation. Throughout an engagement, Trickle Up adjusts its technical assistance to proactively evolve around a partner's mandate and approach. This is key to providing consistent, coordinated, and cohesive technical contributions.

RESEARCH

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Conduct desk research and key informant interviews with various stakeholders to assess the viability of implementing a Graduation program in the target location

RESEARCH & LEARNING

Design, support, and/or implement research and learning initiatives

PROGRAM DESIGN

Lead implementing partners and stakeholders through the design and adaptation of the Graduation Approach for their specific context

LOCATION

Identify the appropriate geographic target for implementing the Graduation pilot

COACHING

Lead design or adaptation of current coaching materials to meet the specific needs of participants and coaches in each context

CONSUMPTION SUPPORT

Leverage existing social support services and collaborate with the partner to appropriately channel consumption support

DESIGN

SELECTION & TARGETING

Utilize selection and targeting methodologies to identify potential participants

SAVINGS

Design and adapt informal savings and lending methodologies to meet specific needs of target population

LIVELIHOODS ROADMAP

Outline a full livelihoods roadmap, including appropriate employment opportunities, to ensure participants' continued self-reliance and resilience

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Adapt and develop M&E systems to support Graduation programming

IMPLEMENTATION

CAPACITY BUILDING & SUPPORT

Provide regular remote and in-person support to implementing partners to discuss programmatic successes and challenges, offer feedback on technical documents, support the design of monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning initiatives, adapt training materials, provide initial and follow-up training to partner staff, and jointly explore additional avenues for funding

PHASE OUT & SCALE UP

Based on lessons learned from the Graduation pilot, assist the implementing partner in scaling up the approach, as Trickle Up simultaneously phases out. Through a smooth transition, the partner is equipped to fully execute future Graduation projects.