

# **Partner Profile** Eco-Soap Bank





Lack of access to soap remains a critical factor in fighting the spread of preventable diseases worldwide. In some areas of the developing world, only 1% of households have soap for handwashing. Eco-Soap Bank seeks to address the critical need for hygiene. Working since 2014, Eco-Soap Bank has sustainably supplied more than 3.5 million people with soap and hygiene education.

Eco-Soap's mission has three objectives: (1) Contribute a highly cost-effective hygiene product to improve health. (2) Significantly reduce the waste generated by industry, and (3) Provide livelihoods and free education to disadvantaged women with no other reliable source of income in Tanzania, Nepal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Cambodia.

Eco-Soap Bank rescues quality soap from hotels and manufacturers—diverting it from landfills—so it's completely zero-waste. They then pay women fair wages to transform the leftover soap into clean new bars. They collaborate with community-based NGO partners to distribute this lifesaving soap to schools, health clinics, and village communities. All distributions with hygiene education to empower communities with sustainable, healthy habits that halt the spread of preventable diseases.

## **Partner Name:**

**Eco-Soap Bank** 

## **Partner Website:**

www.ecosoapbank.org

#### **Partner Location:**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Partner Mission:**

Eco-Soap Bank is a humanitarian and environmental non-profit organization working to save, sanitize, and supply leftover soap from manufacturers for the developing world.

#### **TGUP Projects:**

Eco-Soap provided 5,000 bars of soap to TGUP's partner in Kenya. The bars will be included in every *Save a Girl* sanitary kit. The kits are produced and distributed through TGUP's sewing center in Nyeri, Kenya. The first 170 kits were delivered to girls in the slums of Nairobi.

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