



The Global Uplift Project Annual Report, 2021

2021 was The Global Uplift Project's best year ever. In donations, projects, percent of spending on projects, and other areas, we achieved our highest results ever.

TGUP's mission is to Uplift humanity—to increase its capacity for self-development by empowering people to help themselves. It's working.



A new classroom in Nicaragua

To do that, we build small-scale infrastructure projects in developing-world countries: classrooms, medical clinics, latrines, water wells, science labs, playgrounds, kitchens, and more. Local recipients are required to contribute at least 20% of the cost of a project. This is usually done through in-kind work.

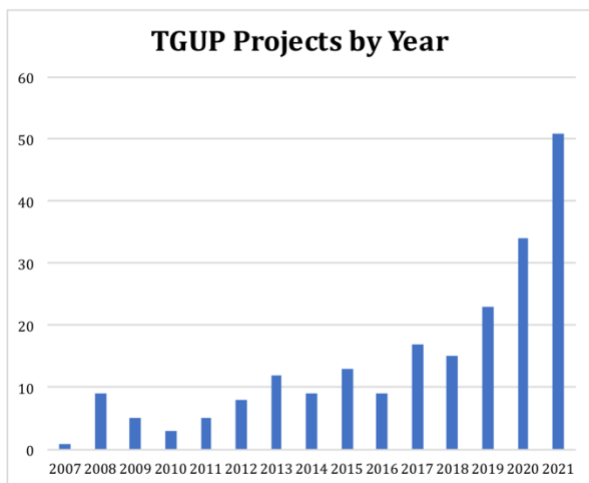


Kenyan girls receive *Save a Girl* kits

We also provide washable, reusable sanitary pads to help adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in school. A ***Save a Girl (SaG)*** kit costs \$6 and lasts three years. By helping girls better realize their human potential for \$2 per girl per year, ***Save a Girl*** might be one of the highest returns-on-human-investment in the world. It is certainly one of the most humane.

TGUP makes ***Save a Girl*** kits in sewing centers we've established in Kenya and Nepal. These centers employ local seamstresses in well-paying, dignified work. They are often the first paying jobs they have ever had.

In 2021, TGUP completed 51 projects in the U.S. and 11 developing-world countries. That's up from 34 projects in 2020, 23 the year before that, and 15 projects in 2018.



We work in the areas of nutrition, water, sanitation, education, health, infrastructure, and vocation. For each project, the goal is to break one of the bottlenecks that holds a community back.

For example, if people don't have clean water, they get sick, spend money on bottled water, or spend hundreds of hours per year walking to get clean water. A simple water filtration system removes the bottleneck, allowing people to devote those wasted resources to more productive ends.

This is the model: small-scale, low-cost, high impact projects that dramatically improve the capacity of local people to take care of themselves and their community.

In 2021, donations were \$331,668, up 42% from 2020's \$234,351. In the worst pandemic in history, we count that as a big win. And, even more so when you see how the composition of those donations changed. Consider schools.

TGUP was founded in 2007 as **One Dollar For Life**. ODFL helped high school students build projects from donations of one dollar. But COVID closed schools in the spring of 2020, forcing us to find other channels. We did.

Though donations from schools are down, they are up substantially from Individuals, Service Clubs (Kiwanis, Rotary, Sororities), and Foundations. This is seen in the table at the top of the next page.

*Importantly, revenues from Foundations were \$80,000, more than enough to cover operating expenses (phones, literature, travel, etc.) of \$51,796. As a result, **100% of every dollar donated** by a school, individual, or service club went to their designated project.

Income Statement 2021

Sources	
Schools	8,461
Individuals	199,319
Service Clubs	39,874
Foundations	80,000
Other	4,014
TOTAL	\$331,668
Uses	
Projects	236,288
Operations	51,796
TOTAL	\$288,084
Projects as % of Spending	82%*

Three years ago, Schools made up 32% of revenues. Because of COVID, and schools shutting down, that was reduced last year to only 3%.

Channel Composition of TGUP Revenues, 2018 - 2021

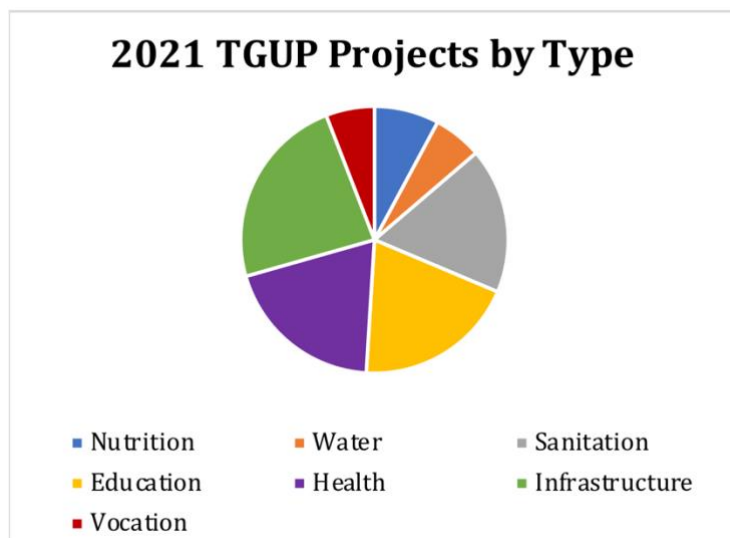
	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%	2021	%
Schools	30,033	32%	42,480	28%	9,983	4%	8,461	3%
Individual donors	22,164	23%	86,119	57%	151,193	65%	199,319	60%
Service clubs	3,500	4%	4,500	3%	18,175	8%	39,874	12%
Foundations	37,581	39%	17,500	12%	52,500	22%	80,000	24%
Other	2,000	2%	1,500	1%	2,500	1%	4,014	1%
Total	\$95,278		\$152,099		\$234,351		\$331,668	

The big change is the growth in donations from Service Clubs and Individuals. TGUP is working with Kiwanis and Rotary clubs to help them increase their presence in the developing world. Donations from this sector are up more than 10-fold in the past four years, more than 300% as a share of donations.

As far as where the money went, **Infrastructure** was the top sector. This includes kitchens, landslide barriers, solar electrical systems, playgrounds, and other such projects. We built playgrounds in Brazil, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Nepal. The demand for them is effectively infinite and we are happy to be able to address it. Children need to play.

After Infrastructure, **Health** was the top sector. TGUP's partners have made and provided more than 150,000 COVID masks. We've made more than 26,000 **Save a Girl** kits. This year we began distributing them to girls in India.

In **Education**, we completed four major classroom complexes, three in Nicaragua and one in Kenya. We also began installing our **Science Lab in a Box (SLaB)**. SLaB will be a major focus going forward.



In the **Sanitation** field, we completed seven major latrine projects in Kenya, Nicaragua, and Indonesia. They included 40 toilets. Without toilets, water becomes contaminated, making people sick. Clean toilets enable girls to stay in school by helping them manage their period.

We responded to natural disasters in Indonesia and Nepal, providing emergency food supplements for families, workers, and schools.

In 2021, TGUP began installation of its **Science Lab in a Box. SLaB** provides the equipment and curriculum to allow developing world high school students to carry out world-class laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Without hands-on lab experience, students cannot apply to the best universities.



Nepal students use TGUP's SLaB

SLaB is in test at two schools in Nepal. In 2022, we will install **SLaBs** in Kenya, Indonesia, and other countries. The demand is effectively infinite.

Similarly, with **Save a Girl**. We have made and distributed **SaG** kits to girls in 10 countries. The World Bank says that the highest return on development spending comes from investing in young women. You can understand why. Young women raise the next generation of children. Their impact ripples into eternity. Consider...



TGUP's Save a Girl sewing center in Nepal

Better educated girls exhibit an enormous array of pro-development attributes: they defer sex longer, are more likely to use contraceptives, have fewer partners, marry later, have fewer children, have better vocational options, and contribute more to their communities.

The single most effective thing we can do to promote human development is to ensure that adolescent girls stay in school. That is what **Save a Girl** does.

So, what does this all amount to? TGUP believes we can actually change the world. Not metaphorically or rhetorically. Literally. Why? Because we see it working now, on a small scale. To be sure, it has to scale up, but there's no reason it can't, even a hundred-fold. Imagine the impact that thousands of **SLaBs**, or millions of **Save a Girl** kits will have in developing countries. It will alter the trajectory of human development, for the good.

TGUP works because we are bigger when we help others, and we're stronger when we work together. It's not charity, it's a bootstrap for humanity, for people working as hard as they can to help themselves. That is the whole model. We are thankful for your support of this vision and our work. Please share it with those you know. That is how we grow.