



## September 2021 Newsletter

We thought summer would be slow. Were we ever wrong! But it's all to the good. Here's a quick update of what we've been up to.

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### Brazil Playground

Rio de Janeiro has 7,000,000 people, and some of the biggest slums in the world. They're called "favelas" and include an estimated 1,500,000 people.



TGUP recently installed a [playground](#) in a favela called Favelinha. It makes play possible for 2,000 families, children of single mothers, and abandoned children.

This is the first project with our new Brazilian partner, Community in Action. Community in Action works to empower the impoverished of Rio through job training and education. They believe that education is the key to long-term improvement in the quality of life.

We have a second playground, in the Pavãozinho favela, for which TGUP is seeking funding. [Click here](#) if you'd like to learn more about that upcoming project.

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### Kenya Latrines

Latrines are one of the least glamorous projects in the field of development. But they are one of the most important. Students, most often girls, frequently skip school when the latrines are unsanitary and at risk of collapse.

TGUP just finished building latrines, each with 5 stalls, at three different high schools in Kenya: [Gaciongo](#), [Kiandai](#) and Kihuyo. You can see the



“stall” in one of the older sets, here. Imagine that that was your daily toilet.

For each set, we dig a 3,600 cubic foot engineered pit 45' deep to contain the waste. It has enough volume to last for more than 10 years.



Finally, you can see the finished building. It looks like something you might see in a national park in the U.S. The latrines will allow thousands of Kenyan students to go to school with dignity.

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## Science Lab in a Box (SLaB)



TGUP's **Science Lab in a Box** goes into field testing in October. Two high schools in Kenya and two in Nepal will be the first in the world to receive the **SLaB**.

The **SLaB** provides the equipment, instruments, and supplies to support international-standard laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. [Click here](#) to see the full definition.

A fully configured **SLaB** costs only \$2,500. If you, your company, workgroup, club or other entity would like to sponsor a **SLaB**, write to [SLaB@tgup.org](mailto:SLaB@tgup.org). We'll have reports on the first installations in our next newsletter.



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Quickly.....



More than 40 seamstresses work at our *Save a Girl* sewing center in Dang, Nepal. The center was damaged when an adjacent building collapsed. We sent emergency funds to help support the seamstresses until they could go back to sewing full time and earn an income.



We just finished our 142<sup>nd</sup> set of latrines in **Indonesia**. We supply the materials and the residents build them themselves. As a result, the latrines cost less than \$300 each and keep the water supply from becoming contaminated.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this project.



Sharon 9/3/21



Viona 9/3/21



Elizabeth 9/1/21

We recently passed the 25,000 mark for making and distributing *Save a Girl* kits. Keeping an adolescent girl in school for \$2 per year creates one of the highest returns on human investment in the world.

Above are three of the almost 800 girls in Kenya who have received kits so far this month. Recent interviews with the girls show that before receiving their

kits.....

\* 98% say they miss school during their period

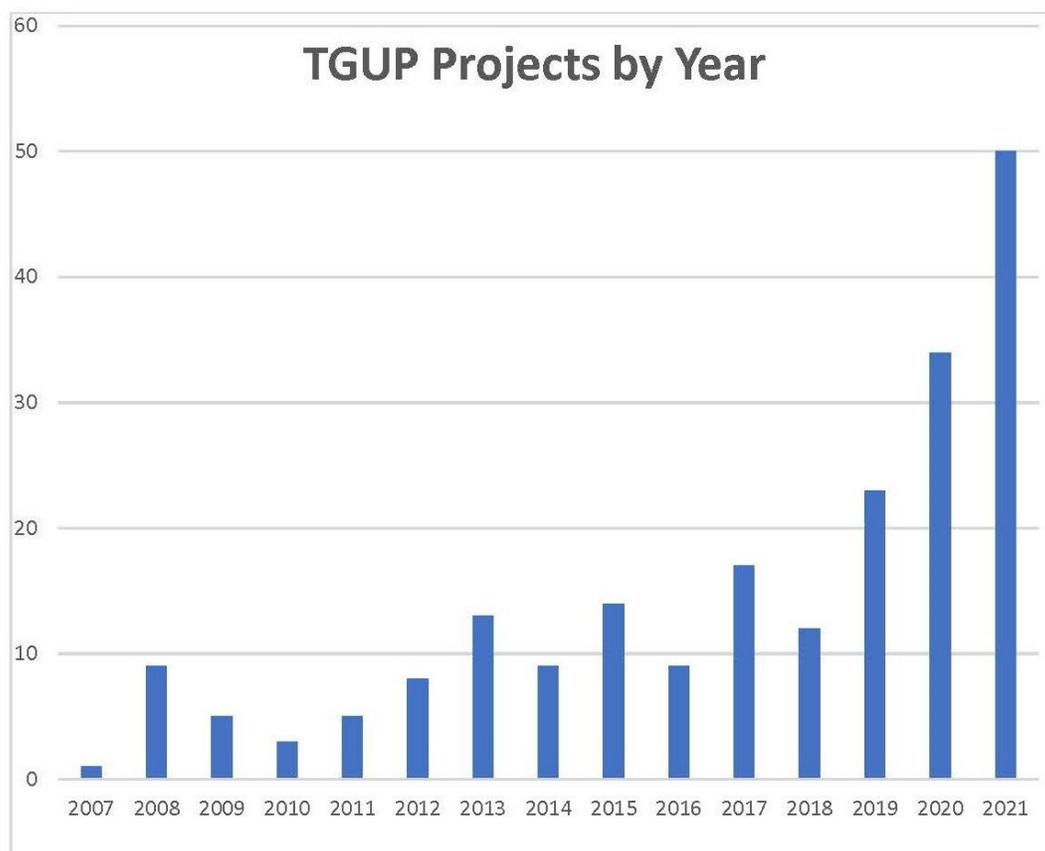
\* 92% say the reason they miss school is due to lack of sanitary supplies

\* 99% say having their period negatively affects their school performance

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## Final Word

This is the most important chart in all of TGUP. Why? Because it shows that it's working. And it's easy to understand why.



If people all give just the smallest bit, and we use all of that money to help the poorest people in the world help themselves (which we do), we can *literally* Uplift the world. The arithmetic is simple.

If each person in the country gave 5 cents, we could build 1,000 classrooms, every year, in the developing world. Would the world be better off for that? If each person gave 10 cents, we could help 6,000,000 adolescent girls stay in school. Every year.

It works because we're bigger when we help others, aren't we? And because we're stronger when we work together, aren't we?

That's the whole of it, and that's why it works. We all want to be bigger people, don't we? And we all want a better world, don't we?

The great Renaissance philosopher, Pico Mirandola, wrote, "By choosing wisely, we can become as gods, bringing forth new and better worlds. But we do have to choose."

It's a breathtaking possibility. So, let's stop talking about it, and get to it. [Click](#)

[here](#) to find a project you would like to help with. You actually CAN make yourself a bigger person, and the world a better place. But you do have to choose.

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