



The year 2021 was the best year ever for The Global Uplift Project. We completed [51 projects](#) in nine developing world countries. That brings to [210 the total number of projects](#) TGUP has completed since its founding in 2007.

We have raised funds from private foundations that cover all of our operating costs—literature, website, travel, etc. As a result, *100% of every dollar donated* by an individual, school, or service club goes to their intended project.

You can see the details in our [2021 Annual Report](#).

Here are a few highlights since our last newsletter, in November.



Kanjuu Kitchen, Kenya



The Kanjuu School in Kirinyaga, Kenya has 140 students and 10 teachers. This was the kitchen that fed all of them a daily (and for some of them, their only) meal.

With its Kenyan partner, the Kiini Sustainable Initiative, TGUP built a proper kitchen with a storage room and new “jikos,” or cooking vats.

These are the new jikos, and this is the new kitchen. What a difference!



Over its expected life, this new kitchen will serve *thousands* of Kenyan children. All of them will have a better education because of it. This is the 52nd project TGUP has completed in Kenya. **Thank you** to those who helped make this happen.

Luz de Cristo Classroom, Nicaragua

The tiny village of Luz de Cristo in Nicaragua had only a ratty building for a classroom. It was too small for the 40+ children and their two teachers. There were no books, no electricity, no water, and nowhere to play.



Kiwanis Clubs from Division 12 in San Jose, CA came together to fund a beautiful new classroom, water well, solar electrical power, all new books, and a playground with a slide, swing set, and monkey bars. It is like night and day!

The new classroom is made with a steel frame on a concrete foundation. The walls are concrete-reinforced fiber. The roof is made of zinc-coated sheet metal. It will last for 30 years and help educate *thousands* of Nicaraguan students.

This is the 22nd classroom TGUP has completed in Nicaragua. [Click here](#) to see a short, beautiful commemorative video. **Thank you Kiwanis members!** The world is a better place because of you.

TGUP Partner Spotlight

We would like to introduce you to one of our partners in Nepal. Meet Laxmi Gupta.

Laxmi works for the **Nepal Women's Community Service**



Center (NWCSC) and runs TGUP's [Save a Girl](#) sewing center in Dang, Nepal. In her own words...

"I started with NWCSC right out of college. I felt the need to help women, children, and underprivileged groups. I feel I have been dipped in satisfaction to do this work!"

Laxmi manages all sorts of TGUP projects in Nepal, including building classrooms, water wells, playgrounds, etc. She has helped distribute close to 100,000 COVID masks, as well as flood relief to thousands.

"I have always believed in equity and I passionately want to work on this. I want to educate people and I forwardly expect that our government must try to eradicate the inequivalency in our society."

It was Laxmi, who last month, had [Save a Girl](#) kits made and sent (for the first time ever) to a new TGUP partner, in India. (More details about this in our next newsletter.)

"My personal aspiration is when there is no discrimination and segregation related to gender, economic status, or caste in the society."



TGUP is honored to have Laxmi Gupta and NWCSC as two of our most effective and esteemed partners in the world.

Some Sobering Statistics from Nepal

Period poverty refers to a lack of access to menstrual products, sanitation facilities, and adequate education.

TGUP address all three of these:

- 1) [Save a Girl](#) provides free washable, reusable sanitary pads.
- 2) We build latrines just for girls.
- 3) We provide education on menstrual health and hygiene.

77%	Of West-Central girls have undergone menstrual exile*
83%	Use homemade sanitary pad alternatives*
½ population	Lives on less than \$2/day = no money for sanitary supplies**
7 in 10 girls	Drop out of school by the age of 16**
2 in 5 girls	Are married by the age of 14**

* The Borgen Project Nepal

** The Little Sisters Fund

Final Word

As we look to the new year, we think of the TGUP projects that can have the greatest impact on humanity. Two come to mind.

[Save a Girl](#) helps adolescent girls manage their period so they can stay in

school. One kit costs \$6 (they're free to the girls) and lasts for three years. Keeping an adolescent girl in school for \$2 a year is one of the highest returns on human investment in the world.

And our [Science Lab in Box \(SLaB\)](#) lets developing world students do world class laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Over the life of a typical SLaB, that comes out to less than \$1 per student per year.

These two programs raise the scope, the caliber, and the pace of education in the developing world. They cost almost nothing on a per person basis. If we can place millions of *SaG* kits and thousands of SLaBs in the developing world, we will *literally* raise the trajectory of human development.

That is our vision and method: everybody gives just a little bit, and we use all of that money to help the poorest people in the world help themselves. It's working.

If you would like to help with this cause, do this:

Hold a [Facebook Fundraiser](#) (you must be logged in to Facebook for the link to work) and ask all of your friends to donate just *one Save a Girl* kit. Or, do the same for a SLaB: ask your friends to give up one latte in their entire life so that six teenagers in the developing world can learn science. Or better yet, [set up a recurring, monthly donation](#). For the cost of one trip to Starbucks, you can keep a girl in school or help students learn science.

This is how we're going to get this done. Everyone with a conscience donates a little pocket change and we use all of that money to fund the highest-impact projects in the world.

We literally can change the world. We are. Thank you for your support of this vision.

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