

## WHAT WE DO

World Connect invests in grassroots leaders in the developing world, often women, to undertake innovative, sustainable and scalable community development projects with the potential to improve health, protect the environment, and advance education and economic opportunity. In the process, World Connect engages young Americans in its Kids Connect program to think and act globally and philanthropically by involving them in projects and partnerships.

## HOW WE DO IT

World Connect recognizes that the capacity and ingenuity necessary to solve development challenges lies in the knowledge, talent, connections, and sustained commitment of local leaders. We build dynamic relationships and partnerships at the grassroots, investing in local knowledge and initiative, supporting women and communities to prioritize and tackle their own development challenges in their own unique ways. Each year World Connect invests in 100+ projects, pitched to us by local leaders and often in collaboration with supportive Peace Corps Volunteers. Projects are vetted carefully by World Connect staff and those selected for funding receive extensive guidance and technical support to ensure success.

## IMPACT

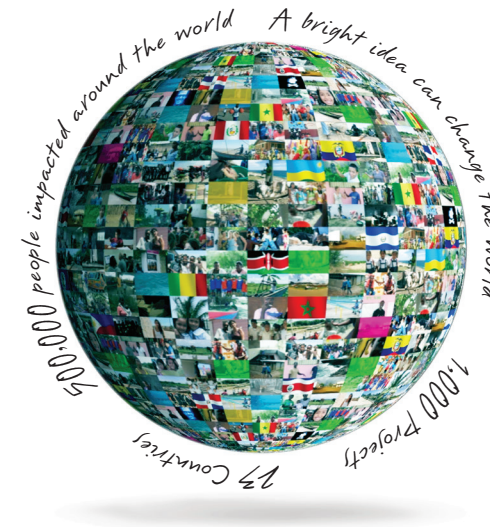
**1,000** PROJECTS

**\$4M** INVESTED IN SEED GRANTS

**23** COUNTRIES

**500,000** LIVES IMPACTED

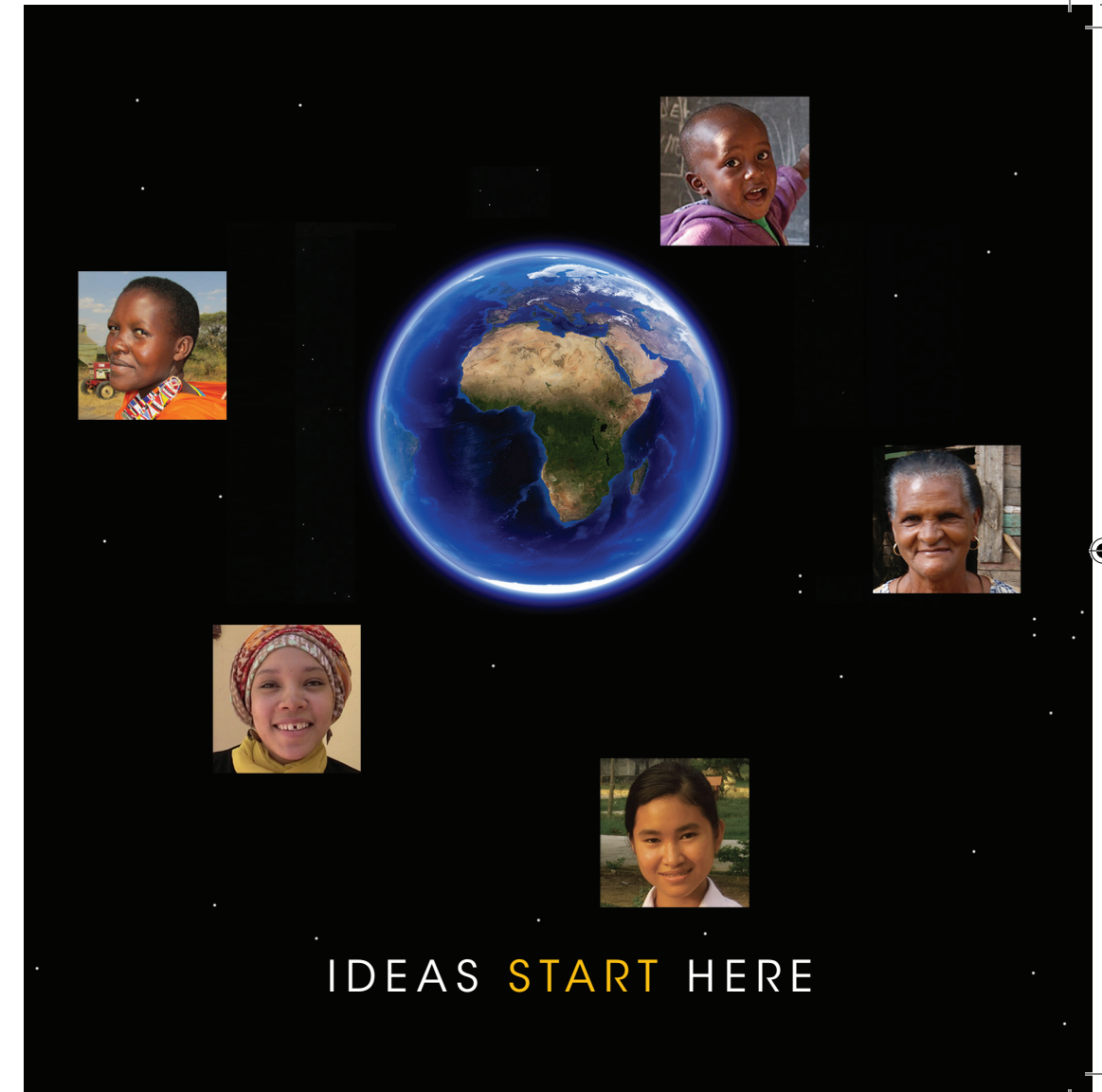
**50** KIDS CONNECT PROGRAMS LAUNCHED



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**MAKE** A GIFT  
**GET** YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED  
**SPREAD** THE WORD

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**[\$100]** invested per improved cookstove in the Dominican Republic

*"I try every day to take small steps so that the future for my kids will be better. Building this improved cookstove is one of those small steps."*



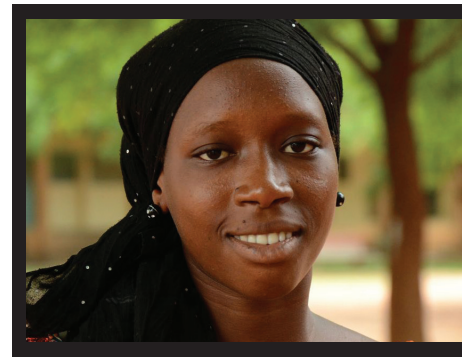
**[\$500]** invested to launch a women-led baking business in El Salvador

*"I decided to learn to bake because I wanted something better for myself and my daughter."*



**[\$400]** invested to launch a youth-led media company in Morocco

*"I learned that my voice counts and I could use my voice to impact my community and create social change."*



**[\$1,000]** invested to establish an internship and vocational program for high school students in Senegal

*"These students have learned many skills during this internship that they can use for the rest of their lives, both in school and beyond the classroom."*



**[\$2,000]** invested to establish recycling programs in rural Costa Rica

*"To see the school, the local government, and different committees of the community working to see our air clean and our streets free of garbage is incredible."*



**[\$4,000]** invested to create livelihood opportunities for women in Kenya

*"We are very thankful for this program because it has allowed us to become businesswomen to control our own finances."*



**[\$2,500]** invested to launch an annual special education olympics for students in the Philippines

*"I saw special children despite their disabilities, laughing, smiling, and at the same time trying their best to win in different sports competitions...people were so happy."*



**[\$7,000]** invested to increase household and community water access in Rwanda

*"We have been trying to bring water since 1990...with World Connect's support we did it in six months."*