

IMPACT REPORT 2017



**GOD
DESIRES
EVERYONE
TO
FLOURISH**



COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Rohini started a culinary business to support her family. With the help of our local network in Sri Lanka, her business has grown—lifting herself and her family out of poverty.

AND SO DO WE.

Rohini overcame poverty through business, allowing her to flourish as God desires.

20 years ago, Rohini was abandoned by her husband and left to support her two young children alone. “I had no support from anyone, only God,” she remembers. Unable to find a job, she opened a small catering business to make ends meet.

In 2014, Rohini connected with our partner NCEASL. For the first time since opening her business, she gained access to capital. “Before the loan, I served only 60 people a day. Now I serve over 300!” Rohini’s business success has lifted her and her family out of poverty. Today, she is able to live generously and help support her children, who are now both adults and raising families of their own.

Above all, Rohini now has an encouraging community and no longer suffers from anxiety. “I am peaceful now. I can share my testimony and encourage others; I can remind them that God is always with them.” Around the world, we create jobs, economic opportunities, and a community of support for people like Rohini—with the dream of seeing a world where all have the opportunity to flourish.

YOUR RESULTS, OUR GRATITUDE.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI
Pat and Zena encourage one another spiritually—and entrepreneurially. Two years ago, Pat (left) dreamed of opening a bow-tie business. With the help of business training and mentoring from Zena, Pat's dream has become a reality.

Thank you for making 2016-17 our most impactful year yet.

In the 2016-17 year, thousands of entrepreneurs and farmers gained access to the tools, knowledge, support, and encouragement that our global network provides. They have been equipped to start and grow thriving businesses, support their families, create jobs, and impact their communities. In the process, many have grown to understand business as a holy calling and an opportunity to serve God and others. Your generous support makes this impact possible. Thank you.

\$11

million in loans disbursed

73

local partners

69%

of clients are women

1,087

volunteer mentors

14,433

business training graduates

156,428

jobs created or sustained



YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2017, we celebrated our 20th anniversary and expanded our impact. Here are a few highlights from the year.

MARCH

In March, we hosted the **Africa Region Leadership Summit** in Nairobi, Kenya. Over 100 members of our global network engaged in a week of co-learning, dialogue, and missional alignment. Partners Worldwide started in east Africa over 20 years ago, and this Summit represented the fruit of years of investment in the region.



SEPTEMBER

On September 29, 60 members of our North American network convened in Grand Rapids, MI for the **North America Partnership Summit**. We witnessed a live business pitch competition, heard from local entrepreneurs, and explored how to create economic opportunities in communities facing high-unemployment and poverty across the U.S.



SEPTEMBER

On September 28, over 100 friends came together for **PW@20**. Hosted in downtown Grand Rapids, MI, PW@20 was a celebratory evening honoring our 20th anniversary and the community of supporters who have made our work possible over the years.

SUMMER

In the summer of 2017, 135 individuals participated in **Sea to Sea**: a bicycling mission co-hosted by Partners Worldwide and World Renew. For ten weeks, riders aged 14 to 81 cycled over 4,000 miles across North America. While they rode, they raised over \$1.3 million to help fight poverty around the world!



2017

In 2017, we began piloting our **Advocacy Toolkit**: a resource that equips entrepreneurs and business leaders to advocate in the marketplace. We launched in Honduras, a country that faces systemic challenges such as extortion and gang violence. Two pilot sessions have built momentum amongst our Honduran partners and volunteer mentors—one step towards creating economic environments where people and businesses can flourish!



MAY

On May 6, 75 participants attended the **Southeast Asia Business Summit** in Manila, Philippines. Plus, nearly two dozen attendees signed on as volunteer mentors! As our youngest region, this event was a promising step towards building a thriving local network in Southeast Asia.



THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF PARTNERS WORLDWIDE

Our faith drives our work to end poverty, inspiring us to create a world where every person has the opportunity to flourish.

Partners Worldwide affirms the historic Christian faith as professed in the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed. **OUR FOCUS:** The specific foundation of our ministry is based in the book of Genesis and these truths: • **Every human being is an image-bearer of God.** • **We see ordinary daily work as a gift from God,** a primary way that humanity images God and a joyful expression of the stewardship of creation. (Genesis 1:26) **OUR MANDATE:** In the light of this biblical perspective, every member of Partners Worldwide is engaged in lifelong Christian ministry in his or her ordinary, daily work. Further, **we are disciples of Christ in the marketplace,** answering Christ's mandate to serve the poor. (Matthew 25:35–40) • Businesspeople have unique skills and therefore a special calling to create ethical businesses and provide opportunities for all to image God in satisfying, daily work. • We partner with local community institutions to catalyze entrepreneurs and job creators, especially in areas of high unemployment and poverty. • As ambassadors of the reconciliation of all things, **we are called to remove barriers** and overcome debilitating conditions. (2 Corinthians 5:17–20) (Colossians 1:19–20) **THE RESULT:** Ethical businesspeople are a key stabilizing force in communities, partnering with church and others to build flourishing environments for all. • **Economic stability and spiritual well-being go hand in hand,** resulting in transformed people who transform communities, a time of Jubilee, in which humanity and all creation are reconciled in God through Christ. (Isaiah 65:20–22) (Luke 4:18) • Working toward this goal will result in everyone being blessed with surprising results because it is based on this biblical promise: "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" (Revelation 11:15)

PETAUKE, ZAMBIA

John is a husband, father of seven, and farmer. John is pictured here irrigating his corn fields. Irrigation decreases his crop's vulnerability to drought or irregular rainfall.

FLOURISHING FARMERS

Around the world, we're partnering with farmers like John to help end rural poverty for good.

In 2011, rain destroyed John's crops—diminishing his family's source of food and income. Without a way to keep the harvest safe, John and other farmers in Petauke, Zambia, risk losing their livelihood to extreme weather or pests. To address this, Partners Worldwide; volunteers from Sunnyside Church, WA; and local farmers in Petauke decided to build a grain storage facility.

In 2016, the Chakulya Agro Complex officially opened, and John was elected by his fellow farmers to represent them on the company board. John shares, "I am so glad that our farmers can go back to maize production without fear... When we realize how God has provided for us, it changes our entire outlook."

The work of Partners Worldwide in Zambia reflects our global agriculture strategy. The past few years, we have increased our focus on serving farmers and agribusiness owners. With 70 percent of people in poverty living in rural areas, we know that investing in agriculture is vital to ending poverty for good.

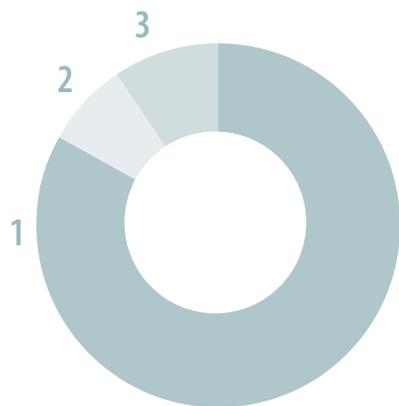


FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2016-17

NUEVA SUYAPA, HONDURAS
Madian and Erica view their transportation business as a ministry. Based in a community with a heavy gang presence, they intentionally hire people who face barriers to employment.

Ending poverty requires a broad base of committed individuals, passionate advocates, and generous financial supporters. Your support brings us one step closer to creating a world where all can flourish as God intends. Every dollar makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful for the supporters who make our impact possible.

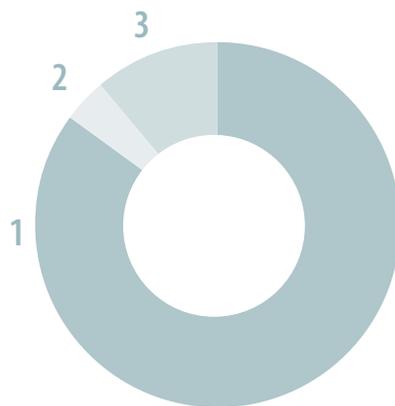
REVENUE



1. Individuals & Businesses (85.1%)	5,562,368
2. Churches (3.8%)	250,583
3. Investments & Other Revenue (11.1%)	726,140

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 6,539,091

EXPENSES



1. Partnerships & Programs (83.2%)	5,252,325
2. Management (7.6%)	477,221
3. Engagement & Fundraising (9.2%)	583,809

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 6,313,355



We're honored to receive high marks for fiscal responsibility by these two organizations, having received four stars by Charity Navigator for seven years in a row. If you'd like more information on our financial summary, please email us at info@partnersworldwide or call us at 1-800-919-7307.



END POVERTY FOR GOOD 2030

Together as a global movement,
we can end poverty for good by 2030.

Last year, we set our sights on the year 2030. We echoed the belief of countless others that it is possible to end poverty for good by 2030. And we're carrying that belief forward as we dream and plan for the future.

Other global organizations agree. By the year 2030, extreme poverty can be eradicated. In the past few decades alone, global poverty has been halved—with just 10 percent of the world's population remaining in extreme poverty today.

We know that by creating jobs and economic opportunities—and building up strong, local economies in high-unemployment communities—individuals and families will be lifted out of poverty. One business, one job, and one person at a time... together, as a global movement, we will end poverty for good.

FOR OVER 20 YEARS, THE DREAM OF JUBILEE HAS INSPIRED US. WE'VE DREAMED OF THE DAY WHEN POVERTY BECOMES A THING OF THE PAST. WE'VE CLUNG TO THE PROPHET ISAIAH'S VISION THAT ALL THINGS WILL BECOME NEW. AND WHILE WE'VE DREAMED, WE'VE HONED OUR STRATEGY AND BUILT A GLOBAL NETWORK—A NETWORK OF THOUSANDS THAT BELIEVE THAT BUSINESS IS A HOLY CALLING, AND THAT BUSINESS IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO

END POVERTY FOR GOOD

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE ALL ECONOMIES ARE FLOURISHING. WHERE PATHWAYS ARE PAVED FOR EVERY BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEUR. WHERE GOD'S WILL IS FULLY REALIZED HERE ON EARTH. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE! NOW IS THE TIME TO COME TOGETHER. IT'S TIME TO JOIN A GLOBAL, GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT DEDICATED TO ENDING EXTREME POVERTY FOR GOOD. A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF BUSINESSPEOPLE, CHURCHES, COMMUNITY LEADERS, STUDENTS, AND ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO LEND THEIR ENERGY, RESOURCES, TIME, AND PASSION. WORLD ORGANIZATIONS AGREE THAT POVERTY CAN END BY THE YEAR 2030. SO TOGETHER, LET'S MARCH AS PARTNERS WITH OUR GOAL BEFORE US. LET'S CREATE A WORLD WHERE ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FLOURISH. TOGETHER, LET'S END POVERTY FOR GOOD.

VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to end poverty so that all may have life and have it abundantly.

MISSION STATEMENT

We mobilize long-term, hands-on global relationships to form a powerful Christian network that uses business as the way to create flourishing economic environments in all parts of the world.



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