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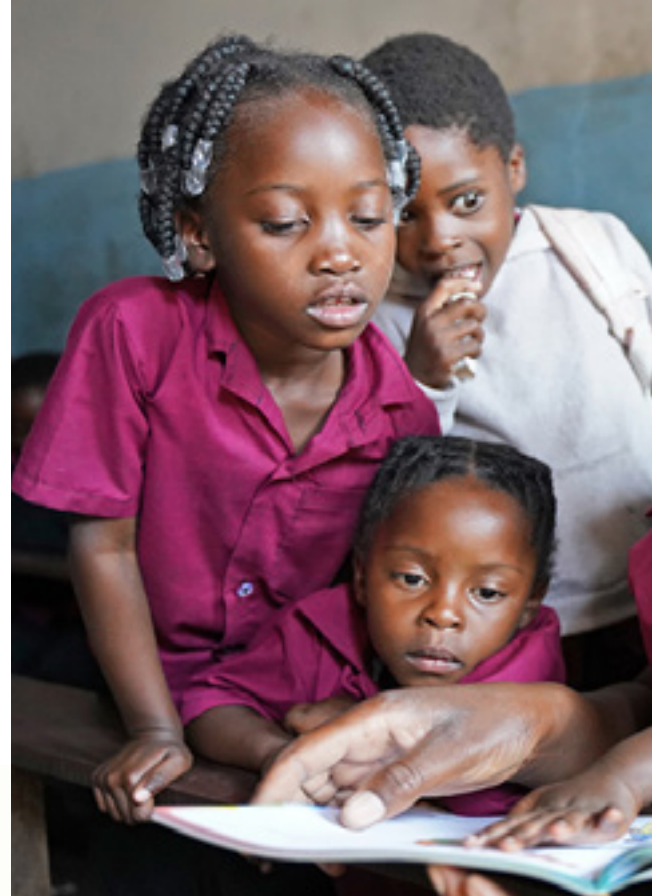
IMPACT REPORT

Vilyi (middle), age 17, with her mother, María, and younger brothers, Abner and Lester
HONDURAS

INSIDE

True impact changes families for generations. Learn how your generosity and partnership empower children and youth to end generational poverty for their families and uplift their communities.





Dear friends,

Last year, Children International celebrated many successes — a testament to the commitment and compassion of our supporters. Together we helped nearly 200,000 children and their families create positive change through programs that improve health, boost learning, teach life skills and help young people find stable employment. In this report, you will discover all that you made possible for our children and youth.

Your support moves us forward as we begin to scale our signature workforce development program, Into Employment®. You helped us build this unique initiative that equips youth to secure sustainable employment and positively impact their families and communities. **Now, we are beginning to scale Into Employment so that more youth can break the cycle of generational poverty through formal work and financial stability.**

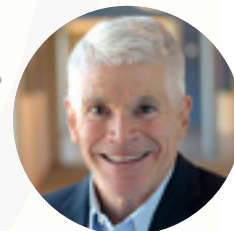
Extraordinary progress is bringing us closer to our vision of ending poverty for good. Your compassion and dedication to supporting our mission make that possible.

Gratefully,

Susana Eshleman
PRESIDENT & CEO



Brad Cloverdyke
BOARD CHAIR





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GUATEMALA

Breaking down barriers to education

Nearly 200,000 children and youth attended school last year, thanks to you. Students ranging from ages 2 to 19 are now making strides in overcoming their educational setbacks caused by school closures in the two previous years.

Thanks to your investment, we prioritized early childhood education and doubled the number of agencies offering the Early Childhood Care and Development Program. Through this program, young children between ages 2 and 5 receive essential health care, nutrition support and age-appropriate education, ensuring a solid foundation for their transition to primary school.

And from 2021 to 2022, with the resumption of in-person education,

we increased accessibility to vital resources for children and youth in primary and secondary education. Our efforts resulted in a 30% growth in the number of students benefiting from crucial resources, including technology devices, transportation assistance and school materials. At their local community centers, students can access tutoring sessions that significantly improve their language, math and science skills.

They also can enroll in computer courses that combine traditional teaching methods with experiential curricula tailored to boost interest in STEM fields.

When we eliminate barriers to education, we foster healthier childhoods that pave the way for successful adulthood. ●



Change a generation

Into [Children International](#) Employment

At Children International, our foremost focus is on strengthening and expanding our workforce development program, Into Employment. Building upon our nearly 90 years of experience, we have developed a successful methodology that empowers children and youth to bring lasting change to their lives. Our research has shown that assisting young individuals in acquiring and sustaining stable employment serves as the ultimate solution to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Over the last decade, your partnership has enabled us to test and evolve employability programming that prepares youth for the transition into adulthood. Last year, your investment helped upskill more than 5,000 youth and connect them to formal employment. Two-thirds of participants improved their job-readiness skills, such as learning how to fill out a job application, gathering legal documents needed for employment and using online job search platforms.

With your help, Into Employment equips young people with the confidence, relevant skills and guidance they need to find stable work, reach their dreams and uplift their communities. By scaling Into Employment now, we can provide more and stronger paths to employment for our youth and create positive change for generations to come.



“Empowering youth to create a better life through access to education, health care and shelter is a focus for us. Working with Children International, we are able to make a contribution to create a long-lasting impact for kids and youth in places that need it most. Especially through awarding post-secondary scholarships, we can unlock their full potential and change their lives’ trajectories.”

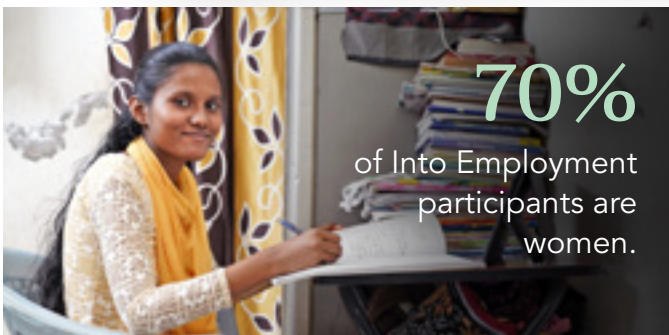
— **Roland**, Children International board member, and **Barbara Paanakker**



Into Employment provides life- and job-skills training, mentoring and job placement through scholarships for university, vocational school or entrepreneurship courses. **Learn more at [children.org/IntoEmployment](https://www.children.org/IntoEmployment).**



On average, Into Employment graduates **triple their families' incomes.**



70%

of Into Employment participants are women.



93%

of youth completed their Into Employment training last year.

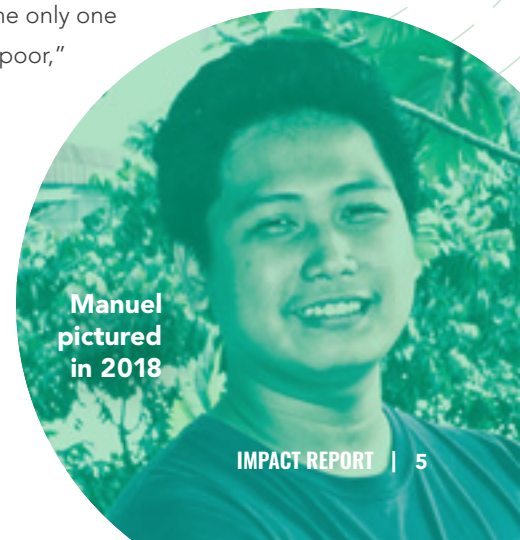
Into Employment graduate continues to 'pay it forward'

When Manuel enrolled for sponsorship at 5 years old, he had no idea how transformative Children International would be. The only child in his family of six to join, Manuel participated in "almost all the programs and trainings," he says, including health, sports and leadership.

When he graduated high school at 16 years old, Manuel wasn't planning on attending college because he couldn't afford it. Fortunately, Manuel qualified for a Children International scholarship, which provided financial assistance for tuition and career-readiness support.

In 2020, Manuel graduated with a Bachelor of Science in information technology. Now 24, he is an academic coach at STI College in Quezon City, Philippines. "I'm the only one in my family who is working in [a formal job] and, until now, we were really poor," Manuel says.

He is also pursuing a master's degree in public administration and — amazingly — still finds the time to hold leadership roles in several community youth organizations. This young man is paying it forward in his professional and personal life, working hard to positively impact the lives of children. Just as Children International supporters helped change his life, Manuel says he hopes to "open doors for children and give them opportunities to reach their dreams."



**Manuel
pictured
in 2018**

Accelerating health equity, improving healthy behaviors

Children International continued the transition from health services provision to health system strengthening last year, thanks to your dedicated support.

The Community Score Card — which brings together community members and leaders, health care providers and other stakeholders to bolster local government clinics — expanded to 33 clinics across the world. We reached 800,000 individuals, of which 28,000 were our children and youth, with access to these clinics.

Our local teams also prioritized the Health Promotion Program, which ensures the availability of treatment options for our families by partnering with a network of local providers.

Thanks to these efforts, most of our global agencies now work primarily through referrals and, last year, 100,000 referral services were covered by Children International.

In addition to health services, your generosity supported about 4,500 children in the Nutrition Rehabilitation Program — a 49% increase in enrollment from 2021. The program supported moderately to severely undernourished or obese children through nutritional supplements and medical checkups, while simultaneously educating caregivers on nutrition practices.

We successfully launched the Adolescent Health Program across 11 agencies and reached 19,000 individuals about reproductive health, substance abuse and essential life skills. This

impactful initiative also promoted accessibility to youth-friendly services through local medical clinics and organizations.

By helping us enable health equity, all people can achieve optimal health and well-being regardless of where they were born or their economic status. ●



Through our health programs, you helped provide nearly **double the number** of medical services covered in the previous year.



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Fostering resilience through mental health support and education

As a result of your unwavering support, the Emotional Well-Being Program expanded to all agencies and participation grew by 99% over just two years. More than 62,000 children, youth and caregivers learned how to deal with their emotions, build strong support networks and practice self-care and self-calming techniques.

The long-term results of growing up in poverty can have lasting negative consequences on a child's physical and mental health. Emotional Well-Being implemented age-appropriate activities and workshops that help minimize risk factors and maximize protective factors for mental health in key areas of participants' lives. Direct psychological care also was available through external referrals to specialized clinics.

Our global teams worked with young people to design initiatives focusing on specific needs based on local context. Last year, these

initiatives included interactive arts, music and sports activities; social and financial literacy workshops; and leadership and community improvement projects.

“ I completed the Emotional Well-Being course. I've always loved painting, but it wasn't until I took these classes that I realized I am always happy and relaxed when I am painting. So now I spend more time with my colors and paintbrush, knowing how much it helps me manage my emotions. My mother has even noticed that I'm more calm and cheerful!”

– ANUSHKA, AGE 15
INDIA



90%
of Emotional Well-Being
participants report
practicing self-care
techniques.

Through these initiatives, made possible by your generosity, children and youth build vital life skills, like coping with daily stressors and handling their emotions, to help them live more balanced lives. ●



OUR MISSION: We connect people around the world in the fight to end poverty. Working together, we invest in the lives of children and youth, build the healthy environments they need to thrive, and empower them to create lasting change in their own lives and communities.