

*Inspiring the next generation of young leaders in India,
Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, & Nicaragua through education
& community development*



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VISIONS
global empowerment



Visions' mission is to change patterns of inequality by supporting educational initiatives for youth affected by poverty, conflict, and disability.

OUR GROWING REACH

SRI LANKA:

Eastern &
Northern
Provinces;
Colombo



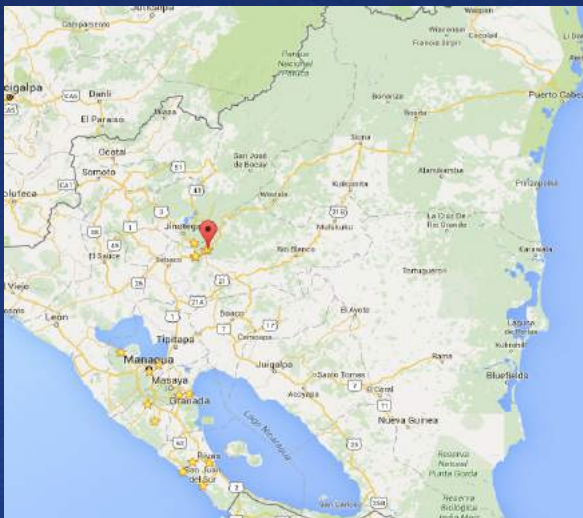
ETHIOPIA:

Amhara
Region;
Addis Ababa



NICARAGUA:

Matagalpa &
Jinotega Districts



INDIA:

Tamil Nadu*;
Maharashtra;
Uttarakhand;
Telangana;
Pondicherry;
Madhya
Pradesh





Filling the gaps
of education

Helping others
to realize their
VISION

Developing local
civil society

Promoting
individual and
community
leadership
development

OUR PROGRAMS



Leadership Program



e-Learning Program



Deaf Education & Empowerment



Youth Guidance & Support Program



Capacity-Building Program



Volunteer Program



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES: *OUR IMPACT*



34,300+
lives impacted



3,632
leadership
students &
teachers trained



186
scholarships
awarded



2,951
students
attended
after-school
programs



160+
leadership
& teacher
trainings
conducted



196
international
volunteers
traveled
abroad



\$2M+
invested in
education
programs



3,068
students trained
thru e-learning
programs



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM –

Utilizing our own unique curriculum, we offer training for youth & adults in leadership & life skills, community service, and personal/professional development



E-LEARNING PROGRAM –

Promoting technological literacy and utilizing tech-based learning programs & equipment for enhancing skills and overall academic performance in core subject areas such as English, mathematics, and other general subjects



DEAF EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT —

Our work aims to increase the accessibility and quality of education, formal sign language instruction, interpretation services, livelihoods development, leadership & life skills, audiology services, public acceptance & understanding, and other vital support for the Deaf community.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM –

We have nurtured partnerships with more than 3-dozen local civil society organizations, providing guidance and support in all areas of nonprofit management & growth.

We support exemplary academic institutions thru specialized efforts, including computer labs, libraries, music & dance programs, sports playgrounds, support for at-risk & IDP youth, supplies & equipment, trainings, etc.



YOUTH GUIDANCE & SUPPORT PROGRAM –

Helping to bridge the gap between school and either higher education or the working world, Visions provides counseling, mentorship, preparatory support, and scholarships for high-achieving, motivated youth.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM —

Since 2003, Visions has run annual service-learning trips abroad (including trips organized in partnership with 4 U.S. universities), in which 177 international volunteers & 200+ local volunteers have participated.



NEW MAJOR INITIATIVE:

ESCUELA VERA ANGELITA (MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA)

We are working to establish a residential school for girls in Nicaragua on a 140-acre coffee farm that aims to shape and prepare exceptional young women into leaders, engaged citizens, and highly capable professionals with an expertise in IT and English through a modern and comprehensive educational experience. This project is in development with the school tentatively slated to open its doors in February 2020 and to serve up to 100 girls from local agricultural & migrant families.



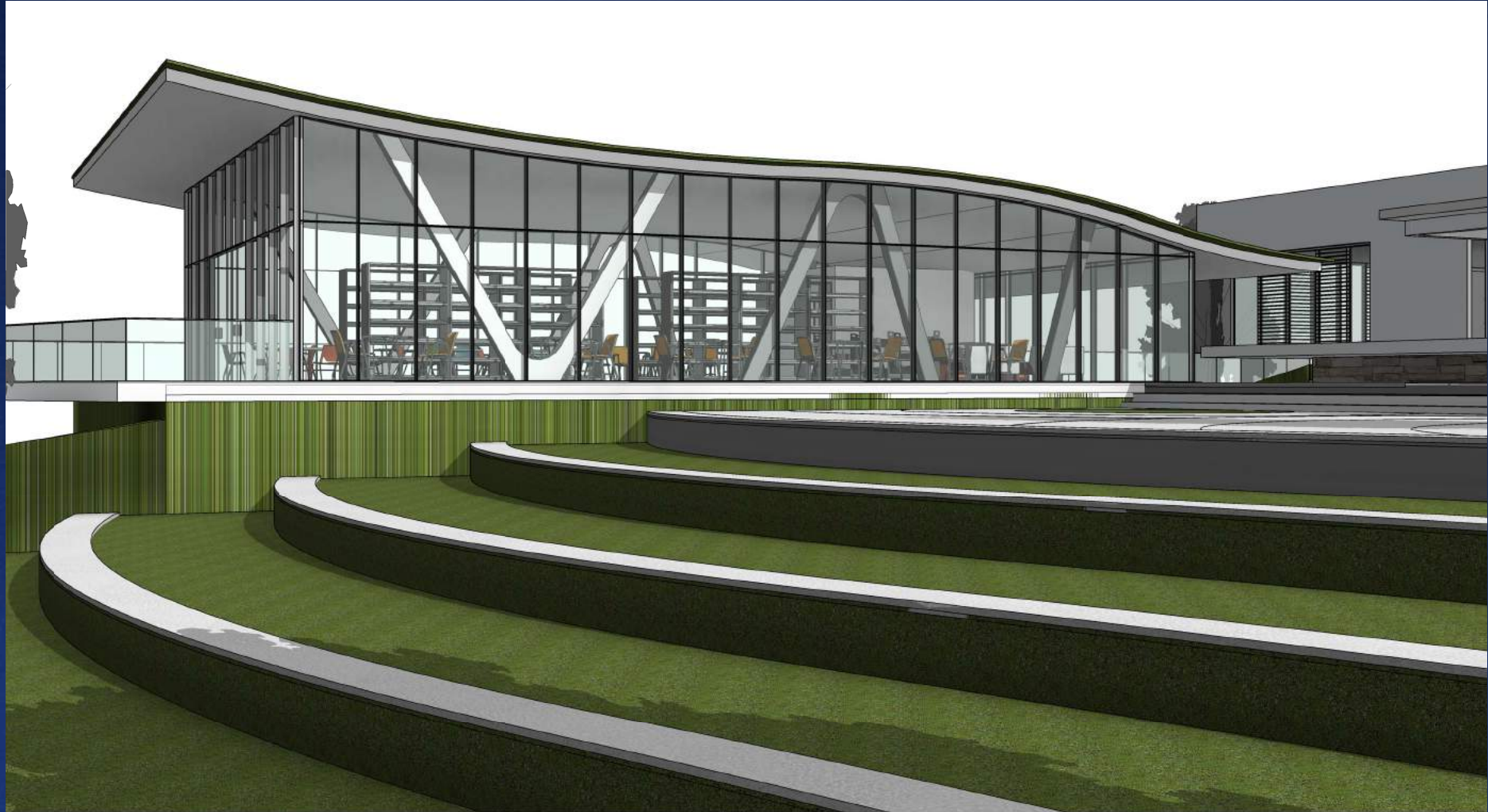
VERA ANGELITA SCHOOL & VERA ECO-LODGE B&B
PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN





School Main Access

Security 12m²





2017 IMPACT INSIGHTS: *INDIA*

- A new batch of 14 young women from dalit or other low caste (mostly rural) communities headed to university this year, nearly all of them the first in their families to do so
- Students attending our 20 village-based Youth Learning and Empowerment Centres (YLECs) across Tamil Nadu are twice as likely to be at their respective grade proficiency after 1 year of involvement with this program
 - Additionally, 80% report having the passion/motivation to serve others and 61% report now having a plan for when they graduate secondary school
- Total student enrollment amongst our participating e-Learning Program schools is up 10.2% over the past 2 years



Average Individual Student Achievement Impact: **MATH**

+5.4%

**since inception*

***data reflective of 6 Tamil Nadu schools only*



Average Individual Student Achievement Impact: **ENGLISH**

+4.2%

**since inception*

***data reflective of 6 Tamil Nadu schools only*



Total Reduction in Rate of Student Absenteeism

-70.2%

**Year 1 data only; Year 2 data not available*
***data reflective of 6 Tamil Nadu schools only*

Total Reduction in Students Labeled as "Slow Learners"

Year 1: -69%

**covers period from beginning of year to end of year*
***data reflective of 6 Tamil Nadu schools only*



Year 2: -54%

**covers period from beginning of year to end of year*
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2017 IMPACT INSIGHTS: *ETHIOPIA*

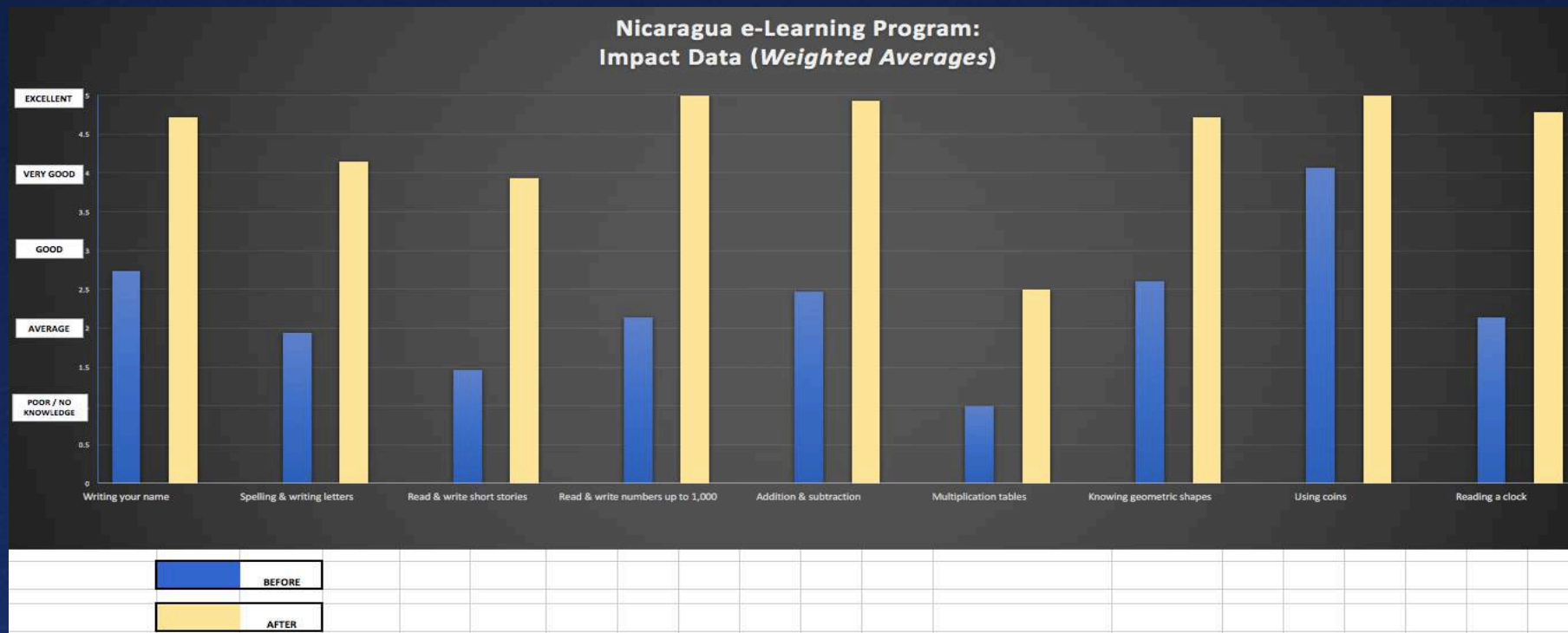


- Inspired by our efforts, various local government agencies committed to funding the construction of a new Deaf Vocational Training Center and to the salaries of 4 professional interpreters to serve the growing population of Deaf students in the city
 - Over the past 7 years, enrollment of Deaf students is up 650% (jumping from 13 to 85), and the number of schools serving Deaf students has increased from 1 to 4
 - Perhaps most importantly, our Deaf preschool is now thriving and continues to grow, enabling young Deaf students to develop critical cognitive and communication skills before entering formal schooling



- To-date, 220 individuals have received a hearing test & counseling services by a professional audiologist, and 121 individuals have received a hearing aid
 - This year, we also introduced listening and introductory speech-language development services at our Visions Model Deafness Center and hired our first 2 part-time Speech Language Pathologist Assistants to carry on this work year-round

2017 IMPACT INSIGHTS: NICARAGUA



- Among the many demonstrable impacts our Nicaragua e-Learning Program has had over the past year, a few stats stand out:
 - 100% of 1st Grade children learned to write
 - 75% of 2nd Grade children can now read & write with proficiency
 - Attendance at one school has been at nearly 100% for the entire year since starting the program last February 2017

2017 IMPACT INSIGHTS: *SRI LANKA*



- We supported a handful of aspiring young professionals through internships with various local nonprofit partners, particularly those working to create jobs and innovation in the IT sector such as Vetri Holdings
- Our Sri Lanka Leadership Program ran for a 7th consecutive year, this time reaching students in 2 new isolated & impoverished communities and providing critical academic support, counseling, mentorship, and leadership training to them



NICARAGUA SERVICE TRIP

YOUTH E-LEARNING & LEADERSHIP



JULY 9TH - 17TH, 2018

MANAGUA, MATAGALPA, & GRANADA, & OMETEPE ISLAND

PROGRAM FEE: \$1,250/PERSON*

**TRIP PROGRAM FEE IS ALL-INCLUSIVE EXCEPT FOR AIRFARE, ANY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, & PERSONAL SHOPPING*

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY TO JOIN US THIS ABROAD SUMMER, PLEASE VISIT:
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ETHIOPIA SERVICE TRIP

DEAF EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT



JULY 27TH - AUGUST 7TH, 2018

BAHIR DAR & SIMIEN MOUNTAINS

PROGRAM FEE: \$1,500/PERSON*

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PARTNERS & SUPPORT



+ more than 3 dozen local NGOs, schools, and societies committed to education development work in the countries where Visions works

GET INVOLVED

1. Volunteer (Internationally or Locally)
2. Spread the Word/Network
3. Follow Us on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube)
4. Help Connect Visions to Employee Giving & Matching Grant Opportunities
5. Buy a “Peace” Bracelet or Copy of our Short Visions Documentary Film “*Voices of Empowerment*” (\$30/each)
6. Make a Contribution - we cannot do our work without your support!

“VOICES OF EMPOWERMENT”



A documentary short film giving voice to the struggles, aspirations, and daily lives of the marginalized youth Visions serves.

PEACE BRACELETS



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