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33,700+
lives impacted



3,632
leadership
students &
teachers trained



182
scholarships
awarded



2,951
students
attended
after-school
programs



160+
leadership
& teacher
trainings
conducted



183
international
volunteers
traveled
abroad



\$2M+
invested in
education
programs



3,018
students trained
thru e-learning
programs

A YEAR OF RESULTS & A CALL TO ACTION:

As we come to the close of another year, we look back at all we have achieved in 2017 - all of which was possible only through your generous support! Your compassion for those affected by poverty, conflict, and disability in the 4 countries where Visions works has enabled some truly transformational changes. We are proud to share with you here just a few highlights from this year.

We would also like to remind you that **TODAY (December 31st) is the final day to make a tax-deductible contribution that will apply to your 2017 taxes.** In order to take advantage of this tax incentive for 2017, please donate online today or make sure your check is postmarked with today's date

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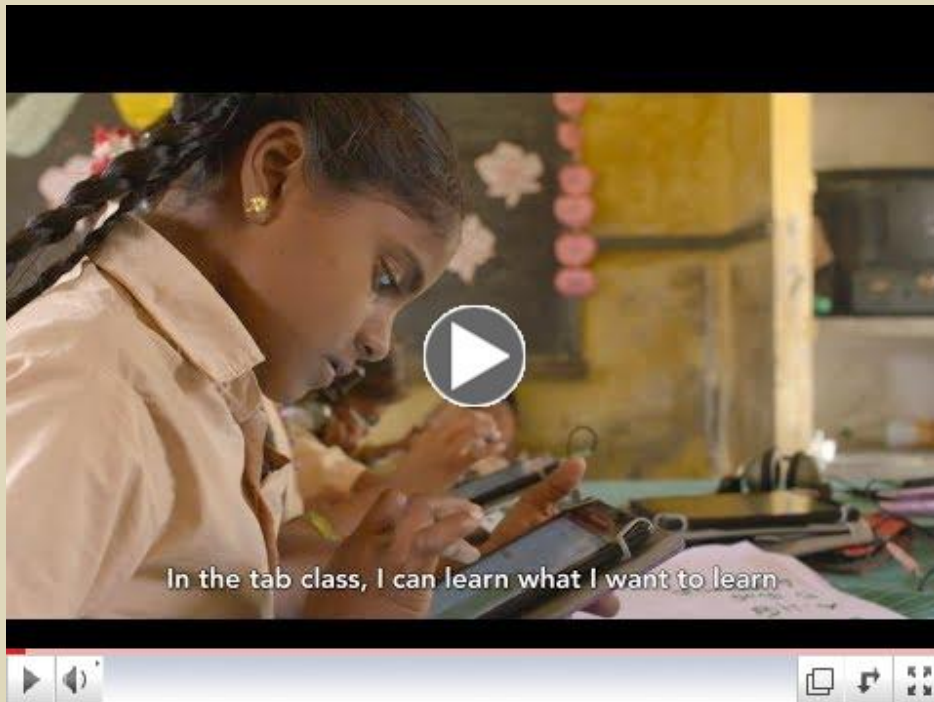
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We look forward to continuing our work in bringing meaningful and sustainable change to communities in need in Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, India, and Nicaragua in the New Year. Please join us and make a contribution today. Thank you so much!

- *The Visions Board of Directors & Team*

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 who attend 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 now 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



ETHIOPIA

- Inspired by our efforts, various local government agencies in Bahir Dar committed to funding the construction of a new Deaf Vocational Training Center and to the salaries of 4 professional

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OUR CURRENT NEEDS

India Scholarship Program: only \$25/university student per month

Sri Lanka Intern: \$50/intern per month

Ethiopia Model Deafness Center: \$250/ teacher per month

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interpreters to serve the growing population of Deaf students in the city (the first time any such financial commitment has been made!)

- 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



NICARAGUA

- Among the many demonstrable impacts our Nicaragua e-Learning Program collaboration with local partner Project Alianza 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
- We also made incredible progress toward the establishment of our planned residential school for underprivileged girls on a 140-acre coffee farm in Matagalpa. Design plans are being finalized now, and we hope to break ground in the coming months - stay

"KANAVU" Tamil-Language Youth Leadership Magazine



The 9th Edition of our very own Tamil-language "DREAM Youth Leadership Magazine" is now available! The theme of this issue is "*Building Inclusive Communities*" and features interviews with women leaders & entrepreneurs who are breaking the mold.

Click here to access this edition and all previous publications:

<http://www.visionsindia.org/dream-magazine/>

tuned!



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



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